

**Cedar Valley Catholic Schools
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2009**

In Attendance:

| <u>Parish</u> | <u>Pastor</u> | <u>Lay Representative</u> |
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| Blessed Sacrament | Father Juhl | Russ Heiple |
| Queen of Peace | | Jake Schaefer |
| | | J. J. Meier |
| Sacred Heart | Father Jaeger | Mark Russell |
| St. Edward | Father Kopacek | Tim Kneeland |
| St. Patrick | | Liza Hulme |
| | | Suzy Luecke |

Absent: Father Jose, Larry Rasmussen, Father Secora, Donna O'Brien.

CVCS Office

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| Cathy Walz | Director of Education |
| Tom Drish | Controller |

Administrators

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| Tom Ulses | Columbus |
| Nancy Stirm | Blessed Sacrament |
| Pam Schowalter | St. Edward |
| Amy Sandvold | Sacred Heart |
| Barb Duggan | DRE Representative |

Call to Order:

Russ Heiple called the meeting to order at 5:01. Jake Schaefer led the opening prayer.

Executive Session: At 5:02, Father Kopacek made the motion to move into executive session. Father Jaeger seconded the motion.

At 6:07, Father Jaeger made the motion to return to session. Tim Kneeland gave the second.

Action Items

Staff Reduction Recommendations - Russ Heiple and Cathy Walz

Father Jaeger made the motion that the staff reduction for Erica Andrews, Columbus Business teacher, from the present .6 position to .25 be made as recommended. J. J. Meier seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Jana Schmitt made the motion that the staff reduction for Sister Marie Gemar, Columbus science instructor, from 1.0 to .25 position be made as recommended. J. J. Meier seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Tim Kneeland made the motion that the staff reduction for Barb Reyner, Columbus Spanish

teacher, from full time to .6 be made as recommended. J,J, Meier seconded the motion. Three board members voted no: Jake Schaefer, Jana Schmitt, and Suzy Luecke. The motion was passed.

J. J. Meier made the motion that the staff reduction for Mali Rushton, St. Edward Fourth Grade Teacher, from full time to 0.6 be made as recommended. Father Kopacek seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Tim Kneeland made the motion that the staff reduction for Al Schott, Columbus Industrial Arts Teacher, from 0.5 to .375 be made as recommended. Jake Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Tim Kneeland made the motion that the staff reduction for Larry Skeries, Columbus Art Instructor, from a 0.6 to 0.475 position be made as recommended. J. J. Meier gave the second. The motion was carried.

Finance Committee Approvals - Tom Drish

No finance committee approvals were needed.

CVCS Budget Approval - Tom Drish

A 2009-2010 budget was presented by Tom Drish. With no staff reductions, no raises, and the 3.45 positions eliminated or reduced, the budget was presented with a deficit of \$28,504.99. Father Jaeger made the motion to accept the budget as presented. Tim Kneeland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Athletic Sharing Agreements - Tom Ulses

Tom Ulses presented the athletic sharing agreements for the annual renewal approval and necessary signatures from the Board Chair and Director of Education. Agreements to be approved: Waterloo West Girls' and Boys' Swimming, Don Bosco Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, Bowling, Tennis, and Soccer. Father Jaeger made the motion to renew the athletic sharing agreements for 2009/2010. Father Kopacek gave the second. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes:

It was noted that Jana Schmitt was not listed as being in attendance and she had led the prayer for that meeting. With that correction, Tim Kneeland made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 25 meeting. Father Jaeger gave the second. The motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Condolences to Barb Cannon, Associate at St. Edward, on the death of her husband, Tom. Congratulation to Angie Hileman, Grade 4 teacher at St. Edward for acceptance into the UNI Doctorate program and full communion into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Father Juhl shared praises for Julie Thomas who helped prepare a student choir for Good Friday and for Mary Pedersen who prepared the readers.

Information:

Open House notices were in parish bulletins. People can visit the schools at any time for a tour and information.

Tim Kneeland shared that thus far the silent and live auctions from the annual event are in the \$100,000 range but will still get closer to the last year \$118,000 mark. The year the event was at the PIPAC Center \$125,000 was raised. Attendance was about the same as usual. People were positive and forthcoming with their donations. It was discussed if this event could be promoted more as the friends of Cedar Valley Catholic Schools, rather than just friends of Columbus. This will be shared with appropriate persons.

Address to the Board: None

Old Business:**08/09 CVCS Enrollment Figures - Cathy Walz**

Cathy Walz presented the printout of the to date enrollment and reported that there are no changes.

09/10 CVCS Enrollment Figures - Cathy Walz

Cathy Walz shared the printout of the enrollment for the 09/10 school year. At this time, returning enrollment is at 96%, still ahead of the enrollment figures at this time last year. With 18 who have course requests not yet completed at Columbus, enrollment could be at 97.6%.

New Business: None

Adjournment:

Father Juhl made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Suzy Luecke made the second. The motion was carried.

The next meeting is May 7, 2009 at Columbus Catholic High School.
(Submitted by Gladys Oppold, Recording Secretary.)