

HCS School Board Meeting Minutes – June 19, 2025

1. **Roll:** Nathan Tindell, Neil Pipkin, John Freerksen, Jason Dunderdale, Ken Wilson, Keith Seashols, Mrs. Lischke

2. **Call to order: 7:04**

3. **Devotion and Prayer:** John, Matthew 6:5-15 The Lord's prayer

Next month (July): Keith

4. **Amend or approve agenda:** (June, 19 2025) John moves to approve (2nd by Ken) – Approved.

a. **Approve Minutes of Board Meeting:** May 29, 2025: Neil moves to approve (2nd by Ken).

5. **New Business**

a. **Policy review:** Sections 7.1 – 7.5

i. No changes

b. **Establish 2025-2026 School Board Meeting Dates (calendar)**

i. 3rd Thursday of most months 7:00 PM

1. 7/17/2025
2. 8/21/2025
3. 9/18/2025
4. 10/16/2025
5. 11/20/2025
6. 12/18/2025
7. 1/16/2026
8. 2/6/2026 – Budget Meeting (6:00PM)
9. 2/12/2026
10. 3/12/2026
11. 4/23/2026
12. 5/28/2026
13. 6/18/2026

c. Review MOU with the Church who uses the property weekly (if applicable)

i. John discussed re-visiting the MOU to address wear and tear on the gym, as well as identifying CCC's goals for the future. Mrs. Lischke will invite them to the next meeting.

d. Administrator Evaluation Topics: Research

- i. Stays current with trends in Christian Education
- ii. Initiates/maintains valid 5-year plan for school development
- iii. Serves as educational consultant to the board
- iv. Leads staff in identifying and solving educational problems

6. Administrator's Report

a. Floors in classrooms have mostly been cleaned and waxed, carpets are also being cleaned. Other projects as time permits, cleaning intake vents, windows in kitchen and other exterior windows, painting of lunch room and front entry window areas, west foyer cleaning and painting, weight room cleaned.

b. Snow Removal: Mr. Clubb has agreed to continue doing snow removal for HCS next school year. He volunteers his services for this duty. I really need a volunteer to clear the sidewalks. I never got anyone last year. It is a big need for me to have a board member to volunteer for that or find someone to volunteer that would be great! I would really appreciate that! It is dangerous for students if we don't keep them cleared.

c. Summer Sports: Ryan and Curtis Current are having open soccer nights on Thursday evenings from 7-9. Basketball is from 3:30-5:00 on Sunday evenings.

d. Enrollment: This year we currently have 127 either enrolled or in the process, and we had 11 preschool students. Last year at this time we had 141 full-time students either enrolled or in the process. We had 16 preschool students. Pray for more students!

e. Teachers/Staff: We have a new 6th grade teacher. I am teaching art for 8th grade next year. Mrs. Tindell is assisting/ learning to be the Resource teacher and Instructional Coach for our newer teachers. She will also help in other areas. We have cut our office staff to 1 1/2 positions instead of 2. We lost one part time secondary teacher.

f. Upcoming Professional Development: Our teachers are registered for the BJU Press Virtual Exchange Conference beginning July 21. The list of workshops and sessions is attached. Teachers may choose what would benefit them the most in their classrooms this year. Teachers are also encouraged to attend the Abeka Summer Seminar beginning July 22. The sessions are on demand so they can have many opportunities for several months to get professional development that would benefit their classrooms. Each teacher must log 30 hours over a three-year period for professional learning. These are free-to-the teacher opportunities as well as the online PD that both Abeka and BJU offers to our teachers.

g. PTF is planning inflatables, food trucks and other games for the carnival.
h. Iowa Basics Testing Results included for you to see. The students overall showed growth in the last three Summary reports with Four-year comparisons of the standardized testing years. The school as a whole scored 21.8% (last year 18.5%) above the national average on the English Language Arts composite, and 21.4% (last year 13.7%) on the core composite, 25.7% (last year 23.5%) above the national average on the Math composite.

It is noteworthy that our math has improved this much as this is the second year with a new curriculum and we have really improved!

Our kindergarten class does extremely well every year. This year kindergarten scored in the 95th Percentile (96th percentile last year). Mrs. Doss does such a great job of teaching them! 5th grade scored in the 74th percentile (last year 73rd) overall and 11th grade scored in the top 86th percentile (last year this class was 83rd percentile). We will continue to work to improve scores as we would like to be in the top quartile in all grades. We will discuss and analyze the results during teacher in-service.

i. Strategic Plan I have included our strategic plan developed / used for accreditation. It would be good for the board to review, edit as needed and appoint persons to begin working on and reporting on the different sections. I have updated sections in Red for last year and will do more updates by the next board meeting for 2025

j. Update on School Choice in Kansas I have included a report in which I have compiled information on where the different bills in Kansas are on School Choice. Texas this year is making \$8,000 available to each child in Texas. We hope to get a similar bill passed in Kansas!

k. Theme for 2025-2026: SOAR! Based on Isaiah 40:31 See attached sheet. I will be sharing this with students and staff.

l. Maintenance: Things to do:

Lower is here today and tomorrow completing maintenance on all HVAC units
Air intake screens/vents need to be taken down and cleaned in rooms with roof top units.
- Hopefully, Frank will have time to get to this.

Ceiling Tiles need to be either painted or replaced in several areas. We are hoping to paint some of our hall doors to match. We installed a new drinking fountain in the main hall but it is leaking. Frank is going to be working on the plumbing.

Outside:

I need someone to take on the exterior grounds maintenance.

Possibly work on painting part of the exterior of the building.

Planters need attention - especially low maintenance shrubs/plants.

Playground equipment needs to be inspected (sometimes we have wasps, bees or inappropriate writing on it) and some may need new paint. I have some volunteers to possibly paint - I need to get the paint for them for the playground

PARKING LOT! - It needs to have the holes filled as they are getting quite deep. Lines need to be repainted.

7. Committee Reports

a. **PTF:** Golf tournament raised \$6193.46

b. **Technology** – Once Marty is done with the Bogen/alarm, John will come in and look at the firewall and install the new server.

c. **Fundraising/Publicity**

- Still need to talk to Ravenwood, contact has been made with them but no progress toward setting up the fundraiser. John wants to take on the Shotgun shoot and establish a checklist for fundraisers as he goes.
- For the golf tournament, we only had one hole sponsor; we should have a goal of getting every hole sponsored.
 - It was good having 18 teams.
 - Neil did not like the option to Auto Ace all the par 3 holes. He thought that that caused a sportsmanship problem that detracted from the spirit of the game.
 - There needed to be better communication about the gifts/prizes, there were only 12 gifts (free rounds of golf) offered by the course which wasn't enough. In the past, folks donated gift cards instead of relying on the course to handle the prizes. This was a communication problem.
 - John thought that there should have been more discussion about the school, our mission, and what we are trying to do with the fundraiser.
- Ken brought more detailed information about Fund to Serve. The proposed dates for the campaign would be 4 weeks across October and November.

d. **Academic**

e. **Spiritual**

f. **Building Maintenance** – Finding someone to mowing before Sunday. It will be nice to find someone to run the mowing program.

g. **Financial**

h. **Admissions**

8. **Old Business**

9. **Open Forum**

10. **Executive Session**

11. **Motion to Adjourn by Jason (2nd by Keith) 8:54PM.**

