



St. Vincent Catholic Schools

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2026

Board Members Present: Renee Bruecker, Father Tony Dosen, Jim Guyot, David Kapp, Becky Paulus, Art Pistorio, Kristen Schmidt, Tom Schumer, Amy Sutterer

Not in Session: Sister Rosemary

Remote Attendance: Rogert Steinbecker for the Executive Meeting

Other Attendees: Morgan Wheeler, Father Joe Geders, Father Ranjan, Sonya Dobbelare, Jamie Flores, Zach Stobart

1. Call to Order & Approvals

- Motion to approve minutes from 11/10: **approved**
- Sister Rosemary submitted resignation due to increased responsibilities in her religious committee. Resignation **accepted**. Board vacancy to be filled; suggestions to be submitted to Father Joe Geders.

2. Committee Reports

Catholic Identity (Father Tony)

- Roundtable sessions reviewed 4 topics: community service, religion curriculum, formation beyond religion, student/parent Mass attendance (~50%).
- VMY peer-to-peer engagement explored.
- Service opportunities: The Administration is partnering with Catholic Charities to explore service opportunities.

Facilities (Jim Guyot, Zach)

- PTO proposed preschool window replacement: 13 windows, bid from Wengert Bros (\$7,675), all funds raised. Motion to approve bid: approved (Tony Dosen/David Kapp)
- Safety measures: security glass films, 3M shatterproof on interior, visibility mesh between playground and road. The 'Make it Happen' at the SVEF Auction will be aiming to raise over \$60,000 for these safety improvements."
- Grants applied: High school \$25,000; Elementary \$20,000; Café/preschool doors 100% funded.
- Radon and mold testing ongoing; ventilation and mitigation will be planned if needed.

Finance (Becky, Roger absent)

- Budget initially showed \$500,000 deficit; revised to ~\$200,000 after meetings with supporting organizations.
- Principal salary consideration to be addressed in May meeting.

Advancement & Enrollment (Sonya)

- Newspaper ads and \$20 Week of Giving challenge.
- Donor retention and giving trends presented.
- 33 potential new students; kindergarten/Preschool enrollment efforts ongoing.
- Blue and Gold magazine updates
- Naming opportunities highlighted, including Prost family's recent name opportunity
- Collaboration with support organizations ongoing;

Terms of Office

- Board terms remain intact for one more academic year; all members willing to continue.

Counseling Services

- Amy Sutterer volunteers at elementary school for 2026 school year.
- Jr/Sr High counselor was placed on improvement plan; recommendation not to renew contract in March.

3. New Business

Alumni Presentation

- Quent Robinson presented naming opportunities for football field and alumni fundraising initiatives.
- **Motion:** Approve proposal for sign naming rights with minimum \$50,000/year (\$250,000/5 years), final approval by Father Joe Geders; placement at site 1 **approved in principle** (Jim Guyot motion, Father Tony second).

Admin & Teacher Contracts

- Admin contracts: February; Teacher contracts: March.
- Potential new athletic director search.

Calendar Approval

- Proposed calendar: 179 instructional days, 5 inclement weather days, meets Archdiocese requirements.
- **Motion to approve calendar: approved** (Becky Paulus/Art Pistorio).

Budget Adjustments

- Elementary counselor position to be added; time sensitive job posting to occur in March.
- Principal salary should be added pending conversations amongst finance committee.

Tuition

- Administration will conduct a community market analysis to guide pricing for next fiscal year on preschool tuition.
- **Motion:** Approve 3% annual tuition increase for next three academic years, with annual review at November Board meeting **approved** (Renee Brueckner/ Kristen Schmidt).

Conflict of Interest Policy

- Reviewed previously emailed policy.
- **Motion:** Approve conflict of interest policy **approved** (Art/David). Questionnaire to be emailed to Board members.

4. Upcoming Dates

- Strategic Plan Workshop: April 10 & 11 - A reminder will be sent to all attending
- Tentative Board meetings: August 10, November 9, February 8, May 10.
- Next meeting: May 11, 2026