

**SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
11741 IRONTON ROAD  
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

**July 13, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Board Minutes**

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6 p.m. on July 13, 2023. Members in attendance were: President-Drexel Turpin, Vice President-Eva George, Secretary-Jerry Braun and Member Jenell Hoffman. Member Annette Taylor was absent. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Kindra Hovis, Principals Josh Mullis, Bryson Abel, and Audrey Gibson, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman, Michael McNabb, Melanie Hawkins, Tina Sullivan, and Jonathan Sullivan.

The minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting were approved with a 4-0 vote, with Jenell Hoffman making the motion and Eva George seconding the motion.

Lorna Troutman presented trophies to the board from the recent Robotics trips to New Jersey and Houston, Texas.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson presenting various activities the Elementary teachers participated in this past month. Several teachers attended the Minds In Motion Training. This program will be utilized along with our sensory room and will be available for all students PK-12. Some Elementary teachers attended Computer Science training at IU Bloomington. The Shoals booth at the Catfish Festival was visited by many students and families. Several teachers are back in their classrooms preparing for the upcoming year.

Thank you to our maintenance, custodial and summer crew for all the work they have completed over the summer months. Thank you to Amber Daniels for her years of service at Shoals Elementary as an Elementary classroom aide. Mrs. Gibson ended her report with a thank you to Vicki Tichenor for her years of educating our students at Shoals Elementary. Vicki taught 1st grade for 37 years and is a perfect example of a servant educator who poured her love of reading and learning into the minds of so many students. We wish her the best in her retirement!

High School Principal Josh Mullis began his report with Mrs. Allison Taylor and Ms Kindra Hovis had taken some high school students to the IHSAA Student Leadership Conference. Shoals Business Association donated \$300 to the Jug Rox Farm. Several staff met with Mrs. Kelley Wellman-Covey to discuss plans for PBIS this coming school year. Summer School is finished. Mrs. Kari Goodman led the Summer School and was able to help lead some students to credit recovery.

Thank you to Miss Reva Troutman for taking some of our Middle School Beta students to Louisville, Kentucky for Beta Nationals.

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The Middle and High School band students participated in Summer Band Camp in preparation for the Catfish Festival Parade. Thank you to the Middle and High School band for performing in the Catfish Festival Parade. A big thank you to Joel Weitkamp for leading our band students through one last parade.

Mr. Bryson Abel and I recently met with a virtual team to discuss the different options that we have available for our teachers and students with Edmentum. Miss Megan Hawkins, Ms Kindra Hovis, and myself met with Dr. Janet Boyle at Bloomington to discuss items from this past year and some news leading up to this coming year in regards to RECN.

Congratulations to incoming Senior Ikia Wright on being named the 2023 Catfish Festival Queen. Also, incoming 8th Grade student Kyra Shaw was named the Jr. Miss Queen at the festival. Last but not least 2022 Graduate Cheaney Archer was named the Miss Martin County Queen.

Our farm pig, Charlotte, gave birth to 11 piglets last night without much trouble at all.

Middle and High School supply lists have been posted on Facebook. Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will be on Tuesday, July 25th.

Thank you to Mr. Ben Kent and his students for their work in the Rox Center, our new Counseling center. Thank you to the Custodial staff for their efforts this summer. The building is looking nice and ready for the students to come into the building.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel thanked the board for this opportunity and is looking forward to the upcoming school year.

There were no items under Old Business.

The first item under new business was personnel recommendations. A motion to approve the hiring of Melanie Hawkins as Preschool General Ed/Title 1 teacher, Jonathan Sullivan as 4th grade General Ed teacher, Kelsey Hert and Emily Sorrells as Preschool aides, Mallory Waggoner as Multicategory Classroom aide, Jill Jones as substitute teacher, and Kelley Wellman-Covey as full time social worker. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Internal transfers approved were Kallie Fuhrman to 3rd grade teaching position and Aimee Harder to 1st grade teaching position. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve, with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motion approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resignations were Stacey Fox from Autism and Behavioral Consultant and Case Conference Coordinator, as well as Alicia Wildman from the High School Special Education Aide were both approved with a 4-0 vote. Eva George led the motion, with Jerry Braun making a second motion. The Shoals school wishes Mrs. Fox and Ms. Wildman well.

Vicki Tichenor retired from teaching effective at the end of her contract. Jerry Braun led the motion, Jenell Hoffman seconded it, passing with a 4-0 vote. Mrs. Tichenor will be missed and we wish her well in her retirement.

