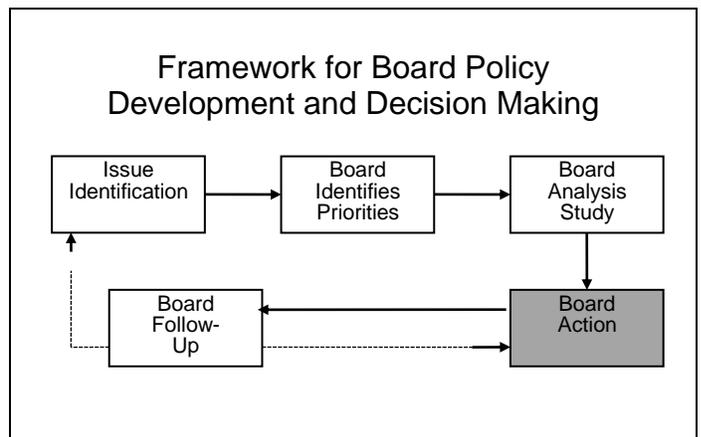


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 14, 2015



Agenda Item: Request for General Accreditation Status for St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School, Ankeny, IA

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

State Board Role/Authority: Iowa Code section 256.11 grants the State Board authority to adopt rules under chapter 17A and a procedure for accrediting all public and nonpublic schools in Iowa offering instruction at any or all levels from the prekindergarten level through grade twelve.

Presenter: None (consent agenda)

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the request to grant general accreditation status for grades K-3 to St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School, Ankeny, Iowa.

Background: St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School will become one of 18 schools in the Diocese of Des Moines. Future plans include adding a grade level each year moving forward.

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School has provided evidence of general accreditation requirements pursuant to 281 Iowa Administrative Code rules 12.5(3) and 12.5(4), including the following:

- Enrollment data by race, national origin, gender, and disability
- Establishment of a school board/governing body

- Receipt of Application for Accreditation (December 29, 2014)
- School calendar
- Elementary school program (e.g., all required content areas and required content specifications were verified)
- Curriculum documents and materials verifying standards and benchmarks for the curricular areas of reading, mathematics, and science including the incorporation of multi-cultural/gender fair approaches, global education, and career education into the educational program
- Professional development
- School Improvement Advisory Committee
- Personnel files (record of newly contracted staff)
- Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and Annual Progress Report will be submitted with 2015-2016 student data
- On or around June 4, 2015, it is anticipated all necessary inspections by authorities having jurisdiction, including the local fire marshal will be completed. The school will provide a written, signed letter from the local fire marshal that the school's facilities meet required codes.
- Beth Happe, School Improvement Consultant, Department of Education, visited the school, along with additional Department of Education school improvement consultants and verified the aforementioned.