

## SAINT CECILIA PARISH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 7, 2004

**Members Present:** Gina Isebrands, Todd Clancy, Mark Gannon, Gary Gorman, Pat Halbur, Rev. Terry Rassmussen, Monte Streit, Susan Vernon

**Administrators Present:** John Hayes, Duane Siepker

Ex-Officio Member Present: Kris Gross (Family School Association)

**Guests:** Several persons were present for Superintendent Richardson's presentation

Chairperson Gina Isebrands called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Duane led the group in prayer. Monte moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Todd voiced a second to the motion, which carried. W. Ray Richardson, Superintendent of the Ames Community School District, was introduced, gave a presentation on the status of the Middle School building process, and responded to questions. Mark Gannon was introduced as a new member of the Board.

### **Administrative Reports:**

***Director of Religious Education:*** John added to his report regarding attendance at the RCIA informational meeting September 2 and registration and catechist in-service for religious education sessions for youth. Catechetical weekend is September 18/19. A kick-off for preschool religious education sessions will be held September 26.

***Principal:*** Duane highlighted portions of his report and provided information on costs to repair the dishwasher. The facilities committee will evaluate the building and equipment and make recommendations regarding repairs and maintenance.

### **Acceptance of Reports:**

***Finance Committee:*** Monte announced that the Parish Council agreed to transfer \$7,000 from the former bus fund to the Tuition/Fee Assistance Account. Following an appeal, \$2,690 has been donated by parishioners to the account that had a negative balance.

***Parish Council:*** Pat informed members of communication from Randy Dalhoff regarding changing use of the conference room in the Education Center to a computer lab. The matter will receive further discussion. John was asked to invite Cheryl Cottingham who works with the religious education program at Good Shepherd center in Jewell to address the Board about the program.

***Family School Association:*** Kris filed a report and noted that a budget will be presented at the September 28 FSA meeting. If approved, it will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

***Committee Assignments:*** Gina circulated a list of committee assignments and invited Mark to choose which group(s) he would like to join.

***Long Range Planning:*** John and Susan will ask parents and catechists to join the committee. Work for next year will include choosing texts and planning for an increased number of 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

***Preschool:*** Susan provided information regarding anticipated start-up costs for a new program. There was discussion of sources other than the Parish Council that may be willing to contribute funds.

**Unfinished Business:**

*Tuition Assistance:* There was no further discussion.

*Catechist Appreciation Dinner:* Monte said that invitations will be prepared for the November 14 event. Consideration of hosting an event at a time other than Sunday evening will be considered in the future.

*Preschool:* There was no further discussion.

**New Business:**

*New Board Member:* Mark was welcomed earlier in the meeting.

*Good Shepherd Religious Education:* There was no further discussion.

*Archdiocesan Board of Education Video: Areas of Catechesis:* Tabled for a future meeting.

*Archdiocesan Board of Education Video: Comprehensive School Improvement Plan:* Tabled for another meeting.

There were no **Pastoral Comments or Closing Thoughts**. Following a group prayer, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Submitted by Carolyn J. Thogerson