

CEDAR CATHOLIC JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Thursday, May 21, 2020

The May 21, 2020 meeting was called to order by Dan Schaefer. Meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Owen Korte.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Owen Korte, Fr. Jim Keiter, Chris Uttecht, Dan Schaefer, Miranda Bernecker, Beckie Polak, Pat Steffen. Excused: Joan Potts, Brian Pinkelman. Guest: Taylor Johnson.

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

AGENDA: Pat Steffen motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Miranda Bernecker. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

CEDAR DEVELOPMENT: The online Grand Auction was held on May 16th. The Grand Auction netted approximately \$204,000. Gala Raffle netted approximately \$30,000 and Friends of the Gala gifts of about \$20,000. The Gala Dinner and Silent Auction is Scheduled for August 2.

Will begin selling raffle tickets for 2020 Ford Platinum F150 in July with a September 11th drawing date.

MR. UTTECHT'S REPORT: **Awards Program:** Was held in a virtual setting and posted on the Cedar Catholic website and social media. **Summer Weightlifting:** Weight room will open beginning June 1st. Schools must maintain a social distance of six feet and with a restricted number of participants in a room. **Graduation:** Has been scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd at 2:00 p.m. **Pandemic Committees:** Cedar Catholic will be creating a Return to School and Coronavirus Pandemic Response Committee to assist in the vision to reopening school within CDC Guidelines. The committee will help devise and recommend schedules, procedures, and policies to reopen in August/September. **Staffing for 2020-2021:** Science position is open. **Upcoming Dates:** June 18th - Next School Board meeting.

FR. KORTE'S REPORT: The following Parishes and Schools assigned to Fr. Owen Korte and Fr. Jim Keiter were approved by the SBA to receive funds from the PPP (Paycheck Protection Plan). These funds can be forgiven loans. Listed is the bank each parish and/or school used: **Holy Trinity School & Parish:** Security Bank, **Cedar Catholic Jr. - Sr. High School:** Bank of Hartington, **East & West Catholic Elementary:** Bank of Hartington, **All Saints Church of Northeast Nebraska:** Cedar Security Bank, **Holy Family Parish of Cedar County:** Cedar Security Bank, and **St. Rose of Lima School & Parish:** Farmers & Merchants Bank. To date each of the parishes have been able to maintain their subsidies to Cedar Catholic Jr. - Sr. High School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: To date each of the parishes have been able to maintain their subsidies obligations. Dr. Ashton, Catholic Schools Superintendent, has recommended using some of the PPP loan funds for tuition assistance. Budget and expenses were reviewed. Beckie Polak motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Pat Steffen. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

GROUNDS AND BUILDING: This summer Cedar will repair the ramp that has been deteriorating at the bottom and the railing that was bent this winter. Cedar was able to get an early start on summer cleaning with students out of the building earlier. In preparation for sanitation in the school Cedar has ordered 2 Victoria Electrostatic Sprayers from Eden. These will be used to sanitize in the school, classrooms, buses and locker rooms. Once the machines arrive a cleaning schedule will be made with times that classrooms and other areas will be cleaned/sanitized.

TRANSPORTATION: The 2018 - 65 passenger BlueBird bus is scheduled for a July delivery from Mid States Bussing out of Wayne. Once this bus is received bus 93 will be removed from the fleet.

OLD BUSINESS: Discuss Coronavirus Pandemic Related issues: There are still a lot of unknowns. Mr. Uttecht meets weekly with other Catholic School Administrations and rural High School Principals. They share ideas and different scenarios of what school will look like for the 2020 - 2021 school year.
2020 School Board Scholarship: Accepting donations for the scholarship for a 2020 graduating senior.

NEW BUSINESS: Discuss and take action on Budget for 2020-2021 school year: Discussion of the school budget and teacher salaries were further discussed. Pat Steffen motioned to to keep the approved budget from the April 16th school board meeting due to the unknown effects of COVID-19, seconded by Beckie Polak. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. **Student Tuition Contract for 2020-2021 school year:** Reviewed student tuition contract. Miranda Bernecker motioned to approve, seconded by Dan Schaefer. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. **Student Handbook for 2020-2021 school year:** Revisions include updated dates, school board members, faculty, support staff, school calendar, Mission Statement, New Bell schedule (7:55 a.m. start time) and an alternate bell schedule. Added the Admissions Policy and the Violation of Random Drug and Nicotine Testing Policy both adopted at the November 2019 School board meeting. Updated the definition of absences (replaced the Non-Waived section with Excused and Unexcused absence). Fr. Jim Keiter motioned to approve, seconded by Dan Schaefer. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Report

ADJOURNMENT: Beckie Polak made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan Schaefer. Motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Next meeting will be on June 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Jim Keiter
Respectfully Submitted by Beckie Polak, Secretary