

Minutes  
Bethlehem High School  
August 15, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Bethlehem High School was held on the above date at the cabin of board member Bill Newcomb. Vice Chairperson Jerri Riney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chair Riney, Rev. Bill Hammer, Steve Heil, Michelle Berger, Michelle Ball, Patrick Conway, Bill Newcomb, Phylliss Wilkins, Debbie Ray, Rev. Chuck Walker, Principal Tom Hamilton, and Secretary Mary Stuart Haydon.

Absent: Chairperson Chad McCoy, Bridgett Wilson, Gwen Simpson, Bill Huston, and Rev. Troy Overton.

The minutes from the July 21 meeting were reviewed. Patrick Conway motioned to approve the minutes with 2 changes. Steve Heil seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Principal's Report: Tom Hamilton reported the following:

\*All but 2 teachers are certified; one is currently being certified; 19 teachers have advanced degrees; 4 have bachelor's degrees.

\*The Assistant Technology Director has resigned. Replacing this position will depend on the technology plan.

\*The Director of Admissions has resigned. Her position has been advertised and we hope to hire someone by August 28. Christi Medley, Mary Anne Downs, and Laura Blair are on the committee to hire the replacement. The job description was changed slightly and was retitled Director of Admissions/Special Events. Thirty hours per week are budgeted for this job.

\*Among the calendar of events is a fundraiser for the gym floor. It's called Roast-A-Hart and will be held on August 22 at 6:30.

\*Fifty-eight students took the ACT last year and scores were good. The composite score was 22.3, which is almost 3 full points ahead of the state average of 19.4. A positive trend was seen in English, Math, and Science. A negative trend was seen in Reading, which also is seen in the Placement test. Answers to this negative trend include professional development in literacy; offering an "elective" reading class to 14 freshmen; and Read 180 program which helps look at markers throughout the year to chart progress.

\*PowerSchool is up, but not completely running.

\*Bruce Crawford and Donna Brown at the archdiocese will help draft a technology plan.

\*\$40,000 has been collected toward St. Joe Prep Hall.

\*Opening school day was good. Welcome supper included all the freshman and 90% of the seniors. There was a good turnout at the drug forum.

\*Student count is at 301. Of the 80 freshmen, 53 live in Nelson Co. and 27 outside the county.

#### Finance/Budget:

\*The 2008-2009 school year ended well, but we did have to use Bingo money because we budgeted for 12 students we didn't have.

\*A \$99,500 deposit has been made to Nelson Co. for the ball field.

#### Other Business:

\*Vice Chair Riney reported that she felt that the morning's retreat had gone well and was a good affirmation for the work of the Board.

\*The Archdiocese was very impressed with the strategic plan presentation.

\*We will have to start looking at Catholic grade school students who don't choose Catholic high school. We need to find ways to reach these students.

\*The next School Board meeting will be held on September 15.

\*Bill Newcomb was thanked for hosting the retreat.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 with the Our Father.