

**BOARDGRAM  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
8 January 2009**

**Prayer:** The meeting began at 5:35 PM with the prayer lead by Steve Helmbrecht.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November regular meeting were approved without amendment.

**Principal's Report:** Vince Aquila, Principal, sent the Board members copies of the Principal's Report before the meeting via email. Vince updated the number of applications for admission that had been received for next year's incoming freshman class. The placement test is scheduled for Saturday, January 24. The application numbers are ahead of our projected applications for this time of year and may be due to the online application process being utilized by incoming freshmen parents. The online application speeds up the application process and will also be used for registration for the current student body. The total student enrollment our current location can handle is 325 students. All applications for new students will be accepted. There may be a need for a waiting list to be compiled after all applications have been received.

Groundbreaking is still on track and the committee is working on student participation. On the same day as the groundbreaking, there will be a special North Alabama Catholic Schools Week Celebration at the von Braun Center. Vince is expecting 1000 Catholic School students from all the North Alabama Catholic schools. Students from each school will be wearing a different color. Fr. Vernon Huguley will be the keynote speaker.

Next week is Homecoming Week at CHS and all Board Members are invited to attend the basketball games at Spragins Hall at UAH. There will be a special alumni reception set up during the game.

**Education Committee:** Bill Klus, Educational Committee Chair, sent out via email the Education Committee Report prior to the meeting. Bill reported THE Committee was reviewing the possibility of a CHS football team in the future. The Education Committee continues to work with the Administration to review the educational goals and objectives in the Long-Range Plan to insure they are being addressed.

**Finance Committee:** Jeanne Weaver, Finance Committee Chair, sent out the Finance Committee Report along with the proposed 2009-2010 Budget by email prior to the meeting. Jeanne graciously answered questions from Board members by email prior to the meeting. The budget was approved for the 2009-2010 SY.

As a member of the Finance Committee, Lynn Greco presented her recommendations to improve CHS' general business practices to the Board. Her recommendations were in the following areas: reconciliation of payroll; having a back-up bookkeeper; transfers between accounts; cash box receipts and the disposition of assets.

**Capital Campaign Committee:** Fr. Louis Giardino, Capital Campaign Committee Representative, informed the Board that the Committee did not meet due to the groundbreaking activities.

**Nominating Committee:** Andrea Dull, Nominating Committee Chair, did not send a report but said that the committee has met once to review the needs of the Board. Due to 6 year time limitations, Frank Chapuran and Andrea Dull will be leaving the Board at the end of this school year.

**Future Growth Committee:** Frank Chapuran, Future Growth Committee Chair, sent out the Future Growth Committee Report via email prior to the meeting. Frank gave a recap of the activities that have taken place since the last report. The meeting between SKT and the CHS faculty has been very helpful. A drilling rig has been positioned on site to take new soil samples where deep cutting will take place.

**Board Chair's Comments:** Frank gave the Board a copy of the most recent Groundbreaking Report, noting the second page where (1) help is needed and (2) registration information can be located. The architect's bill was paid on January 7, 2009.

**Diocesan Superintendent of Schools:** Fran Lawlor, Superintendent, informed the Board that there had been a change in the administration of John Carroll. Fr. John McDonald is serving as Principal pro tem.

Fran noted that Catholic Schools Week begins on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January and thanked Vince Aquila for all of the work to make Catholic Schools Week in North Alabama so special this year. There will be a "Year of St. Paul" Competition with the winners to be announced at the CSW Mass to be held at St. Stephens on January 23. One Voice will have an insert for CSW and Bishop Baker has been asked to write a letter for it. There will also be advertising in Birmingham on the city buses for CSW.

Fran then recapped her schedule for the next few weeks.

**Next Board Meeting:** The meeting ended at 7:40 with prayer led by Fr. Louis. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 5:30 PM.