BILLINGS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2026 at 4:00 pm
BCCHS Cafeteria

Opening Prayer	Ron Yates
Non-Voting Members/Guests Present	Heather Mueller, Nolan Trafton, Kathy Harris, Leah Gibson, Mac McCann, Suzanne Vaira, Michelle Trafton, Fr. John Pankratz, Adam Liberty Valerie Meier, Jim Beal
Meeting Minutes	August meeting minutes were reviewed. • Jenn made the motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Erika seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Public Comment Period	Speakers representing the BCS wrestling community present: Zach Zimmerer, Bill Glennon, Mike Heringer, Turk Stovall, Jenny Stovall, Amy Hendrickson, Brenda Zimmerer, Angelo Rivera, Demetrios Saliaris, Nathan Haney, Bill Maggio, and Joe Glennon Zach Zimmerer, the head wrestling coach for BCCHS has asked administration for an exception for this wrestling season to allow 8th graders to participate with the varsity team. The matter is currently under review. The speakers and several other parents and community members came to support the exception, noting that the empty weight classes would have to forfeit during matches and duals, affecting the team as well as individual scores. Some also expressed they felt they were not being heard and did not have the opportunity to speak until this meeting. They are excited for the new coaching staff and the opportunities 8th grade participation could have on the building of the program over the next several years. Some felt it would affect enrollment and participation overall.
BCSF	Rams Day of Giving will take place on October 8th. Adam's last day with the Foundation will be October 14th.
Board Learning Moment	Valerie and Jim with Cushing Terrell were present to provide a review of the Master Plan so far. Valerie reminded the board of the priorities that were decided during previous meetings and surveys. She also went over the possibilities at Central and at Colton field, as well as changes possible to ECE. The board discussed moving into the Apply phase of the plan. With the new science lab at Central currently underway, the board agreed that infrastructure should be the focus of the next phase. CT would gather cost estimates for projects as they arise. • Erika made the motion to allow CT to proceed with the Apply phase, with infrastructure being the focus. Jenn seconded the motion and the motion passed unopposed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

BCS President	Andrew welcomed new board member, Joe Landry. He is a Central graduate and has four children in the system. He is a member of St. Patrick's parish and works in construction. • Peter made the motion to approve seating Joe Landry on the school board. Erika seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

Operational Vitality Committee Next Meeting: 10/13	The committee reviewed the June and July financials at their last meeting. Revenue is reported at $2.9 million, mostly due to the families that pay tuition in full before the beginning of the school year. Expenses were over budget by $100k due to technology and facilities costs. • Jenn made the motion to approve the June and July financials. Peter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The board was given a draft of the 2025 audit for review. Other than a few minor grammatical changes, there were no other suggested changes. • Erika made the motion to approve the 2025 audit with a few grammatical changes. Jon seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mac has completed many projects over the summer, including replacing the intercom at SFC, adding wood chips to the playground at ECE, and replacing tile and carpet at Central. He still has several projects to wrap up before winter, such as planting the tree at SFC in memory of Shaun Harrington.
Mission & Catholic Identity Next Meeting: 11/12	The committee will be focusing on the NESBEC accreditation standards this year, as well as reengaging parents in staff in the Catholic culture.
Academic Excellence Next Meeting: TBD	Suzanne has been present in classrooms and has been impressed with the consistent curriculum and the teachers at BCS. MAP testing took place last week.
Governance & Leadership Next Meeting: 10/8	Erika is the new chair of this committee.
Marketing and Enrollment	Kathy invited everyone to participate in the Turn the Table (September 23rd) and Round Table (October 28th) events to raise funds for activities. She thanked everyone for their participation in Running On Faith this past Sunday. The number of participants was 40-50 people more than last year and the organizations with booths raised more money than last year.
Closing Prayer	Andrew

Adjournment: 6:15 pm
Executive Session: NO
Next Board Meeting: 4:00 pm October 21, SFC Teacher's Lounge

Name	7/15	8/19	9/16	10/21	11/18	1/27	2/17	3/17	4/21	5/19	6/23
Jenn Beckwith	X	X	X								
Lisa Bruno	X	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Erika Burke	X	X	X								
Mark DeHart	X	X	E								
Jon Forte	X	X	X								
Peter Hamilton	E	X	X								
Andrew McDonald	X	X	X								
Joseph Landry			X								
Mary Pankratz	X	X	X								
Luke Rains	X	X	X								
Leslie Schaff	X	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Shanna Tourtlotte	X	X	X								
Ron Yates	X	X	X								
Fr. Steve Zabrocki	X	X	E								