

CEDAR CATHOLIC JR. – SR. HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
Thursday, April 16, 2020  
7:30 PM – via Zoom

The April 16, 2020 meeting was called to order by Brian Pinkelman. Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Owen Korte.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Fr. Owen Korte, Fr. Jim Keiter, Chris Uttecht, Brian Pinkelman, Pat Steffen, Dan Schaefer, Beckie Polak, and Miranda Bernecker. Excused: Joani Potts and Bruce Reifenrath.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Miranda Bernecker motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dan Schaefer. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**AGENDA:** Fr. Owen Korte motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Pat Steffen. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**CEDAR DEVELOPMENT:** Due to COVID-19 stay-at-home and social distancing government guidelines, the Gala 2020 Grand & Grain Auction will be held on-line at CHJauctioneers.com. Pre-register at CHJauctioneers.com and start shopping and bidding. On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. the Virtual Auction with online bidding with auctioneers will begin. The Grain Auction will be first followed by the Grand Auction. The Gala Silent Auction and dinner is tentatively scheduled for summer.

**MR. UTTECHT'S REPORT:** Cedar Catholic has implemented a **Continuity of Learning Plan** to provide instruction in an asynchronous remote learning environment. Google Classroom is the primary means of instruction and communication with emphasis on essential learning elements and standards for each class. **Cedar County Catholic Schools Gala** will be held as an on-line auction on May 16<sup>th</sup>. **Upcoming dates:** May 7<sup>th</sup> – Seniors' Last Day (tentative), May 19<sup>th</sup> – Students' Last Day (tentative)

**FR. KORTE'S REPORT:** Cedar Catholic was approved for the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) designated for payroll, benefits and utilities through Travis Becker at the Bank of Hartington.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** The budget and expenses were reviewed. Pat Steffen motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Beckie Polak. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Due to the spring sports activities being cancelled and no income coming in from these activities, Cedar held off paying coaches. However, with the PPP, they will be paid. Fr. Korte motioned to maintain the current teacher base salary as \$27,500 – no base increase for the 2020-2021 school year due to the unknown effects of COVID-19, seconded by Fr. Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

**GROUNDS AND BUILDING:** No report.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The final payment for the 2018 – 65 passenger BlueBird bus is due by July 31, 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion of the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Tuition freeze for the 2020-2021 school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Uttecht read a **letter of resignation** that was received from Mr. Frank Gade. Becky Polak motioned to approve the resignation letter of Mr. Frank Gade, seconded by Fr. Korte. **Approval of Contract for Math:** Jay Knaak was hired. Dan Schaefer motioned to approve, Beckie Polak seconded. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Consideration of **changes for graduation requirements for foreign language** was discussed. Cedar Catholic currently requires 10 credit hours to include Spanish I to graduate. Foreign language will still be offered at Cedar for students that will continue their education for admittance into a 4 year college. Miranda Bernecker made a motion to eliminate Spanish 1 as a graduation requirement, seconded by Pat Steffen. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. The **2020 School Board Scholarship** was discussed.

**Correspondence:** No report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Fr. Korte made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fr. Keiter. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Next meeting will be on May 21, 2020 at 7:30pm.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Keiter.  
Respectfully Submitted by Miranda Bernecker