

**Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Justin Steffensmeier called the meeting to order.
Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Brenda Duhsman, Justin Steffensmeier, Michelle Borgmann, Tom Hagedorn, Paula Peatrowsky, John McAndrews, and Father Weeder.

Board members not present: Sue Kreikemeier, Danelle Smith, Jeff Timmerman, Ryan Steffensmeier

School Organization Representatives present: Paul & Jackie Ridder (Development Committee) and Blayne Knobbe (Booster Club)

School Organization Representatives not present: Aliza Brunsing (SPA)

Justin asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June minutes. Paula requested a correction be made that Morgan Siebrandt was not hired at the elementary school. Ashley made a motion to approve the June minutes; Tom seconded; motion carried.

Two new members were welcomed to the school board. Janelle Nebuda and Matt Ridder replace Brenda Duhsman and Sue Kreikemeier.

Nominations for officers was held. New officers are Leanne Ritter for President; Ashley Strehle for Vice President, and Matt Ridder for Secretary.

Committee Reports

Booster Club: Blayne reported that the Booster Club has \$11,154 to start the year and they will be working on the budget for the year. August 19 will be the annual steak fry supper. They are working on filling up the schedule for gate/concession stand workers for all the sports seasons. Blayne is working with Father to update the Booster Club policies which were last updated in 2015 but not completed or implemented. The Booster Club pays for the bus drivers, electricity/heating/cooling in the activities center. There has been an issue with community people who still have fobs to the gym, using the gym leisurely. The community people include unaccompanied minors; therefore; Father and Josh Batenhorst (AD) are working on collecting the fobs from unauthorized people. This will eliminate the extra electricity usage and potential for accidents and injuries. Blayne reported that the Booster Club treasurer position is paid and it is unclear what that job description entails so they are working on defining that and will also decide if it needs to be a paid position. In 2011, the AD stopped being an executive member of the booster club by addendum to the policy.

Update on the wrestling mat: The Booster Club previously approved purchasing a new wrestling mat; however, it had never been approved by Father. Since the Booster Club's approval, \$1750 has been raised (mostly by

wrestling parents). The remaining amount to be raised would be \$6800. Due to the shortage of funding and other immediate priorities for the Booster Club, the purchase of the wrestling mat was put on hold. The Booster Club is checking with the donors to see if they want their money back.

It was clarified that the Booster Club is not responsible for purchasing school buses. Since we are in need of a new school bus, we needed this clarified so the Booster Club to do their budget appropriately.

SPA: Paula updated the board that Renee Schmid is not longer the spa president; Alize Brunsing has taken that position.

Development Committee: Paul reinforced that paying our teachers is the number 1 priority and asked that Paula and John work together to come up with a budget for increasing teacher salaries.

Facilities Committee: Tom reported that the steps inside the activities center need new traction strips on the treads. Their planning on having them repaired before school starts. Tim and Jeff agreed to stay on the facilities committee for this year.

Finance Committee: Justin reported that at the end of last school year, GA was short \$46,000 which was covered by St Marys and the high school was short by \$136,700 and that was covered by endowments. The deficit for the high school was estimated to be more than what it actually came out to. Janelle made a motion to approve the finance report; Tom seconded; motion carried. Matt Ridder was added to the finance committee.

School President Report: Father reported that he and a committee have been busy working on Journey of Faith. There is a part of this process that will affect the catholic schools. The family pastoral team is working on answering a large number of questions related to the church and school. Father will email a list of the questions to the school board members.

Father reported that our 2007 bus (which is not our oldest bus) is in need of about \$15,000 worth of repairs. Bob Wortman priced a new International bus which would cost \$98,150. Discussion was had about looking for a used bus and that was decided not to be a good option for us. An International bus has been what we've gotten in the past due to warranty work being able to be done at the local implement. Th bus that was priced was a 65-passenger bus. The current amount of money in the bus account is approximately \$5,000. There is approximately \$52,000 in the bus fund at Edward Jones as of March 31, 2022. There is approximately \$60,000 in the Jayfest account from last year and another \$60,000 from this year. This money is currently not ear-marked for anything specifically.

Ashley made a motion to approve using the Jayfest funds to purchase a new bus up to \$100,000 and to solicit donations to replenish the Jayfest account. Matt seconded; motion unanimously carried.

Paula: The elementary has 280 students enrolled with 1 pending. There are 55 pre-school and pre-k kids.

Old Business: Mark Schlickbernd updated the board on the status. The parish council, at last week's meeting, voted to contract an architect to prepare plans and specifications and cost estimate for the NorthStar option. Mark said he should have the plans this week. NorthStar will be talking to their attorney to see if a build and swap is an option for them. Mark has checked with Tom Donner as to whether is would be a legal option for the parish. Mark reported that Mr. Donner said it wouldn't be a problem. The house where the new building would

be built has had its utilities disconnected and is ready for demolition. The Brockman property (the lot to the east of our gravel parking lot) will also be demolished.

Father caught the board members up to speed on the building needs and process.

The parish council wants to get an estimate for the convent project and NorthStar project before making a decision. NorthStar has offered for us to rent space from them for \$640 per room per month.

Mark has asked Roy Smart to prepare a contract for a design/build.

It was discussed by the board to re-access the classroom space to see if we in fact need more space.

Mark informed the board that there will be a parish building committee and space committee meeting on Tuesday, July 26 at 1pm at the rectory. The parish building committee includes Jerry Kaup, Al Wordekemper, Chris Klitz, and Paul Ridder.

New Business: John reported: Coming up in August will be school cleaning and orientation for 7th graders and new students. Enrollment for the high school is 154 with the largest class being the Sophomores with 36 students. We are bringing back the House program to bring some unity within our school. John and the staff have worked out a new lunch schedule for the high schoolers.

Paula reported that Ann Prinz retired from being a para at GA but she will sub on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays!

Discussion was had as whether to continue the busing program. It was decided to offer it to those how request it.

The board then entered into executive session.

Justin made a motion to exit executive session; Matt seconded.

Matt motioned to adjourn the meeting; Michelle seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leanne Ritter