

St. Joseph Catholic School  
2 N. Alton Street Freeburg, IL 62243  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2025

- I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Present were:  
Brandy Hildebrand, Kristi Correll, Tom Buchmiller, Father Michael, Kim Wyman,  
Janna Owens, Zack Rednour, Kristin Heap, Paige Wriston.
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Father Michael.
- III. Principal's Report
  - A. No Change: 38 Pre-School Students currently enrolled with 3 more starting in January. 42 K - 8th grade students are enrolled to make the total enrollment 80 students for the 25/26 school year.
  - B. Lunch and using the 3 microwaves is going well.
  - C. Looking into a catering company from Belleville that offers meals at a good price. Brandy is emailing copies of the potential lunch calendar for us to look over.
  - D. 7th Grade girls are starting a school newspaper "Hawk Talk" , They will write a new edition each month and be on display at each parish.
  - E. Iowa testing has begun this week.
- IV. Pastor's Report
  - A. Father stated there are 95 students in PSR. Students are to fill out a mass card to show they are attending mass.
  - B. He is going to contact the parents of younger PSR students to ask/answer questions about their mass attendance.
  - C. 10:30 mass will return Oct.5-last weekend of January
- V. Committee Updates
  - **Policy & Curriculum:** Looking at the curriculum mapping book that was brought by Brandi. The committee is going to look at the curriculum map that was completed a few years ago and make any updates.
  - **Building & Grounds**
    - Outdoor basketball hoops: It was brought to the attention of the committee that the hoops could use an update. They are outdated..possibly from 1991. The committee is going to look into replacing them.
    - Fencing around the playground: Parish Council is looking into adding fencing around the Parish Grounds to add security. There are 3 proposals

for this project: Good, Better, Best: once the bids for the different options are in then decisions will be made.

- **Annual Fund:** Brandi and Kim are looking into getting the letter and supplies together to get the annual fund envelopes together. Brandi is writing the letter with the hope of distributing the information in October
- **Finance:** The budget is currently in the negative but it is the beginning of the year and fundraising has just begun...Stonies Fundraiser is popular, Christmas Cash Raffle will be starting soon as well.  
The Sister Catherine Fund has exceeded the \$25,000 Goal!

- **Mission Effectiveness**

- Idea of a new “club” for PreK : Pewee Hawks, A new “club” introducing different activities each month for PreK kids in the parish.
- Mentoring Program for PreK parents

**PTF Events:**

1. Trunk or Treat: October 25 ( idea of having students available to offer tours)
2. All School Halloween Party: October 30, 2025
3. Holey Hawks: November 1, 2025
4. Facebook Advertising: \$14/week...can reach up to 3,000-5,000 people. Would highlight different events or happenings around school.
5. Auction Update: collecting gift cards this month, lottery tickets next month

Deacon Corby closing prayer at 8:00pm. The next school board meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 6:00.