

HOLY FAMILY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
School Cafeteria
September 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to order

- A. Prayer: Father Edward
- B. Roll Call

Board Members: Heather Cruz, Joe Stangler, Amy Casey, Nate Brever, Ben Mergen, Rebecca Wohletz, Aaron Goebel, Fr. Edward, Mary Sowada

Present: Father Edward, Mary Sowada, Heather Cruz, Amy Casey, Nate Brever, Rebecca Wohletz, Joe Stangler, Ben Mergen

Absent: Aaron Goebel

II. Recommended Actions

A. Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda - *Meeting Changed from Monday October 9th at 6:00pm. Rebecca motioned to approve, Nate Seconded, motion carried.*
2. Approval of Minutes from August meeting - *Ms, Darcy's last name changed from Schmidt, to Schmitz, Ben made a motion to approve, Rebecca seconded, motion carried.*
3. Update on approved budget changes - *\$30,000 from parish funding, Karen's T & H class increased, and an Art teacher was also hired.*
4. Updates on Board of Ed Contact List and Meeting Dates - *Mary moved returning board members down on the list. Heather added to the secretary position.*
5. Elect Board of Ed secretary officer - *Ben made a motion to approve, Amy seconded, motion carried.*

B. New Business

1. Art position - *Hired an individual with an art degree, Ann Welle. She will be teaching M & W, 1.5 hours each day. Grades will be receiving 30 minutes per week for art class. She has been subbing in Melrose and Freeport.*

2. District nursing services/transportation - *Public school did hire a new nurse, Ashley Borth. All testing that is done at public schools will be provided at HFS. Mary will check on getting more information on eye and ear testing. Transportation director has been hired, there still has been a lack of communication as far as 5th graders being transported from HFS to Pioneer Days.*

3. Discuss increasing substitute teacher pay - *We currently give a daily rate of \$115.00. Teachers were wondering if ours may be too low as we are still short of substitute teachers. Substitute teachers can now teach with an AA degree as well. Mary entertained an increase of daily pay. Sacred Heart currently pays \$110.00 per day. What was budgeted for last year was exceeded. We currently have two available substitutes and some other teachers who would be available. Ben made a motion to increase from \$115.00 to \$125.00 per day. Heather seconded, motion carried.*

3. Masters Program Study for HFS - *Mary has 6 weeks left! She will be using the 5th grade class to help with her masters program for a study on how identifying individual student learning styles will increase learning in literacy in elementary students. Parents will be receiving information on their child's results. Mary hopes to also bring this to other classes in the future. She will also be interviewing the teacher and the students after and receive feedback from them.*

III. Information and Proposals

- A. Pastor – *Started classroom visits. Deacon David also has been involved in meeting students. Building plans are still in the works and certain areas are getting ironed out.*

- B. Principal Update – *Nothing further to report.*
- C. Committee Reports – Fall Festival, Snowball - *Fall Festival underway, pizza was taste tested and next time they are meeting is next week. Snowball committee has had one meeting. Discussions about having a new company to cater the food and possibly having the food go to a buffet style. Prize boxes were also discussed and also kept the online silent auction option.*
- D. Confidential Matters – *Nate brought up work slots not getting filled and wondering if phone calls could be made to parents who either don't show or sign up.*
- E. Parish Council Joint Meeting for next council meeting

Rebecca made a motion to adjourn, Ben seconded, Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

IV. Next Board meeting: Mon., October 9th – 6:00 p.m.