

Bishop Brossart High School Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Msgr. Gerald Reinersman, Ben Alwell, Sr. Mary Luann Bender, Tim Callahan, Erin Imbus, Sarah Lusher and Mary Wehmeyer (attending in person)
 Ken Glaser, Jim Klump and Holli Young (attended on line)

Board Members Excused: Shelly Braun, Doug Gastright, Denise Govan, Mark O'Bryan and Jennifer Sheffel

Others Present: Dan Ridder, Rob Braun and Chris Holtz

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 meeting: Motion by Sr. Mary Luann Bender
 2nd by Mr. Tim Callahan
 All voted in favor

Principal's Report:---Mr. Dan Ridder

- Mr. Ridder gave an overview of BBHS during COVID-19:
 - BBHS students have been in school since August 12
 - As of last week, BBHS has experienced 100 in-person school days this academic year
 - Students have conformed well to COVID precautions
 - Majority of staff have elected to be vaccinated
 - Various class room arrangements have been explored, with student input, in order to optimize adherence to COVID protocol and, at the same time, minimize the number of virtual classes a student would take per day
 - As of today, there are zero students absent because of COVID illness or COVID exposure
 - The school has presented several fun activities for students during this difficult time
 - The Robotics' Team is doing well; three from the Academic Team are competing this week; and the sports teams are active
- Important Dates:
 - During this Lenten Season, students have participated in class and school Masses and been offered the Sacrament of Penance
 - Spring Break will be the week after Easter (April 5th through the 9th)
 - Senior retreats will take place at St. Anne's Retreat Center
 - Because of social distancing requirements, retreats will take place in two separate groups, of two days each, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on April 26 and 27 and April 28 and 29
 - The school is responsible for providing chaperones; the diocese will provide the program presenters
 - Baccalaureate Mass and awards is scheduled for May 13
 - Plans are being made for a Senior Dinner (there are 67 Seniors)
 - Graduation will take place at Thomas More University's Convocation Center on May 23
- Mr. Ridder apprised the Board of disruptive telephone calls being received by the public

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Finance Report:---Mr. Rob Braun

- The audit is being conducted
 - Due to the pandemic, the auditors are not present at the school, thus extending the length of time it is taking for the audit
- At the last meeting, the Board approved an expenditure, not to exceed \$70,000, for replacement of the cafeteria roof. After consultation with the Diocesan Director of Buildings and Property, two additional bids have been received. Although, hoping to stay at the \$70,000 amount, there is a possibility of exceeding this amount because of unknown findings during removal of the old roof. Therefore, Mr. Braun ask the Board to consider approval of the bid from Imbus. Upon a motion from Msgr. Reinersman and a second from Mr. Tim Callahan, all voted to approve an expenditure for the roof replacement as detailed in the bid from Imbus.
- The budget for the next academic year will be submitted to the Diocese within the next two weeks
 - The Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools Fund (EANS) monies will provide reimbursement to schools for COVID specific expenditures. Schools will apply individually for these funds
 - The Diocese limits tuition increases to 2%, and an average of 1.5% increase for teachers' salaries
 - Next year's tuition will be \$7,440 for in Diocesan students and \$8,180 for students from outside the Diocese

Development / Public Relations Report:---Mr. Chris Holtz

- The MAC
 - Bleachers are being installed
 - BBHS has received permission to rent the field to Kings Hammer for the soccer tournament
 - This will be financially advantageous
- Development
 - The Annual Appeal amount is exceeding that of last year
 - Mustang Monthly is on-going
 - The Hall of Fame banquet is scheduled for September 18 (BBHS football game on Sept. 17)
- 8th grade students
 - 78 students took the entrance exam
 - 66 freshman students are registered
 - BBHS is graduating 67 seniors this year
 - Uncertainty remains as to the scheduling of the Scholarship banquet

Facilities Committee Report: ---Mr. Dan Ridder

- Covered above under Roof replacement and The MAC

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New Business:

- Ben Alwell discussed the idea of beginning some new traditions, possibly involving students from feeder schools

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by a motion from Mrs. Sarah Lusher and a second by Mr. Tim Callahan

Next Meeting:---April 19 at 7:00 p.m.