

St. John School Board

Mission: Opening hearts to Christ, minds to learning, and hands to service.

School Board Minutes June 2025

Thursday June 12, 2025-SJS Library

Members: Father Beckman-Pastor, Matt Frye-President (6), David Fahey- V.P., Ameer Freidhof (5)-Secretary, Andrea Sauser (4), Rundi Priebe (3), Brian White (2), Bread Hickey (1)

Routine Business

Call to Order- Matt at 6:08

Opening Prayer/Faith sharing-Father Beckman

Roll Call-Excused/Unexcused-Father, Andrea, Rundi, & Brian are excused.

Good Things: Ameer shared the efforts the teachers spend on the report cards and how personal they are. Brad and Matt also shared that their kids appreciate it. David shared how awesome it is that so many kids and families invest in their kids education and send them to summer school. Matt shared his appreciation for the staff, from support, to maintenance, to the teachers and as his last meeting is tonight it has been a great honor for him to share in this institution for the last 6 years.

Approval of Agenda with addition of election for new board members, appointment for parish committees - motion was made for approval by David, Seconded by Brad.

Approval of May Minutes-David made a motion to approve the May minutes, David seconded.

Budget-ESA amount is over \$200,000 over budgeted amount. Salaries for summer school, paid a little more than budgeted due to the high numbers. Looking closely at our resource cost for electricity and gas to see the reimbursements and cost savings to our new investments. David made a motion to approve the budget. Brad seconded.

Zieser-Follow up conversation to gift in his wife's honor. After his wife passed away some astounding things happened. He shared that a number of people also sent donations after being motivated by Margaret's generosity. He also shared a very kind tribute written about his wife by Richard and Joann Demuth. Peggy's heart and memory are something to be revered and remembered. We should all be lucky to be memorialized in this way.

Reports:

Principal's Report-Attached

Parish Council-Rundi (Absent)

Finance-David (did not attend, was Rundi's rotation)

PTO-Andrea-did not meet last month

Building and Grounds-Brian (absent)

SCRIP-Dewey-Denise Barker stated that there has been \$14,000 in sales in the last couple weeks.

St John Scrip			
Total Sales for May 2025	\$40,099.95	Total cost for May 2024	\$47,719.95
cost	\$38,846.83	cost	\$46,216.71
gross profit	\$1,253.12	gross profit	\$1,503.24
YTD total sales 7/1/24-5/31/25	\$483,949.05	YTD total sales 7/1/23-5/31/24	\$523,904.80
cost	\$468,207.79	cost	\$506,346.30
gross profit	\$15,741.26	gross profit	\$17,558.50

Old Business:

Endowment Committee-Need to stay on top of. Mark McGarvey and Matt Frye will be members, Dewey reaching out to other members.

Scrip Committee, Per Audit this needs to be Board Directed/Assigned

Summer School Numbers- Currently 22 students.

New Business-

Approval of contracts

Grace Hill, 6/7/8 grade ELA/SS

Madison Heusinkvelt, STEM/Tech

**Motion made by Brad and seconded by David to approve their contracts for the 2025-2026 school year.

Building Tour to check in on projects. Gymnasium paint and floor, classrooms and new windows, and the new lighting throughout the building

Extended Care project- Visited on tour, one quote so far. Ken's Electric in Oelwein slightly cheaper but the board approved Independence Plumbing and Heating with a quote of Quote \$17,600 as they have been a long-time partner and resource for our school. Ameer made a motion to approve the bid from Independence Plumbing and Heating, Brad seconded.

New incoming board member nominations for upcoming year John Bagge and Jill Johnson. Matt made a motion to accept, Brad seconded. Matt made a motion to nominate Andrea as President, Brad seconded. David made a Brad motion to nominate Brad as Vice President. Ameer Seconded. David made a motion for Ameer to retain her role as Secretary. Brad Seconded.

Motion made by Matt at 7:34 to invite Jim Schmitz and Dewey Hupke into closed session. Ameer made a motion to enter closed session, Brad seconded. Jim left closed session at 7:41. Ameer made a motion to leave closed session at 8:01, David seconded.

Motion made to adjourn at

No July meeting, next meeting will be on August 7th, 2025, 6PM

St. John School Board Meeting
Principal's Report June 12, 2025

1- June St. John School Office Hours:

8am – 2pm Monday thru Thursday

8am-12pm Friday

2- New Hires:

Grace Hill

Position: 6/7/8th grade Reading/English Language Arts/ Social Studies

- Originally from Florida
- Graduate of UNI, President of the UNI Veterans Association, Father is a career Navy helicopter pilot
- Taught in Italy and Germany in the summer of 2024
- Good reviews from Union, La Porte City
- High energy and personable
- Interviewed very well and interview team was excited about her as an addition to our school

Madison Heusinkvelt

Position: STEM/Technology Teacher

- Originally from Nebraska
- Graduate of UNI
- Has taught the past 5 years in Waterloo
- Very personable, high energy
- Passionate about technology and STEM education
- When speaking with her current colleagues at Poyner Elementary in Waterloo, she is a valuable asset to the staff who helps out in many ways, not just her 'titled position'

3- Update on the Building Projects: I would like to take time during the Board Meeting to go and see these projects first hand with the Board.

- Rooms with new windows installed
- Gymnasium
- Lighting updates
- Stop in the Extended Care Room to update on what this project is going to be.

4- Audit by the Archdiocese

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5- MTSS Meeting to set Professional Development Schedule for the 2025-2026 School Year

- Members are Monica House, Liz Flanders and Darci Young
- Darci will have a working agreement to continue membership

6- Thoughts on donations recognition:

Ideas to consider:

- **Lil Greiner Memorial \$25,000**
- **Margaret 'Peggy' Zieser Memorial \$25,000**
- **Lighting Project/Gym Floor from an anonymous donor \$50,000**
- **Spring Fling matching donation \$30,000 from anonymous family**
 - In recognition of a sizable donation to our school, I would like to have the Board consider finding a way to recognize the donor.
 - One way may be to name a room of our building facility in memory of that family member.
 - Another idea is we could have a plaque in the Main Hallway and add to it as different families donate. We can discuss this at the Board Meeting on 6.12.25
 - I am open to other ideas, but in my opinion, this is something that, if added, shows our appreciation of these contributions and lets others see them, if they were unaware.

7- Board Goals:

As a Board, please be thinking about 2-3 goals you would like to set for our school. This will keep us 'focused' on our WHY as a school. We will set these goals at the August meeting.