

# **Seton Catholic School Board of Education Minutes**

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Attendance: Jim Klostermann, Julie Kronlage, Abby Kotz, Rachel Dunkel, Father Schueller, Natalie Hedley, Melissa Casey, William Murray, Principal Clayton Ellsworth, Kari Meyer. Guest: Geri Kalb

Jim Klostermann called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by prayer led by Father Schueller.

## **Minutes**

The minutes from previous board meeting were reviewed. No discussion. Motion made by Rachel Dunkel, seconded by William Murray. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **Educational Savings Accounts**

Everything is going very well with this program, better than administration anticipated. Currently there are 60 families, about 99 students, who have received funds from the ESA. All who applied were approved. Currently all families have completed the process of applying funds to Seton Catholic. Of the total funds that Seton will receive, half has been transferred into the school already and the second half will come in after the start of the second semester. We are grateful for this program to help us continue growing our school.

### **Seton Catholic Schools Procurement Policy**

Discussion was held on the Seton Catholic School Procurement Policy. Chad Lukes and Geri Kalb have been actively working to complete a grant through the State of Iowa, this policy is a part of that grant. The grant could award up to \$50,000 per Seton campus if secured. After discussion and updates, a motion was made by Jim Klostermann to accept the Seton Catholic School Procurement Policy. The motion was seconded by William Murray. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Other**

Principal Ellsworth and Kari Meyer gave an update on the start of the year. Both indicated that it was clear that students were ready to be back with their friends. There has been a great buzz in the hallways and students, and teachers, are ready for another successful year.

The first all school mass was held on August 30, 2023. It was great to have all students together again.

A motion was made by Abby Kotz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Natalie Hedley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted by Julie Kronlage

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