

**Cedar Valley Catholic Schools
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2009**

In Attendance:

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Lay Representative</u>
Blessed Sacrament	Father Juhl	
Queen of Peace	Father Jose	J. J. Meier Craig White
Sacred Heart		Jana Schmitt Mark Russell
St. Edward	Father Kopacek	Mark Gallagher
St. Patrick		Liza Hulme Suzy Luecke

Absent: Russ Heiple, Mary Nichols, Father Jaeger, Tim Kneeland, and Father Hemann.

CVCS Office

Cathy Walz	Director of Education
Tom Drish	Controller

Administrators

Nancy Stirm	Blessed Sacrament
Pam Schowalter	St. Edward
Amy Sandvold	Sacred Heart
Barb Duggan	DRE Representative

Call to Order:

Vice President, J. J. Meier, in the absence of Russ Heiple, called the meeting to order at 5:01. Jana Schmitt led the group in a prayer for the opening of a new school year.

Following prayer, a volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated for coverage of the CVCS Board of Education adoration hours for the months of August, September, and October.

Approval of Minutes:

The following errors were mentioned: 1. Father Secora and J. J. Meier were listed as in attendance and absent from the last meeting. Both were absent. 2. The June minutes were approved at the July meeting - not the February minutes. 3. Spellings to be corrected - Conlon, Governor's, and Martin. Father Juhl made the motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting with the noted corrections. Jana Schmitt gave the second. The motion was carried.

Correspondence:

A thank you note was received from those who attended the iSummit National Conference in Tennessee July 8-10.

Get well wishes for Father Lou Jaeger who underwent surgery. Wishes were also sent from the CVCS Office.

Information:

An additional item "Wrestling Sharing Agreement was added to the agenda.

Inservice:

A presentation of "The Overview of the 2009-2010 school year" was tabled to the September Board Meeting.

Address to the Board: None**Action Items:****Finance Committee Approvals - Tom Drish**

No finance committee approvals were needed.

2009-2010 Daycare Rates - Tom Drish

The proposed raised rate for the Day Care was brought back to the Board after their concerns from the last meeting were reviewed by the Finance Committee. After discussion, it was decided that the amended raises would be implemented this school year and would start with the first day of school. The mandatory minimum wage raise, a study of comparable day care program costs, cost of materials for the programs, food costs, cost for background checks of employees, etc. were some of the items causing the necessity of the raises. Almost immediate communication with parents regarding the fees will be forthcoming. Jana Schmitt made the motion that the Board accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the Day Care price raises. Father Kopacek gave the second. The motion was passed.

Certified Staff Resignations - Cathy Walz

Father Juhl made the motion that the resignation of Barb Reyner, Columbus .6 Spanish Teacher be accepted, as recommended by Administration. Mark Russell seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Jana Schmitt made the motion to accept the staff resignation of Laci Ernst, full time Grade 3 teacher to accept a part time Preschool position as recommended. Father Juhl seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Jana Schmitt made the motion that the resignation of Tracey Liljegen, Teacher in St. Edward Preschool be accepted as recommended and that the fee for breaking contract, would not be waived. Mark Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Certified Staff Approvals - Cathy Walz

The following staff were recommended for board approval:

Patience Niemoth-Coleman for .4 Counselor at Sacred Heart. She will be shared with St. Pat's and Don Bosco.

Patricia Black for .6 Columbus Spanish instructor.

Jennifer Morris for full time Grade 4 teacher at St. Edward.

Wendy Sweeney for part-time Grade 4 teacher at St. Edward.

Laci Ernst for part-time preschool teacher at Sacred Heart.

Father Juhl made the motion that the above staff members be approved as recommended. Father Kopacek gave the second. The approvals were passed.

Wrestling Sharing Agreements - Tom Drish

Administration at NU High met with Columbus wrestling coach, principal, and athletic director regarding the possibility of NU High sharing in the Columbus wrestling program. The sharing will bump Columbus up to a different conference. There are possibly 8-10 participants. The team will still be called the Columbus High Wrestling Team. Mark Gallagher made the motion to approve the sharing of the wrestling with NU High participants pending NU High's approval of the cost per participant. Father Juhl gave the second. The motion was carried.

Old Business:

09/10 CVCS Enrollment Figures - Cathy Walz

Cathy Walz shared the printout of the enrollment for the 09/10 school year. At this time, returning enrollment is at 96%-99%, with each day still changing. Blessed Sacrament has an additional 7th Grade student since the printout putting their total enrollment to 214 and the total CVCS enrollment to 973. The three year old preschool enrollment at St. Edward is close to opening another preschool session.

New Business:

CVCS Constitution - Cathy Walz

This past year, the CVCS Constitution was reviewed. As a result, this Board is urged to review portions of the Constitution during the course of this year. Cathy Walz explained that this review would begin with the Executive Committee, visited by the Administrative Committee and presented to the Board as each section is ready. This could be a six month process.

I-Jobs Grant Information - Cathy Walz

Information regarding this topic was emailed to elected board members and pastors. An addition email will be forthcoming marked confidential. A grant application was completed and submitted. Cathy urged prayers for the approval of the application for Federal Stimulus monies, which could be received by the end of August. She also shared words of appreciation for the letters of support written by prominent persons in support of the project.

Adjournment:

Liza Hulme made a motion to adjourn at 5:39 pm. Mark Russell made the second. The motion was carried.

The next meeting is September 3, 2009, 5:00 pm at Columbus Catholic High School in the Media Center.

(Submitted by Suzy Luecke, Secretary and Gladys Oppold, Recording Secretary.)