

BOC and COD Notes from 8/14/13 Meetings

1. **2013-2014 School Year Theme:** ““You have the words of eternal life” John 6:68b”

2. **Elected to serve on Luther High School Board of Control:**

Pastor Wassermann, Mt. Calvary, LaCrosse

Mr. Chris Avila, St. Matthew, Stoddard

Mr Dan Kinstler, St. Paul’s, Bangor

Mr. Kyle Rupprecht, St. John’s, Lewiston

3. **Board of Control Organization**

Board Chairman: Pastor Shawn Arndt, Good Shepherd, Holmen

Board Vice-Chairman: Pastor Andrew Schultz, St. John’s, Barre Mills

Board Secretary: Mr. Dan Kinstler, St. Paul’s, Bangor

Board Treasurer: Mr. Kyle Rupprecht, St. John’s, Lewiston

4. **Board of Control Committees**

Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Paul Albrecht, First Lutheran, Lacrosse (Chairman)

Mr. Dan Kinstler, St. Paul’s, Bangor

Pastor Christian Christenson, First Lutheran, LaCrescent

Mr. Travis Zenke, St. John’s, Nodine

Education Committee

Mr. Mark Kutz, St. John’s, Nodine (Chairman)

Pastor Shawn Arndt, Good Shepherd, Holmen

Pastor Robert Wassermann, Mt. Calvary, LaCrosse

Mr. Chris Avila, St. Matthew’s, Stoddard

Finance Committee

Mr. Kyle Rupprecht, St. John’s, Lewiston (Chairman)

Mr. Charlie, Handy, First Lutheran, LaCrosse

Mr. Bruce Jentz, Immanuel, LaCrosse

Pastor Andrew Schultz, St. John’s, Barre Mills

5. **Gratitude:** Special thanks to Mr. Jon Hahm and Dr. Gregg Henckel for their faithful service on the Board of Control.

6. **Synod Convention Bible Translation Resolutions:** The recent Synod convention passed a resolution not to adopt the NIV 2011 for synodical publications, preferring instead to allow Northwestern Publishing House to use whatever translation judged to be best for any given project. Delegates also decided that a new translation of the Bible would not be done as a synodical project.

7. **Bible Translation at Luther High School:** Luther High School's mission is to serve the congregations of the LHS association. Because that is true, the Luther High Religion Department is reluctant to make any decisions about a specific translation of the Bible for use in the religion classes and worship life of Luther High. What this means for the congregations of our association and parents of future Luther students is this: Without further direction from the Synod (at least 2 years away), Luther High will work with students who are using a number of different translations (some have called this the "eclectic" approach.) Some of our association congregations may choose to use different translations and Luther High School recognizes that there are several solid translations available. We will look for direction from the pastors and congregations of our association for future decisions on the translation matter. For memory work, the religion teachers will provide a print out of the passages, possibly using several different translations, by determining which translation well conveys the Biblical truth being taught. As this matter is a work in progress Luther High School will survey the association congregations for further input and will also include this as part of the discussion for Pastors' Day.
8. **Pastors' Day – November 7** This year Pastors' Day has been scheduled for Thursday, November 7. The focus for our discussion with the Pastors will be Bible translations at Luther High School.
9. **Chapel Auditorium:** The Building Committee summary of the three open forums (faculty and two association) to the committee on July 16. The recommendation of the committee to the Board and ultimately the COD is to form a long range master plan committee with representation from all LHS association congregations.. Responsibilities of this committee are:
 1. Assess the use of the present building room by room,
 2. the immediate and long term maintenance needs and costs of the present building,
 3. the estimated energy and maintenance costs for proposed additions, and
 4. integration of the proposed addition(s) with the old building.
 5. The committee would make its initial report to the COD at its February meeting.
10. **Church Mutual Insurance:** Luther High School will no longer be providing supplemental medical insurance for injuries related to athletics. .
11. **ALHS Chapel/Auditorium Visits**– Several faculty visited Fox Valley, Kettle Moraine, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Cedarburg High School and the La Crosse Community Theater auditoriums to research ideas for Luther's own Chapel/Auditorium. Many ideas were incorporated into a proposed plan by the faculty.
12. **Projectors Installed** – This summer the Band, Choir, & Board Rooms had projectors installed.
13. **Internet upgrades** – faster Internet has been installed to accommodate the increase of computers used in the classrooms

14. **Skyward** – Server was moved offsite to a secure host. Security, backups and updates will now be handled by the host company.
15. **Laptops** – Several variations of laptops will be deployed this Fall into the classrooms. Some that will allow an entire class to each have a laptop and some with just a few that can be shared.
16. **BYOD – Bring Your Own Device** is a proposal to have the students each bring their own electronic devices instead of one being provided by Luther. The faculty is discussing the pros and cons and will work toward a recommendation in the future.
17. **Summer Improvements:**
 - A. Choir room lighting completed. Waiting for final billing and rebate.
 - B. Carpet in Pastor Bilitz' room replaced with epoxy (\$4535.23 cell tower).
18. **Softball Field:** Mr. Ross has raised money to put underground irrigation on the softball fields. This was an approved wish list item. Paul Albrecht and Keith met with Mr. Ross and the installer to go over the layout of the project. The well will supply the water. Volunteers also added a warning track to the varsity field.