

Address to the Board: None

Inservice: None

Action Items:

Finance Committee Approvals - Russ Heiple

In the absence of Mr. Drish, Russ Heiple asked that we take a formal vote on the repair of the back-up boiler at Columbus. An e-mail had been sent earlier and votes taken so that they could get moving with this. Estimates were received, and it was decided to have the back-up boiler re-tubed as it is leaking and not working properly. The repairs for this would be \$18,000.00. Tim Kneeland made a motion to go ahead with these repairs. Mark Russell made the second. The motion carried for repair of the boiler.

Russ then asked for approval of the February Finance Report. Tim Kneeland made the request that the board be given a month-to-date statement for comparison and actual budget. Cathy Walz stated that Mr. Drish was working on this. Jake Schaefer made the motion to accept the February Financial Report. Tim Kneeland made the second.

Approval of 2009-2010 School Calendar - Mrs. Cathy Walz

Mrs. Walz handed out the proposed calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. She stated the Administrators had had a lot of feedback regarding bussing. Mrs. Walz has met with First Student regarding the possibility of CVCS having their own bus routes, which would alleviate parents having to find transportation for their students on days when Waterloo Public Schools doesn't have school but CVCS does. This would include the 1:00 early dismissals on Wednesdays. Mrs. Walz will continue to work with them and will keep us updated.

Also pointed out was that last year CVCS schools were in session the week of Christmas when Waterloo Public Schools had taken the whole week of Christmas off. This year we will follow the Waterloo Public Schools and take the whole week of Christmas off. This will shorten first semester slightly.

One last difference pointed out was that Waterloo Public Schools schedule their spring conferences in mid-April. The CVCS Administrative Team feels this is too late to be effective and will leave them scheduled in early to mid-March.

Liza Hulme made the motion to accept the proposed calendar for the 2009-2010 school year. Suzy Luecke made the second. The calendar was approved.

Certified Staff Resignations - Mrs. Cathy Walz

-Mr. Garret Dwyer, PT music instructor at Sacred Heart submitted a letter of resignation. Father Jaeger made a motion to accept this resignation. Larry Rasmussen made the second, and the motion carried.

-Sr. Marie Gemar, science instructor at CHS, wrote a letter stating her Franciscan community was requesting that she further her education and get her Masters in Earth Literacy. She stated she would be happy to take the 0.25 position that would remain, and the Administrators felt this would work well. No motion was needed as she will continue to teach, just at reduced hours.

-Sr. Norma Jean Holthaus, guidance counselor at Sacred Heart, submitted a letter of resignation stating she has a dream that one day the differences between the East Side and West Side of Waterloo would be erased. Father Jaeger made the motion to accept this

resignation with a sense of gratitude for all Sr. Norma Jean has done for our schools and our students. Mark Russell made the second. Motion carried.

-Deb Murray, 4th grade teacher at Blessed Sacrament, submitted a letter of resignation as her husband has accepted a job in Minnesota. Jake Schaefer made the motion to accept her resignation. Tim Kneeland made the second. The motion carried.

-Laura Rowen, part-time science teacher at CHS, submitted a letter resigning her teaching position as she will be returning to school to further her education. Father Secora made the motion to accept her resignation, and Jake Schaefer made the second. Motion carried.

-Mali Rushton, FT teacher at St. Edwards, requested a reduction and after reviewing numbers and positions the Administrators felt they could do this and would be offering her a 0.6 position. No formal action needed on this.

-Ruth Ullestead, long-time music instructor at Blessed Sacrament sent a letter announcing her retirement. Larry Rasmussen made the motion to accept this, and Mark Russell made the second. The motion carried.

Old Business:

08/09 CVCS Enrollment Figures - Mrs. Cathy Walz

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

New Business:

Voluntary Preschool Partnership - Mrs. Cathy Walz

Cathy Walz discussed the Voluntary Preschool Partnership which is a program in which we receive funding through a state grant. This year the program was able to allow for 18 slots for CVCS preschoolers. There were hopes that next year they would be able to increase and allow slots for all of the CVCS 4-year-old preschoolers, but Mrs. Walz was informed they would be unable to do this for next year. They will keep the 18 slots that we currently have. Jake Schaefer questioned the reasoning behind this, and Mrs. Walz stated she believed that at this time the program directors wanted to focus on quality oversight and be sure not to expand too quickly. She will be working further with the Partnership on this.

2009/2010 CVCS Enrollment Figures - Mrs. Cathy Walz

Mrs. Walz handed out the printout of enrollment for the 09/10 school year. At this time, returning enrollment is at 94%. Last year at this time it was at 80-85%, so this is great improvement. Mrs. Walz praised the current Administrators and informed the Board how hard they have been working to retain and increase enrollment. Mr. Ulse commented that he believes the CHS numbers will increase by looking at course requests and tours he's given recently. Also, Mrs. Stirm commented that at Blessed Sacrament 8 of the 28 new kindergartners were new families who had not been attending Blessed Sacrament for preschool.

The Board members congratulated and thanked the Administrative Team for all their hard work with applause by all.

Forming Adolescent Disciples Survey - Mrs. Cathy Walz

The Board was sent a survey by the Archdiocesan Youth Formation to fill out as a whole with regards faith formation for students in grades 7-12. The board spent approximately

50 minutes discussing and answering these survey questions. Board members felt very positive as to how we are meeting faith formation needs and goals in this age group.

Executive Session: At 6:21, Jake Schaefer made the motion to move into executive session. Larry Rasmussen seconded the motion.

At 7:10, Larry Rasmussen made the motion to return to session. Jake Schaefer gave the second.

Adjournment:

Tim Kneeland made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Jake Schaefer made the second. The motion was carried.

The next meeting is April 13, 2009 at St. Edward's.
(Submitted by J.J. Meier.)