

**Kuemper Catholic School System  
Board of Education Minutes  
September 18, 2018**

The September meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Cam Janson, on Tuesday, September 18 at 4:05 p.m. in the former St. Bernard school, Breda. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer.

Members present included: Tom Brincks, Dr. John Evans, Cam Janson, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Randy Schon, Mike Sibbel, Fr. Mark Stoll, Kristin Vonnahme and Gary Wiskus.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators Pete Haefs, Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup; teacher representative Annie Greve, PK-5.

Lynn Miller of Algona, Garrigan was also present to lead the Board orientation/retreat.

An Opportunity for Public Input was extended with no one present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was made by Fr. Kevin Richter and seconded by Kristin Vonnahme. All ayes. The motion passed.

**Bright Knight Moments**

Board members shared various positive activities happening throughout Kuemper.

**Administrator and Staff Reports:**

Administrative Reports – Written reports were submitted by Pete Haefs, Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan and Ryan Isgrig.

Marketing & Enrollment Management

In Susie Hulst's written report she stated that the total enrollment is 1,156. (16 more than last year). Surveys will be sent to new families to measure their experience with Kuemper so far and the reasons for coming to Kuemper. According to last year's surveys, some of the biggest reasons were better academics, quality teachers, the faith-based environment and wholesome, welcoming environment.

Alumni/Annual Giving - Alayna Hansen stated in her written report that the 2019 Friends of Kuemper Ball will be Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kuemper Fieldhouse. They are still in search for 2 couples to take on the role of 2019 Ball Chairs. KHS Homecoming is Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Public tours of Kuemper and the Fieldhouse will be conducted from 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. following the parade. The annual "Alumni & Friends of Kuemper Social" will be held after the football game Friday evening at Santa Maria Winery. Live music and food will be provided. All are welcome! The Phon-a-Thon is scheduled for Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> and Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> in the KHS Library from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich's written report stated that the Diocese of Sioux City sold out of tax credits on August 30<sup>th</sup> for the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation. The biennial Friends of the Kuemper Foundation Social & Thank You will be Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Collison Hall with Fr. Mike McCabe '78 as featured speaker. Effective July 1, 2018, the Charitable Gift Annuity rates have increased. The annual Bishop's Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Finance & Budget

Report below.

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Committee Meeting Minutes**

1. Finance & Budget – August 29

Kris Collison reviewed the 2018-2019 General Fund budget with the KCSS Board of Education.

John Evans made a motion to approve the proposed 2018-2019 General Fund budget, seconded by Kristin Vonnahme. All ayes. The motion passed.

2. Building & Grounds – September 13

Mike Sibbel reported on a touch screen display for KHS, the field turf at Holy Spirit playground, window AC unit replacements, Holy Spirit convent, the ALICE School Safety/Security plans, the KHS parking lot lines, bathroom renovations, KHS windows, the Holy Spirit playground parking lot, and the KHS gym floor. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m.

**Old Business:**

A. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Update

Electronic devices are used in the classrooms by students across the curriculum. Over grades 6-12, approximately 7 students do not have their own device, in which Kuemper provides them one. Administration is very pleased with this number.

B. Policy Manual By Laws & KCSS Policy 5145.3a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

John Evans made a motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Policy Manual By Laws with revisions to the Treasurer (#6). Kristin Vonnahme seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Kristin Vonnahme made a motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the KCSS Policy 5145.3a. John Evans seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

A. “School Safety Update”

The KCSS administrators will be attending a meeting on School Safety Emergency Planning at Heartland AEA. The administrators will be writing a formal plan that the Board will approve at a later date.

B. Update Corporate Resolution & Signatures

Tom Brincks made a motion to approve the updated Corporate Resolution & Signatures, seconded by Fr. Mark Stoll. All ayes. The motion passed.

C. Standing Committees of the Board

Board members were encouraged to join any of the Committees of the Board. An updated list will be received at the October Board meeting.

D. Diocesan Centennial Campaign Distributing - \$46,223

Gary Wiskus made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from the Diocesan Centennial Distribution Fund to the Kuemper Foundation’s Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund and \$16,223 to the General Fund of KCSS. John Evans seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

**Personnel**

A. New Hires

Codie Fineran – MS Volleyball

B. Resignation

Hugo Nava – Custodial

Kristin Vonnahme made a motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Fr. Randy Schon. All ayes. The motion passed.

Fr. Mark Stoll led the closing prayer.

Lynn Miller led the Board orientation/retreat.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Greteman Center. The KHS Library will be in use that night because of the Phon-a-thon.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes  
President

Joanie Buelt  
Recording Secretary