



## THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

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### Diocesan Board of Education Diocesan Pastoral Center, Belleville, IL

#### Minutes of Meeting - Tuesday, May 18, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

#### MEMBERS:

Mr. Ben Fuehne (North Central)	Ms. Kris Hill (Principal) (Excused)
Rev. Gary Gummersheimer (Pastor)	Mrs. Janet Janson (DRE)
Mrs. Mary Anne Harla (Belleville)	Mrs. Anna O'Gara (Belleville)
Mr. Troy Heitmeyer (East)	Mrs. Julia Pluff (West) (Excused)

#### EX-OFFICIO:

Mr. Thomas Posnanski            Mr. Russell B. Peterson

#### A. PRELIMINARY ACTIONS

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer at 7:00 p.m. by Rev. Gary Gummersheimer.

#### B. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

##### 1. Routine Matters

##### 1.1 Approval of Agenda

Policy 6162 – Instruction – Audio Visual Materials and Policy 2231 – Administration – Boards of Education were added to the agenda under New Business by Tom Posnanski. A revised agenda and policies were handed out. The board approved the new revised agenda.

##### 1.2 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

##### 2. Old Business

##### 2.1 SECOND READING REVISION – Policy 4113.1 – Personnel – Catechist Certification

The policy was read. A motion was made by Rev. Gary Gummersheimer to accept the policy and seconded by Anna O'Gara. The motion was passed and the policy will be forwarded to the Bishop for final approval.

- 2.2 SECOND READING REVISION – Policy 4151.1 – Personnel – Personal Illness/Personal Leave Instructional Employees – School and Parish  
The policy was read. A motion was made by Mary Anne Harla to accept the policy and seconded by Troy Heitmeyer. The motion was passed and the policy will be forwarded to the Bishop for final approval.

3. New Business

- 3.1 FIRST READING REVISION – Policy 1152 – Community Relations – Social Networking By Employees  
The policy was read and discussed. The title will be changed to read *Social Networking by Employees and Volunteers*. The first sentence in paragraph one will be changed to read – *The Office of Education recognizes that many employees, school volunteers and faith formation volunteers in the Catholic elementary and secondary schools, and parish faith formation programs in the Diocese of Belleville use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, You Tube to name a few*. Under Social Media Procedures and Regulations #9 it will be changed to read *Violation of this policy shall lead to discipline up to and including the immediate termination of employment or dismissal from volunteer service*. The policy will be submitted for second reading at the September meeting.
- 3.2 FIRST READING REVISION – Policy 6162 – Instruction – Audio Visual Materials  
The policy was read and discussed. The first sentence will be changed to read *school/parish school of religion (PSR) curriculum*. The third and fourth sentence will be changed to read *Whenever possible the moral quality of the materials should be ascertained through the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops(USCCB). The Principal/Catechetical Leader shall be consulted by the teacher/catechist if there is any possible or potential question as to the age appropriateness or moral quality of the movie, video, or audio material*. The policy will be submitted for second reading at the September meeting.
- 3.3 FIRST READING REVISION – Policy 2231 – Administration – Boards of Education  
The policy was read and discussed. The title will be changed to read *School Boards of Education Membership*. The word *school* will be inserted throughout the policy in front of the word *board*. The policy will be submitted for second reading at the September meeting.
- 3.4 Social Network Policy: Discussion Above.
- 3.5 ACRE REPORT  
Russ presented the ACRE report for the three high schools in our diocese. He was pleased to say that all three high schools scored above the national average in each of the four pillars of the Catechism. The PowerPoint presentation is available to at [www.diobelle.net](http://www.diobelle.net) or by requesting it from Russell Peterson at [rpeterson@diobelle.org](mailto:rpeterson@diobelle.org).

#### 4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. School Accreditation

Mr. Posnanski reported that three schools were visited this year. They were St. Andrew, Murphysboro, St. Joseph, Olney, and St. Peter Cathedral. He stated that St. Andrew and St. Joseph provided excellent information for their schools and are accredited for seven years.

2. Teachers' Salaries

Mr. Posnanski reported that we are in the fourth year of the teachers' salaries plan. He suggested we keep the current salary schedule for next year and then examine a process that would also include at a minimum, cost of living increase for the 2011-2012 school year. This item will also be included for the next meetings agenda.

3. Sports Report

Mr. Posnanski also provided a handout of the Profit and Loss statement for the sports program 2009-2010. He also stated that the Office sought bids with three other companies for trophies and medals.

4. School Report – Principal Changes

Mr. Posnanski stated that three schools are currently searching for principals: St. Michael Radom, St. Joseph Freeburg, St. John the Baptist Smithton.

5. Pastoral Council

Mr. Peterson reported that a review of the draft of the new Guidelines for Pastoral Councils were being discussed at all of the Deanery meetings. Mr. Peterson attended the West Deanery meeting and all the priests were positive. The feedback from priests in other Deaneries has also been positive. He is hopeful that the Deanery commenting phase of the process will be concluded by the middle of Summer.

6. Confirmation

Mr. Peterson provided a spreadsheet handout of the number of second graders in our school and PSR programs. This spreadsheet will help in understanding how many young people will be confirmed in the future, and the possibilities for clustering for the immediate preparation for the Sacrament as well as for the celebration of the Sacrament.

The Meeting concluded with an acknowledgement that Father Gary Gummersheimer service on the Diocese of Belleville Board of Education has come to a conclusion after six years. Mr. Posnanski commended Father for his dedication, time and wisdom during the past six years. Board members also commented on their appreciation for all of his efforts.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2010. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Gary Gummersheimer at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schilling, Secretary