

School Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2026 — 6:30 p.m. | Rectory

Called to order by: Britney Kaup

Opening Prayer: Fr. James Weeder

Roll Call

Present: Fr. James Weeder, Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong, Ben Borgmann, Tyson Dinslage, Kylie Dirkschneider, Allyn Knobbe, Britney Kaup, Angi Klitz, Eric Klitz; absent: David Karnopp.

Approval of Minutes

Tina made a motion to approve the July 15, 2026 School Board meeting minutes. Tyson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Booster Club — No formal report. The Board noted the need to recruit a new president and secretary and discussed improving communication with longtime supporters.

SPA — Erika Nesladek:

- The drive-through supper is scheduled for September 16.
- A spring plant sale is planned for approximately April 22, with product selections to be coordinated with the school's greenhouse program.
- SPA is planning for a transition in management of the can-recycling program after Harry Knobbe's many years of service; the September 9 SPA meeting will focus on next steps.

Facilities Committee — Tyson Dinslage:

- The new high school air-conditioning system is operational. The final project bill is still pending.
- The geotechnical report for the maintenance-facility site indicates some excavation and fill will be required. Site preparation will begin when ground conditions allow.
- Electrical and plumbing bids, permits, and any required design adjustments are being gathered for Archdiocesan approval. The greenhouse is planned for the southeast corner of the parking lot once setbacks are confirmed.

Finance Committee — Allyn Knobbe:

- The Finance Committee met briefly prior to the Board meeting.
- The annual financial report for the Archdiocese is being completed.
- Additional committee support is being assembled for the annual-report process.

Governance Committee — Kylie Dirkschneider:

No report.

Development/Capital Campaign Committee — Tina Biteghe Bi Ndong:

- The Development Committee met before the Board meeting and is focusing on Phase II of the Capital Campaign.

- The committee plans to build a larger group of volunteers, including Board members and community supporters, to make direct donor asks.
- Several potential volunteers were discussed to help organize campaign outreach and administrative work.
- The committee will meet again at 5:00 p.m. before the September Board meeting to continue organizing Phase II.

Principals' Reports

High School — Matt Jansen:

- The school year began smoothly, and the new HVAC system is working well.
- Fall activities have begun, including home softball and volleyball contests.
- Junior-high teachers introduced a "Rise Above" faith and behavior activity as a shared visual reminder for students.

Elementary School — Joyce Stalp:

- The ECEC and after-school programs are off to a strong start. The after-school program has approximately 47 students and is adding staff as needed.
- William Cedro has joined the staff as a paraprofessional and is also assisting with the after-school program and resource-room support.
- Standardized testing is scheduled for August 24 through September 18, and the elementary school is implementing Boys Town Social Skills. The school also discussed renewing on-campus can recycling.

President's Report

Fr. Gregory Carl led a Board-development review of the bylaws and an assessment exercise designed to clarify the respective authority of the Board, school president, and principals. The discussion emphasized that the Board's role is primarily mission, strategic direction, policy, budget, and oversight, while day-to-day school operations are delegated to the president and administration.

Board members were asked to review the bylaws before the September meeting. Mr. McAllister will be invited to help continue the discussion and clarify areas of responsibility.

Fr. Carl also updated the Board on the staff retreat, the tuition-assistance process and development of a written tuition-assistance policy, and the importance of directing operational concerns through the proper administrative chain of command. The Board also discussed beginning recruitment for the permanent elementary principal position later this fall and providing transition support when a candidate is selected.

New Business

Maintenance Facility Building Bid:

Tyson made a motion to approve the maintenance-facility building bid previously distributed to the Board so the project can move forward, subject to required site preparation and Archdiocesan approvals. Allyn seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Van Purchase:

The van purchase was tabled while the Board and administration clarify whether the purchase is included in the approved budget and how the bylaws assign approval authority.

Executive Session:

Per the recommendation of the Archdiocese of Omaha's Office of Catholic Schools, the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters for the protection of the public interest or to prevent needless injury to a person's reputation.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Gregory Carl

Adjournment:

Tyson made a motion to adjourn. Allyn seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Klitz

Secretary