

Cedar Catholic Jr-Sr High School
School Board Meeting
Tuesday May 19, 2026
5:30 PM – Msgr. Werner Learning Center

The meeting opened with prayer by Fr. Vogel.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Fr. Vogel, Fr. Knecht, Chad Cattau, Joani Potts, Daryl Kleinschmit, Jesse Hochstein, John Pinkelman, Wendy Stevens, Janet Heine, Beth Fiscus, Eric Dickes, Melissa Bowers, Tom Kuchta, Mike Reifenrath.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daryl Kleinschmit.

APPROVAL of March 17, 2026 minutes: Motion by Jesse Hochstein, second by Melissa Bowers to approve minutes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL of May 19, 2026 agenda: Motion by Wendy Stevens, second by Beth Fiscus to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Administration Reports:

Development Report - See attached reports.

Principal's Report - See attached reports.

President's Report - See attached reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Transportation Report – See attached report.

Building/Grounds Report – See attached report.

Finance Report - See attached reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and take action to approve the 2026-2027 extra-duty assignments.

Motion by Wendy Stevens, second by John Pinkelman to approve administration's recommendation on the 2026-2027 extra-duty assignments as presented. Member Jesse Hochstein abstained from voting. Motion carried with a unanimous vote of remaining members.

Consider, discuss and take action to approve the 2026-2027 support staff salaries.

Motion by Eric Dickes, second by Janet Heine to approve the executive committee's recommendation on support staff contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss and take action to approve 2026-2027 President's contract.

Motion by Beth Fiscus, second by Melissa Bowers to approve the executive committee's recommendation on the 2026-2027 President's contract as presented. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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Consider, discuss and take action to approve the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion by Jesse Hochstein, second by Eric Dickes to approve the finance committee's recommendation on the 2026-2027 budget. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss and take action to approve opening a savings account at the Bank of Hartington.

Motion by Eric Dickes, second by Beth Fiscus to approve a resolution to open an account at the Bank of Hartington for the purpose of holding funds for the Development Office Tuition-Offset Program. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Consider, discuss and take action to approve participation in the NSAA Journalism program.

Motion by Wendy Stevens, second by Beth Fiscus to approve request for Cedar Catholic to participate in the NSAA Journalism competition for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

BOARD MEMBER REVIEW:

The Board reviewed members terms that expire on June 30, 2026. Members whose term expires June 30, 2026 include:

Melissa Bowers – agreed to an additional term 2026-2029.

John Pinkelman – agreed to an additional term 2026-2029.

Mike Reifenrath – agreed to an additional term 2026-2029.

Wendy Stevens – declined to an additional term.

Fr. Knecht informed the Board that All Saints Parish has begun the process of finding a replacement for Wendy Stevens. New and returning members will be installed in July, in conjunction with the reorganization of board offices.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The School Board received and reviewed request for use of available room at Cedar Catholic from representatives of the Holy Trinity Parish Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (C.G.S.) program. Once available space is determined, the request will be reviewed further.

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER:

Motion by Wendy Stevens, second by Janet Heine to adjourn regular session meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Knecht.