

**St. John School
Parish of Independence**

Mission: To promote life-long learning and faith formation in the Catholic Christian tradition.

School Board Minutes

Thursday, June 7, 2018 6:00 pm – Library

Members: Father Beckman - Pastor, Karla Kleve -President, Trixie Reed -V.P., Maggie McGarvey - Secretary, Joe Junk, Brad Kegler, Amy Holle and Marnie Barnett

Excused Absent Members: Fr. Beckman, Joe Junk

6:04 Routine Business

- A. Call to order - Karla
- B. Opening prayer/Faith Sharing
- C. Roll call/ Excused/unexcused – Excused Joe Junk, Fr. Beckman
- D. Approval of Agenda – Amy made a motion to approve agenda with additions to New Business: L. Lunch Program Contract, M. Julie Jack Garden, N. New Lockers, O. Executive Session. Trixie seconded. (motion passed).
- E. Approval of minutes – Trixie made a motion to approve minutes. Marnie seconded. (motion passed).
- F. Budget – Trixie made a motion to approve budget. Brad seconded. (motion passed).

- 6:08 Guests
- 6th (7th) grade presentation – Recycling plastic in lunchroom.
 - Athena Simpson, Wood River Energy – Guaranteed Savings Program on natural gas that is only available to commercial companies, schools, churches, hotels. 1 year minimum contract with 5% savings off invoice from Wood River. Mid America would still read meter, come out if any problem. Asking for a one year contract.
 - Craig Bussan, Parish finance committee rep
 - Suzanne Gorman, newest board member

7:03 Board In-service

- A. Diocesan policy review (**6144.3 – 6179 Jim**) Highlighting exclusion from gym class, wellness policy, parent enrollment, liturgy at least once/month, library media, school to provide guidance program as needed, TAG, At risk students, Shared time (Dually enrolled w/public school).

7:06 Old Business

- A. 101.9 advertising - \$25 for 15 seconds of advertisement. Minimum of 7. Marnie made a motion to not pursue this deal. Amy seconded. (motion passed).
- B. By-Law Change:

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Those eligible for membership on the St. John Board of Education are persons who are: 18 years of age, practicing and confirmed Catholic, and a member of the St. John the Evangelist or St. Patrick's (Winthrop) Parish. Amy made a motion to approve this change. Maggie seconded. (motion passed).

7:00 New Business

- A. New Band Teacher Approval – Lisa Lang once/week. Brad made a motion to approve new band teacher. Trixie seconded. (motion passed).
- B. Yellow pages invoice, continue service listing – Amy made a motion to discontinue \$500/year listing in yellow pages. Marnie seconded. (motion passed).
- C. Purchase 30 solar cars & 10 wind turbines for 6-8th grades. UNI not responding to Jim/Sondra, checking with AEA first.
 - a. $30 \times \$18 + 10 \times \$20 = \$740$

- D. New camera security system need & cost –Trixie made a motion to approve purchase using PTO/Shillinglaw/Cashen Fund. Amy seconded. (motion passed).
 - E. Two new laws – 1) HF2467 “Anti-shaming lunch law” 2) SF2318 High School Credit.
 - F. IOWA assessment in the 4th quarter (HF 2235)
 - a. Grades 3 – 8 ELA, Math & Writing – Still in the making (March/April/May 2019)
 - b. Grades 5 & 8 Science
 - G. NCEA National Market Research – Highlighted the perceptions of Catholic Education in the United States.
 - H. STO numbers \$10,000 less
 - I. School Improvement Plan
 - a. How can our school become more recognized and known throughout this community?
 - b. How can our school do a better job of welcoming new people who move into the neighborhood?
 - c. How can we get more businesses involved in our school and build strong partnerships?
 - d. How can we better provide a Catholic education to those students who qualify but cannot afford the tuition we charge?
 - e. How can we better get to know the families in our parish who are registered but we hardly ever see them?
 - J. Professional Development plan for 2018-19
 - a. Life-long learning assessments
- b. Faith Formation
- K. New School Board Officers – President Trixie Reed, VP Amy Holle, Secretary Maggie McGarvey. Representatives for other parish/school committees. Trixie – Finance, Amy – PTO, Brad – Building & Grounds, Suzanne – Faith Formation, Marnie – Parish Council.

Maggie made a motion to approve these officers. Brad seconded. (motion passed).

- L. Lunch Program Contract – AEA Purchasing Agreement 2018-2019.
- M. Julie Jack Garden – Trixie made a motion to use up to \$250 from Julie Jack Memorial Fund to clean up garden area and add new plants. Amy seconded. (motion passed).
- N. New Lockers – Additional lockers will be needed this year as larger middle school classes. St. Pats in Anamosa is selling 9 lockers which are the same as our current lockers for \$200. Marnie made a motion to purchase with money from concessions. Maggie seconded. (motion passed).

7:53 Karla made a motion to enter executive session. Amy seconded. (motion passed).

8:08 Karla made a motion to exit executive session. Brad seconded. (motion passed).

8:08 Reports-

- A. Principal’s Report
 - a. Summer School – Math with Mrs. Bussan 6 students; Reading with Ms. Loyd 9 students.
- b. Summer schedule: June office open 8-3 Mon-Thurs; July office closed; August office open 8-3 Monday – Friday.
 - c. Vacation days (14 in total) All Fridays off during June and July, Thursday, June 28, and July 9-12.
 - d. Take it or leave it clothes drive – June 24 after mass until noon and June 25 9am-3pm.
 - e. STEM – added to grades 6-8 report cards.
 - f. Scrip Program Cassie’s retired; a group has been formed to share these duties including Carolyn Hammish, Maggie McGarvey, Theresa Hopkins, Brenda Davis, and Kerri Anton.
 - g. New Math Books for 2nd grade.
- h. New English/Language Arts books for 5th grade.
 - B. Parish Council – Trixie – Wilson Family gifted the church \$41k, VBS end of the month, 35 people attended End of Life presentation, Basement, New Elections.
 - C. Finance – Karla – Bids on redecoration, non-parishoner gift.
 - D. PTO – Amy – no meeting.
 - E. Building and Grounds – Brad – nothing to report.

F. SCRIP- Maggie - nothing to report. Will start doing the reports since Cassie no longer does.

8:30 Adjourn – Brad made a motion to adjourn meeting. Maggie seconded. (motion passed).

Next meeting: August 2, 2018 @ 6:00 In the Library Policy In-service assignment (7113 – 7551 Jim)

