



**St. Bede School Board**

**Meeting:**  
August School Board Meeting

- Ryan M. Johnson
- Julianne Hettich
- Heather Buchanan
- Maria Tellez

**Members Present:**

- Tina Lutzke
- Rebecca Ikusz
- Lauren Schultz
- Mike Hogan

- Becky Dressendorfer
- Sandra Sancen
- Dave Wieters

**Date:**  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

- Ryan M. Johnson
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**Members Absent:**

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- Rebecca Ikusz
- Lauren Schultz
- Mike Hogan

- Becky Dressendorfer
- Sandra Sancen
- Dave Wieters

**Location:**  
Library  
St. Bede Catholic School

**Time:**  
6:30 p.m.

Topic of Discussion	Presenter	Summary of Topic	Notes/Follow up required	Accountable	Target date
Opening Prayer	All				
President Report	Ryan	General Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents (Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality) These docs are all 4-5 years old; access to them is blocked for the moment. Dave and Ryan will work on accessing these.</li> <li>• Guidelines / Expectations</li> <li>• Board Roster / Terms We should finalize the guidelines before we finalize the terms</li> <li>• Meeting Schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.) This will stand as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month; however, there are some conflicts that would require Dave to be at school 3 nights in the same week. School board is amenable to change this on those weeks. Due to this, we are</li> </ul>		

			<p>looking to change school board to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month pending access to the library. Meetings will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ September 14</li> <li>➤ October 12</li> <li>➤ November 2</li> <li>➤ December 14</li> <li>➤ January 4</li> <li>➤ February 1</li> <li>➤ March 1</li> <li>➤ April 5</li> <li>➤ May 3</li> <li>➤ June 7</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACCESS (website, social media, email, phone, key fob, OCS, etc.) Becky to teach Ryan No social media presence for School Board Becky to give Ryan the school board email – check with Nancy for access Ryan has keys now Working on finding info from the OCS</li> <li>● PA Feedback (gym shoes, PU/DO link, lunch schedule, bus schedule, 1<sup>st</sup> day) We do need clean gym shoes for gym now. They will be used. Athletics is not in favor of this policy, for Athletics this is not needed. Teachers met yesterday and the policy was voted to be enforced. Parents are not in favor of this policy. School board recommends to not enforce the policy. As long as children have gym shoes on, they can use those gym shoes in gym.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, gym clothes and changing policy was discussed. Some parents felt that for convenience and ease, not changing at school for gym was discussed. In the end, due to gym expectations in high school it was felt that the changing in Middle School should be continued to be expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Website</li> <li>● By Laws – Ryan will draft a set of by Laws and then present it for approval.</li> </ul>		
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			<p>Drop off – Will be similar to what it was pre-pandemic. There are no more temperature checks and no more cohorts. At 7:45 the doors will open and students will go to their home rooms.</p> <p>Pick up – will be the same as last year. Children will be assigned numbers and be called by the number.</p> <p>New families were very confused about hot lunch schedule. All lunches will be free this year.</p> <p>What about the first day blessing? The calendar says 8:20 blessing. In reality, the blessing is just for the school kids and will be at 9:00. The kids will come down to the gym and then go outside for this. The blessing will be outside.</p> <p>There will be a Pre-K/K brunch.</p>		
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Principal Report	Dave	Staffing Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art: Karen Aykroid</li> <li>• Preschool – Michelle Olson, has prior teaching experience. Signed her contract just yesterday.</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Rob Zeinz</li> <li>• Band</li> <li>• Music – So far we have not had success finding a part time music teacher</li> <li>• We have a contract with the same company, but we will have a different teacher. Dave’s experience with another company has yielded good results for high school. If we wanted to get out of a contract we would have to go through the Arch.</li> </ul> <p>We are suffering from the public schools not having enough bus drivers. This is a huge issue for all schools, but does affect us directly. Some schools will not be starting until next week, so this means that those schools will not provide busing for this. Our bus is an hour plus. The school is trying to get the information out as it comes in.</p>		
		Service Hours	<p>Do we need to have service hours? Is this a negative connotation rather than encouraging a sense of community? Is \$300 enough? The feeling was either we do it and make it motivating for everyone, or don’t do it at all.</p> <p>We should pin this topic for the end of the year to see if we want to continue this.</p> <p>The big question is who is tracking these hours on school board? Is it worth the time it takes to track this if in the past there were only about 7 families who did not complete their hours? Mike volunteered to do the tracking.</p>		

