

School Board Meeting Minutes September 17, 2025 — 6:30 p.m. | Rectory

Called to order by: Mark Wooldrik

Opening Prayer: Father Weeder — teaching on receiving spiritual direction and prayer

Roll Call Board Members Present: Leanne Ritter; Allyn Knobbe; Eric Klitz; Ben Borgmann; Carmen Schlickbernd; Mark Wooldrik; David Karnopp; Tracy Schwer; Fr. James Weeder.

Board Members Absent: Britney Kaup

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve August minutes made by Tracy; seconded by Allyn. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Booster Club- Report provided by Shea Stokely

- New bleachers arrived; assembly underway and expected to be completed before next home game.
- Membership drive was successful; tailgates at football and softball games are ongoing.
- Jay Run packets were distributed to students; continued fundraising and sponsor support.
- Plan to replace a broken basketball hoop in gym using Jay Run funds; gym hoop replacement appears to be an annual need.

SPA- Report provided by Paula Peatrowky

- Bank balance: \$15,299 after recent t-shirt sales deposit.
- Upcoming events: drive-through dinner (September) and Family Pumpkin Patch Night (October 1) with Hefty Seed sponsoring student/faculty entry.
- Trivia Night is being planned as well.
- Donated snacks for Cuming County Fair parade; available to assist future events with notice.

Capital Campaign- Report provided by Lisa Eisnemenger

- Approximately \$2.9M collected; ~\$1.5M outstanding pledges; campaign total near \$4.4M–\$4.5M after adjustments.
- Levine grant short by about \$70,000; bulletin flyer is planned to help meet this goal.

- Reconciliation and consolidation of donor lists is in progress; ACH payment tracking and missing pledge cards identified as issues.
 - FACTS donor database meeting scheduled; goal is to automate tracking and reporting by December.
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Facilities- Report provided by Leanne Ritter

- Met with architect Eileen; split into subgroups to configure spaces for addition; design work in progress.
 - High school air conditioning is prioritized next; exploring Rutts value engineering and Ortmeier's for design-build bids.
 - Activity center roof replacement approved.
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Finance- Report provided by David Karnopp

- Finance committee continues to work on a multi-year financial outlook covering staffing and benefits.
 - Recommendation under consideration: modest, regular salary adjustments paired with tuition planning to improve long-term balance.
 - Scenarios include gradual changes to parish contributions to reduce dependency.
 - Ongoing discussion about enrollment from neighboring towns and potential funding approaches to address associated costs including parish appeals from those respective parishes
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Governance- Report provided by Andrew Bradley

- Governance committee met twice to develop strategic plan action steps focused on employee experience; details being finalized.
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Advancement/Development- Report provided by Carmen Schlickbernd

- Bulletin insert update completed and distributed.
 - Considering monthly school board updates.
 - Hispanic outreach event planned for October 19: Spanish Mass followed by food and a brief presentation in cafeteria to engage Hispanic families; bilingual support has been arranged.
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President's Report- Report provided by Andrew Bradley

- Handouts distributed; busy month with field trips, retreats, and college/job fair follow-up.
 - Exploring Creighton Magis Teacher Corps partnerships for hard-to-fill subjects; potential two-year placements with Creighton-funded salary/housing.
 - Tuition assistance distributed to approximately 18 families totaling about \$20,000 from a \$40K–\$45K pool; remainder reserved for mid-year needs.
 - FACTS contract to begin next year for enrollment and tuition assistance; donor module to launch earlier.
 - Blue Jay Alumni event planned in Omaha on October 13; broader annual appeal being organized.
 - Updated 2025–26 budget shows slightly higher healthcare costs; capital campaign may need to cover additional needs.
 - Five-year scenario tool shared for board modeling of tuition, salaries, and parish assessment variables.
 - Google Form added to the website for public comments to the board; shared Google Drive being developed.
 - Activity timelines provided for school and board responsibilities; members encouraged to review budget scenarios and priorities.
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New Business

- No new business.

Executive Session and Adjournment

- Board entered and exited Executive Session.
- Closing prayer by Mark Wooldrik.
- Motion to adjourn by Tracy; seconded by Allyn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Klitz