

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
Springfield Catholic High School - Room #301

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 10th, 2025

Present: Kent Lammers, Jane Fairchild, Paige Duda, Margaret Calliotte, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, JoAnne Bailes, Ashley Harris, Lindsay Wright, Fr. Tom Kiefer, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Sr. Cecilia Ann, Boyd Crockett, Dr. Wanda Miller

Absent: Larry O'Reilly, Ryan O'Reilly, Jeanne Skahan

Guest: SCS Director of Mental Health, Dr. Wanda Miller

OPENING PRAYER 6:02 p.m. Fr. Lewis opened the meeting with a prayer.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The March Minutes and Consent Agenda and items were reviewed prior to the meeting. Kent Lammers asked for a motion to approve the consent items and minutes. This motion was made by Boyd Crockett and seconded by Jane Fairchild. The motion was approved.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Dr. Wanda Miller discussed the school system's mental health services, including therapy, check-ins, and crisis intervention, noting around 100 active clients are being served. She highlighted the success of the intern program and opportunities for future growth.

REPORTS

Financial Statements:

- A.** Margaret Calliotte presented the March statements, detailing cash equivalents and accounts receivable. She presented financials, showing \$4,576,602 in operating cash and \$7,046,572 in total cash and cash equivalents. Kent Lammers asked for a motion to approve March Financial Statements. This motion was made by Fr. Lewis Hejna and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.
- B.** Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year stands at 1,374 students, down 55 from the revised budget (keeping in mind we are still ahead of the previous enrollment window).
- C. Director of Schools:** Sr. Cecilia Ann shared several updates including:
 - Hiring Process: Still ongoing; overall progress is going well. Continued prayers requested.
 - Scholarship Update: 129 families awarded scholarships, benefiting 224 students totaling just over \$245,000.
 - Employee Appreciation: Central office is providing an appreciation lunch for all school employees over the next couple of weeks.
 - Title II & Title IV Applications: Currently preparing applications for next school year and funding allocations are expected in June or July.
 - Fifth Grade Retreat: Originally planned in Carthage, but canceled due to weather. Springfield schools are planning a local gathering instead on May 20th, 2025. Outreach to St. Joe's is underway to possibly join.
- D. Director of Development:** Becky Conroy shared several updates including:
 - The Alumni Association hosted March bracket challenge fundraiser.
 - The success of Emerald Evening which raised \$693,058, with significant contributions from the auction, 50/50 raffle, and sponsorships. The match for Fund-A-Need was met raising \$383,886 for The Shepherds' Fund. And the 50/50 raffle went to an SCS teacher, Rachel Snodgrass.
 - Reminders about Summer Jam at St. Agnes on May 3rd and the Open House for Sr. Cecilia Ann at SCHS on May 14, from 4-6:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Policy Committee – First Readings

1. Policy #2.26 – Faculty Vacancies
2. Policy #2.27 – Virtus Training/Code of Conduct/Background Checks
3. Policy #2.28A – Employee Stipends

NEW BUSINESS

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Patrick closed the meeting with a prayer at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.