

MINUTES

Bergan Catholic School Board Meeting

July 12, 2023 | 6:32 p.m. at Bergan Elementary Library

Meeting called to order by Chair Ryan Bojanski

In Attendance

Ryan Bojanski, Todd Thomason, Elizabeth Borisow, Tom Wolf, Mandy Ostdiek, Dave Shrader, Terra Uhing, Dan Koenig and Rev. Walter Nolte

Guests in attendance: Father Bill Cremers, John Faulkner, Nichole Owsley, Stacie Roberts

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

No minutes were presented from the prior meeting.

Public Input

None

Reports

School President Report: Dan Koenig

- Discussed resignations and appointments. All appointments have been filled as of 7/12/2023. There were 5 resignations in the school year Cheyenne Walz, Maggie Winterlin, Steven Faulkner, T.J. Folkers, and Wendy Kerkaert. Those appointments announced include Zoey Hurst, Rachel Keber, Wyatt Morse, Norm Svoboda, T.J. Nielsen, and Bode Hill.
- Back to School letter was sent to families this month with Back to School Night set for Tuesday, August 8th. First day of school is Thursday, August 10th.
- Students and staff will be charged for lunches again this year with \$3.20 for elementary and \$3.50 for Middle/High School. Staff and adults are charged \$4.00.
- Bergan Catholic School received both the Elementary and Middle/High School certificates for Accreditation from the Nebraska Department of Education for 2023-2024 school year.
- Koenig discussed the school maintenance projects that have been completed this summer and those that will be completed over the next 12-18 months.

Director of Operations Report: Nichole Owsley

- She is looking into a new software system to store data as Blackbaud Church Management is going away as of 1/2024.
- Working on a security system project for all campuses.

- A Feasibility Study was provided. The study is mostly completed, and Nichole will update the Board as new information comes in.
- Working on new fundraising guidelines for this upcoming year.
- Her team is working on refining the process for scholarships, FACTS, and need-based funds.
- New Hire: Bode Hill was hired as the Interventionist & Advancement Development Officer and will focus on community partnerships and intervention work with students.
- Discussed the new goal for the Bergan Fund for 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- Bojanski added that the Board met for orientation in June and discussed the Board's priorities. The Board looks forward to working closely with Nichole, her team, and leadership to reach these goals.

Discussion and Action Items

President's job description was reviewed and discussed. Document can be found on Google Docs.

- Motion to approve President's job description, Dave Shrader
- Second, Mandy Ostdiek
- All approved
- Motion passed

Evaluation Tool and Process for President. President will do a self-evaluation and the executive committee will also do an evaluation. Document on Google Docs.

- Motion to approve the Evaluation tool and process for Bergan Catholic President, Tom Wolf
- Second, Todd Thomason
- All approved
- Motion passed

Sub-committee structure and representatives were presented. Each Board member is asked to serve on standing and sub-committees in addition to the regular Board meetings. Board reviewed the committees. Document on Google Docs.

- Motion to approve Standing committee and sub-committees as presented, Terra Uhing
- Second, Tom Wolf
- All approved
- Motion passed

Family Handbook changes were presented by Koenig and suggestions were given by Shrader to add E-sports and remove baseball since that is under Fremont High School. Document on Google Docs.

- Motion to approve family handbook with amended changes as presented by Dan Koenig, Dave Shrader
- Second, Todd Thomason
- All approved
- Motion passed

Back to School Night changes were discussed by Koenig and he asked for feedback on new structure. There will be a QR code that families can scan to get information for back to school. Koenig will still present to families but will shorten up the presentation so students can spend more time in their classrooms. Board felt changes were positive.

Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Stacie Roberts. Roberts presented the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Overview for Bergan Catholic School up to May 31, 2023. There were no large liabilities. The budget process was discussed and how the Board can be involved in the budget process in future years.

Guest

John Faulkner provided a brief update on the ECEC. The ECEC had recently been closed for cleaning and maintenance. There is still one full-time position open.

Executive Session Items

None

Closing

Closing prayer, Father Nolte

Motion to adjourn by Borisow

Second by Wolf

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next meeting August 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bergan Elementary Library