

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
Springfield Catholic High School – Library Lab

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 12th, 2025

Present: Kent Lammers, Jane Fairchild, Boyd Crockett, Larry O’Reilly, Fr. Tom Kiefer, Fr. David Hulshof, Margaret Calliotte, Lisa Ellis, Cheryl Bond, Becky Conroy, Paige Duda, Stephany Vesely, Ashley Harris, Lindsay Wright, Jeanne Skahan, Ronnie Bohrer, Brian Pyck, Laura McBride

Absent: Ryan O’Reilly, Fr. Lewis Hejna, Fr. Shoby M. Chettiyath

Guest: Kristen Wannemacher Bright – FORVIS

OPENING PRAYER Fr. David Hulshof opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:07 p.m.

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The June 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.

REPORTS

Financial Statements:

- A.** Kristen Wannemacher Bright from FORVIS presented the SCS Compilation Report for year ending 6-30-2025. She explained it is not an audit but a high-level review of the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement. Notable takeaways include:
 - a. A correction of depreciation for building assets, which has been an issue since 2001.
 - b. Assets increase to \$47.25 million and a \$3.7 million endowment fund growth.
- B.** Margaret Calliotte and Lisa Ellis presented regular end-of-year 6-30-2025 financial statements in more detail that balanced with the Forvis report including the cost to educate per student year ending 6/30/25. Kent Lammers asked for a motion to approve end-of-the-year Financial Statements. This motion was made by Boyd Crockett and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.
- C.** Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year as of 8-8-2025 stands at 1322, down 50 students from last year and 101 students from the 2025-2026 projected budget enrollment.
- D.** The board discussed the importance of conducting exit interviews to understand why families are leaving the school system and identifying a “tipping point” number to determine when the school system might face financial difficulties. Cheryl Bond is working on the process for collecting this data.

Director of Schools:

Mrs. Jeanne Skahan shared several updates including:

- Title funds that were previously on hold were released.
- Active shooting trainings are planned for SCS school staff.
- A behavior rubric is being piloted at all school to provide consistency and fairness.
- Springfield Catholic Schools is following the Senate Bill that is a "bell to bell" restriction on cell phones during the school day.

Director of Advancement:

Becky Conroy shared several updates including:

- The Development Board welcomes four new development board members and continues to involve home and school representatives from each school onto the board.
- Gold Cards are out to all schools ready to be sold.
- Marketing is focusing on retention efforts, telling the "why" of SCS, and building relationships with local employers and daycares.
- CBNO event with Bishop Rice and Deacon Huff on August 27th at Tortilleria Perches
- First ever Back to School Bash is a community event with a tasting and Bingo on August 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. New positions for the 2025-2026 school year: Director of Schools, Jeanne Skahan and Springfield Catholic High School Assistant Principal, Ronnie Bohrer

Kent Lammers asked for a motion to approve the policies. Boyd Crockett made the motion and Jane Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Cell Phones: A new Missouri law (Senate Bill 1481) states new cell phone policy, prohibits phones during school hours, with exceptions for medical or online class needs.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Tom Kiefer closed the meeting with prayer at 12:43 p.m.