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		<p>Academic Probation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Saturday School” This is for students who are missing more than 3 assignments.</li> </ul> <p>The problem is that it is difficult to tell when your child is missing an assignment due to inconsistent use of Powerschool between teachers. There is also inconsistency between teachers on how this is enforced. There is no budget for this and it is currently based on teacher availability. Is there a way to budget for this? Can we make a policy to update Powerschool weekly? Can we make a behavior policy for this as well?</p> <p>Behavior management should be a target overall to ensure classrooms run more smoothly.</p>		
		<p>Principals general report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are no longer a turn around school. The program was cut and amended, and as of June 30 we are no longer a turn around program.</li> </ul> <p>We are, however, part of the Academic Focus Group. This is not a probationary group and has no negative impact on our school.</p> <p>We have rescinded many of the COVID protocols; masks are still required. Social distancing of 3 feet is recommended. Kids can share tables in the lunchrooms. We can have volunteers back in the building. We are looking for volunteers for lunch and recess supervision. We are following Chicago’s travel advisory. If you go to an orange state and are not vaccinated, you need to prove negative for COVID to come back to school. If kids come to school without masks, they will be given a mask and if the student refuses, they will get sent home.</p> <p>Legal updates regarding medical use of Cannabis and Social Media/Student Passwords. Schools must now alert parents to bad behavior on social media prior to confiscation.</p> <p>OCS has 3 dates available for School Board Training. There is the option for personal training. This would be a good idea.</p>		

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			Isolation guidelines are not easily accessible for parents. They need to sign a pledge, but there are no guidelines to know what we are signing.		
Marketing Report	Maria	Enrollment	208 students as of today. Many students who came in from public schools went back to public schools. (last year we were at 231) 33 new students this year.		
Athletic Report	Tina		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alumni vs. Staff/Coaches (Sunday, August 22 @ 5:00 p.m.)</li> <li>• Volleyball (need a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> assistant coach)</li> <li>• Basketball – open for registration now, registration closes on the 24<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Cross country, we have a team and this is program is off the ground</li> <li>• We tried to offer boys soccer, but were very short for registration. This could not be offered.</li> </ul> <p>Communication is difficult to give. There are only so many methods of communication we have at our disposal. Parents need to learn to find the information.</p> <p>Camp is finished – 61 students registered for these.</p> <p>Beer and Bags night on Sept 11</p> <p>Halloween Hustle is schedule for Oct 23. Clearance has been given. This will be launched the day after the golf outing</p> <p>November 13 – Holiday Bazaar.</p> <p>Alumni game is taking place 8/22 for the past 2 graduating classes.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2021 banner will be revealed.</p> <p>A parent did ask if there were any open positions on the advisory board. All of our boards function in an “open meeting” forum,</p>		

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			<p>anyone is welcome to join us. We do have an open spot since our former president left. An open call will go out in the principal newsletter.</p> <p>Feedback – Team Snap is WAY easier than Blue Sombrero! Love this change.</p>		
PA Report	Sandra		<p>No report now.</p> <p>Signs and balloons are given</p> <p>Golf outing is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup>.</p>		
Finance Report	Mike		<p>We are where we were at last year. The worry is that we are down 23 students which may affect the budget. Hopefully we make this up with fundraising.</p> <p>Parish is planning to up the communication and make sure that we are all on the same plan and doing fundraising at the same time.</p> <p>We do not have someone to run RE. Deacon Mark retired and Mary Buckley is planning to retire as well.</p> <p>We could not get rid of the bus this year. We had to keep it due to the uncertainty of the all the bus services. Is it still a financial drain – are we charging accordingly? We do not have a count of how many kids are on the bus due to all the uncertainty of the district services.</p>		
General Topics	All	Round Table Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PowerSchool Orientation</li> <li>• Agenda Layout / Public Information</li> </ul>		

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Future Agenda Placeholders			
Month	Who	Topic	

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