

St. Joseph School Board Meeting

February 15, 2023 6:30 P.M. (in Classroom)

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by President Joel Hoffman at 6:30 P.M, and begins with an opening prayer.

II. Roll call

Present: Doug Klein, Joel Hoffman, Susan Craft, Autumn Spitzley, Elizabeth Thelen, Aaron Schneider, Kellie Antes, Ericka Piggott and Ron Simon

Absent: Nick Lawless and Erin Kowatch

Guests: Ryan Weber and Nickie Wentworth

III. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the amended agenda (the board will not vote on the school budget at this meeting) is made by Susan Craft seconded by Ron Simon.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the amended January minutes is made by Aaron Schneider and seconded by Autumn Spitzley.

V. Communications

None

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Principal's Report

Ryan Weber presented the principles report. Ryan provided a copy of the report to all board members.

Ryan also presented a communication he received from the Bishop on the layout of the school day. The day will now always begin with a prayer as a school in the church and the day will end with an examination of conscience and Act of Contrition.

VIII. Business Action Items

Ryan presented different options for tuition increase to the board. One option has a 5% increase for one-student families, 4% increase for two student families, 3% increase for three student families, and 2% increase for four student families. The next option is a straight 5% increase for all families. Another option is a straight 4% increase for all families. The last option has a 2% increase for one-student families up to a 5% increase for four student families.

The board has a discussion about the benefits and drawbacks of each option.

Susan Craft brings up a discussion on St. Joe's schools ability to support IEP students. Ryan states that there is support from Clinton County RESA in this area.

A discussion is had on whether the 7th and 8th grade is sustainable.

Ron Simon makes a motion to vote on the 5% increase across the board for all families for next fiscal year. Doug Klein seconds the motion. The vote passes unanimously.

IX. Business New

A. A discussion is had on the 2023/2024 Tuition Approval Communication. Ryan would like to have this communication out before the open house. The finance council must first approve the increased amount. The communications committee will send out a draft of the communication to board members.

B. School Survey Update. Kellie Antes is getting the school survey ready. The bulletin will have an announcement that the survey will be out, but there may be a delay before the survey is ready.

C. Ron Simon presents on the school raffle. The raffle generates around \$9,000 per year. There is a license that needs to be applied for. Ron will get the license application in with the help of Nickie. Ron will also take care of the report for the current year also. Ron will ask for the school board members help on communicating with parishioners to sell the tickets.

X. Committee Reports

Executive Committee: none

Marketing Committee: Elizabeth Thelen is added to the Marketing Committee

Development Committee: none

XI. Suggested Items for Next Month's Meeting

Discuss the school raffle in more detail. Possibly the school budget will be ready for approval.

XII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 15th 2023 @ 6:30 pm – In Classroom

XIII. Closing Prayer

Joel Hoffman closes the meeting with a prayer. A special prayer is said for Mrs. Benson, a former St. Joe teacher who recently passed away.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Aaron Schneider and seconded by Ericka Piggott at 7:45 P.M.