St. Mary's Academy
Regular Meeting of the School Board
June 22, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Father Scott VanDerveer (Pastor), James Viviani (Interim Principal), Mike Feeder (President), Kathy McNulty (Vice President), Kate Fowler (Secretary), Francine Buser, Janet Curley, Michelle LeMay, Mary Tully.

Absent: Neelo Jaikeran (PTO), Mark Olechowski.

GUESTS

Laurie Butler.

Meeting

- Mike Feeder called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.
- Father Scott offered the opening prayer.
- Attendance was recorded.
- May minutes were set out and approved.

Pastor's Report (Father Scott)

Arts Academy:

- This program has much potential and great teachers. It now includes a great recording studio. The team is showing a "professional face" which benefits enrollment and production.

Parent Involvement:

- Father stressed the importance of building relationships with our parents. The PACE program had been neglected previously, which cost the school revenue. The new plan will focus on the PACE report card. This will give parents a clear picture of how many hours have been completed and how many they still need to fulfill the commitment. They will have a choice to fulfill PACE hours or pay a fee. The flexibility and the transparency should help build a good relationship with parents.
- Father, James, and the office, are calling non-enrolled parents to gather information and encourage re-enrollment.
- 6/23/26 – Candlelight Mass in the SMA Chapel for 8th grade graduates, who have composed the Prayer of the Faithful. Graduates will parade through school.
- 6.24.26 (10 AM) - Graduation

Finance:

- Thank you to Sprinkles for their most recent fundraiser. There was great turnout. It was also OCIA Reunion Night. $3484.00 was raised.
- The SMA billboard has been placed on Miller Hill. SMA is subletting at half-price.

Principal's/Teacher Representative Report (Mr. Viviani)

- The "Bridge to Middle School" Program went well and was well-received. 8 couples attended. We are reviewing the NYS 2029 Product Based Learning K-12 program.

Committee Reports

- **Catholic Identity:** No report
- **Finance:** No report
- **Recruitment and Enrollment:** No report
- **PTO:** The planning for the Hot Dog Eating Contest is going well. A couple of local businesses have committed to supporting.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** 2 more air conditioning units were added to the Great Hall. Laurie Butler reported that the Great Hall wedding program is starting to turn a profit.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Guest Opportunity to Be Heard: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. Executive Session followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Fowler, Secretary