

St. Thomas School

School Board Minutes

January 7, 2026

6:00 PM – St. Thomas Library

- I. Opening Prayer- Mrs. Bierman
- II. Call to Order
 - a. Board Members present: Nikki Bierman, Leah Bolander, Marissa Bower, Karli Burley, Matt Creadore, Jeffrey Finley, Jordan Roberts, Sharon Schackmann. Board Members absent: Laura Weber.
- III. Recognition of Visitors
 - a. Karen Bierman was present for the meeting.
- IV. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. none
- V. Approval of November minutes
 - a. Approved by Jeffrey Finley, seconded by Karli Burley.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Christmas Concert
 - The concert went well and was well attended.
 - b. Basketball/Volleyball Update
 - Basketball is getting close to finishing for 7th and 8th grades. 5th and 6th grades are starting to get busier. Volleyball had their first game January 6th at Neoga. There are 25 girls out for Volleyball. Paige Zumbahlen and Beth Volk are the coaches.
 - c. Holiday Schedule
 - The kids had fun with dress up days and their class movies.
 - d. ACRE Testing
 - This is a religion test for 5th and 8th grades. It will occur in February.
 - e. Catholic School Week
 - CSW will be the last week of January at St. Anthony. Mass will be on Thursday that week with the Bishop.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Trivia Night
 - Trivia Night will be held February 14th. There are still tables available. Donations and sponsorship are still welcomed.
 - b. Scholastic Bowl

- Practices started January 7th. They would love more kids on the team (6th-8th grades). Matches start in February.
 - c. Insurance/Pension changes for staff.
 - There were new changes to insurance and pension this year from the diocese.
 - d. New Religion Standards
 - New standards were recently distributed by the diocese. They want the new standards to begin being implemented this year.
 - e. Staff Additions
 - Mrs. Jamie May has started as our new Kindergarten teacher. She is fitting in well with the staff and is liked by the students. We are thankful for her commitment to St. Thomas School!
 - f. Bids for Pizza Man/TIF Grant application.
 - There have been 2 bids for the demolition of the building.
- VIII. Father Tomy's Report
 - a. The kids enjoyed the door blessing of the school on Epiphany.
- IX. Finance Report
- X. Positive Points
 - a. Mrs. Bierman has been getting calls from families interested in St. Thomas for their children next school year.
 - b. Students are remaining healthy as we come back from Christmas Break.
- XI. Closing Prayer- Father Tomy

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Schackmann, School Board Secretary