

# La Salle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2020

**Present:** Angie Katrichis, Susan Hucker, Father Noah Diehm, Sara Wilgenbusch, Roberta Smith, Julie Deutmeyer, Jake Cota and Cindy Hunt

**Absent:** Shannon Brimeyer

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:02 and prayer was led by Father.

There was a correction to last month's meeting minutes that will be corrected and re-submitted by secretary, Cindy Hunt

**Reports:**

**Finance:**

- All parish subsidies are up to date except for St. Peter and Paul in Sherrill.
- The Finance committee is still working with Melissa Domeyer to set up a meeting time to go over current scrip finances and to see if there is any way we can increase fundraising efforts with this program.
- The lunch account was considerably higher because the new stove purchase was taken from that account. The purchase will be moved to facility upgrade account which will leave the lunch account at a deficit of \$5511.

Questions both board members and finance committees would like answered is what's the magic number of students enrolled, on both sides?

- What's the plan for a development program? How can we increase our fundraising dollars with alumni and community members? Angie is confident that strategic planning will help with this task, but we also have to have the people and willingness to help get it off the ground.
- Conversation turned to staffing. Susan would like direction on if she can offer a part-time position to the music teacher of choice as well as to keep the same arrangement for art and PE. Susan also needed to know if she could continue the search for a full-time first grade teacher.
  - A motion was made by Cindy to give a 2% increase to current staff and to keep the same arrangement with the art teacher. This was seconded by Julie. Contracts will be sent out next week to current staff.
  - A motion was made by Roberta to offer the music teacher of choice a position. This was seconded by Sara.
  - A motion was made to proceed with hiring a full-time first grade teacher by Father and seconded by Julie
  - A motion was made by Julie to keep the arrangement the same with the art teacher and was seconded by Roberta.
  - These motions were made with the understanding that Susan and Angie would meet with the finance committee and discuss the budget and the ramifications of operating on such a large budget deficit.

**Pastor's Report: Nothing to report**

**Principal's Report: Refer to Susan's email regarding previous things the students did before school was postponed.**

**Old Business:**

- Susan received the report from IIWA as to what they will cover and what they can get to the fire marshal to provide the correct paperwork for further DHS certification. The total bill for the time being is \$4700. Cindy motioned to pay the current bill and move forward to the next step in certification. Sara seconded that motion. The board is not sure at this time how much it will cost to make repairs, if needed. There are possible grants available for renovation, if needed.

**New Business:**

- Susan met with Holy Cross mayor, Brian Meiers regarding possible partnering with the school and other neighboring towns to start a licensed child care facility open in Holy Cross. This would include wrap-around care for after-school kids. Brian also reiterated there are plenty of grants available to help building projects and renovations for this type of stuff too. The board agreed to continue exploration into a possible partnership.
- There was a motion to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar by Jake Cota and it was seconded by Roberta Smith.
- The Archdiocese sent out updated model contracts that include a clause that in case of another "Act of God", the contract would NOT be paid. This would only be a clause in the contract, and the school board would have final say if it would be enacted. Father made a motion to accept that clause into our teacher/employee contracts and Sara seconded that.
- Susan will be applying for a COVID-19 small business relief grant. We are eligible to apply, but not sure if we will qualify for any of the grant money.

The board went into closed session at 7:55.

The board came out of closed session at 7:59.

A motion was approved to renew Susan's administrator contract with an increase of 3%.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 by Roberta and it was seconded by Sara.

**Submitted by: Cindy Hunt**