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The St. Joseph Catholic Academy is pleased to announce the official formation and election of officers of the board of directors.

At a meeting held last night at Bishop LeBlond High School Campus, the board comprised of nine members voted in Pat Modlin as chair of the board and Ashley Atha as vice-chair.

“Our mission is to provide leadership and support to our teachers and parents to fulfill the Academy's purpose of providing exceptional education and Catholic formation for our children,”

He added that the board members represent school families, parishes and the broader St. Joseph community like professional and school mom Katherine Heater who accepted the position of secretary and Dr. Adam Matthias treasurer of the board.

Other members of the board, Nichole Page, Doug Pearce, Michelle Conard, David Hausman Jr. and Cristina Wiebelt-Smith will head up standing committees and nominate community members to be a part of those groups.

After several years of meetings and collaborations between the Diocese of Kansas City and St. Joseph and the five Catholic campuses and parishes in St. Joseph, Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., bishop, declared the St. Joseph Catholic Academy the administrative umbrella that will oversee all the campuses and operations.

The President of the Academy, Ann Lachowitzer explained the collaboration. “This shift allows deans and teachers to focus on what they do best, educate, and it allows pastors more time to shepherd.”

Since the formation of the Academy July 1, the administration team has hosted town halls and held an open house and blessing of the administrative offices which are located on the Bishop LeBlond Campus.

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