

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 8th, 2025

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

Absent: Larry O'Reilly, Ryan O'Reilly, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye

Guest: Rob Gully, EV Charger Proposal

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

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

The April 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 Jane Fairchild and seconded by Boyd Crockett. The motion was approved.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Rob Gully introduced the idea of installing Tesla charging stations on school grounds, inspired by his son's need for a charging station. He explained the benefits of Tesla's unique charging system, including the ability to charge other electric vehicles and the minimal maintenance required. The cost of the charging stations is estimated at around \$650 each with an additional charge for installation. The grandparents have offered to cover the cost of the stations and installation. He suggested charging a five-cent premium to make the project self-sustaining and to support any future maintenance needs.

REPORTS

Financial Statements:

- A.** Margaret Calliotte presented the April statements, detailing cash equivalents and accounts receivable. She presented financials, showing \$6,811,080 in cash and cash equivalents, with a total tuition revenue of \$8,017,746. Kent Lammers asked for a motion to approve April Financial Statements. This motion was made by Fr. Lewis Hejna and seconded by Fr. Tom Kiefer. The motion was approved.
- B.** Enrollment for the ending of the school year 2024-2025 school year stands at 1372, down six students from revised budget. Margaret reported next year's enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year.

Director of Schools:

Sr. Cecilia Ann shared several updates including:

- Hiring Process: Still ongoing; overall progress is going well. Continued prayers requested.
- We renewed the Hallow app for two years. We received a discount agreeing to a two year contract and the app has been well utilized.
- Many things happening in our schools: May crownings, Kids for Kids event, talent shows and plays, and the fifth grade retreat coming up on May 20th, Teachers Appreciation Week, National Nurses day, and Hot Lunch Hero day.

Director of Development:

Becky Conroy shared several updates including:

- SCS Alumni Association sponsored the senior breakfast on May 8th, welcoming our newest alumni.
- During the final Development Board meeting of the year, we watched the announcement of the new Pope (Pope Leo XIV), and celebrated the year's successes. The Shepherds' Fund crossed next milestone, the \$10 million mark. Two seniors, Lila Griesemer and Caden Hillwick spoke on their positive experience at SCS.

- Reminders for: Sr. Cecilia's celebration, May 14th, 4-6:30 at SCHS, Back to School Bash (Not a Fundraiser) on August 23rd with the first committee meeting on May 19th, Home and School Conference, May 21st, CBNO event on June 4th at Holdfast, SCS Alumni event on July 16th at Holdfast.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Since there was no further input on these, Kent Lammers asked for a motion to approve the policies. Fr. Kiefer made the motion and Boyd Crockett seconded the motion. All three policies were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Springfield Catholic Usage Plan: Brian Pyck discussed the challenges of managing facility use for youth teams, including the need for clear policies. He also discussed the importance of prioritizing Irish teams and the need for rental agreements and liability waivers. There was discussion about the potential for charging fees for non-Irish teams and the need for security measures to prevent vandalism. Kent Lammers suggested drafting a policy to streamline decision-making to bring to the board for approval. Brian will work on writing up a policy for facility use for the School Board to review, suggest changes, and eventually approve.

CLOSING PRAYER: Kent Lammers closed the meeting by leading the Glory Be after expressions of gratitude for the years of service of Sr. Cecilia and Margaret Calliotte.

The meeting ended at 6:48 p.m.