Administrative contracts were approved for renewal for Audrey Gibson, Bryson Abel, Danielle Cornett, and Josh Mullis. Eva George led the motion with Jerry Braun making the second. Passing with a 4-0 vote.

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A stipend for Allison Taylor was approved for the extra athletic Administrative Assistant duties for the 2023-24 school year. The motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, with Eva George seconding the motion, passing 4-0.

The following athletic positions were approved: Rebecca Rollins as JV Volleyball coach, Macey Way as Varsity assistant Volleyball coach, Jayleigh Harger as 7th grade Volleyball coach and Mandi Holt as 8th grade Volleyball coach. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve, with Jenell Hoffman seconding the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

The Athletic department requested the approval of the following All-Sports Passes: Adults-\$110, Senior Citizens (60+)-\$80, and Shoals students wearing Shoals gear will be admitted free to all sporting events. Eva George led the motion, with Jerry Braun seconding the motion, passing with a 4-0 vote.

The Lady Rox Softball program was approved 4-0 to host a women's softball tournament on school grounds August 4th and 5th. This is the rescheduled Catfish Festival tournament. Jenell Hoffman made the motion with Eva George making the second motion.

Family Fellowship Church requested to use the auxiliary gym as a backup for the back-to-school bash on August 5th if there is bad weather. Request was approved 4-0 with Jerry Braun making the motion and Jenell Hoffman seconding it.

Fundraisers approved were the Shoals Band Boosters to set up a food booth on the school grounds during the evening of the fireworks on July 4th, 2023 and the High School Art Department to host a Cookies and Canvas event on July 27 in the school cafeteria. Eva George led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second, passing 4-0.

Grade level caps were approved for the 2023-24 school year. Jerry Braun led the motion, with Eva George seconding and passing unanimously.

Approval of the 2024 budget calendar and permission to advertise the budget when complete was approved 4-0. Eva George and Jenell Hoffman made the motions.

Job Description revisions for the Head Maintenance/Transportation Director, Middle School Secretary/ECA Treasurer/AD Admin Assistant, and the High School Admin Assistant/Attendance & Guidance Secretary positions were approved 4-0. Eva George led the motion with Jerry Braun seconding it.

The Hoosier Uplands Memorandum of Understanding was approved for the after school program. Jenell Hoffman and Jerry Braun made the motions, passing 4-0.

The Board held the first reading of the High School Improvement Plan for the 2023-24 school year.

New construction in the Central Office for an office for the Corporation Treasurer was approved with Jenell Hoffman leading the motion, Eva George making the second, passing 4-0.

The PBIS Contract was renewed with Jerry Braun making the motion, Eva George seconding the motion, passing 4-0.

The following after 4:00 personnel items were approved: Resignation of Ashley Montgomery as Senior Beta Co-Sponsor, Heather Jordan to take Sarah Knepp's maternity leave, Brittney Bushey as the Autism/Behavioral Consultant, Pam McCarty as Primary Resource room teacher, Ruby Harder as Preschool aide and Xaviara Fuartado as Multicategory Classroom aide. Lindsey Robinson will move to Kindergarten as a classroom aide, Amber Daniels has resigned as Title 1

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aide and Roger Wraley is retiring from maintenance assistance after 45 years. Jerry Braun led the motion with Jenell Hoffman seconding the motion passing 4-0. The board expressed appreciation to Roger for his 45 years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

Diana Turpin was also approved as the Special Education Case Conference Coordinator. Eva George and Jerry Braun made the motions. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Drexel Turpin abstaining from voting.

Maternity leaves approved were for Sarah Knepp and Danielle Cornett. Jenell Hoffman and Eva George made the motions. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval to adjust the 2023-24 school calendar to allow students and staff off on April 8, 2024 for the total eclipse event. Students and staff will be in attendance on Thursday, November 9th. Motions were made by Eva George and Jenell Hoffman, passing 4-0.

Additional Fundraisers approved were for the Volleyball team to sell Shoals apparel and for the Cheer team to sell laundry detergent. Motions were made by Jenell Hoffman and Eva George, passing 4-0.

Superintendent Hovis began by sharing that the Shoals Ag Class recently participated at the Shoals Farm & Arts Market by selling pork barbecue lunch plates. They were a huge hit and they sold out in a short amount of time. Ms. Hovis went on to thank all the staff who volunteered at the school booth during the Catfish Festival. The school offered a backpack giveaway and gave out a variety of supplies and goodies. Thank you to Reva Troutman for setting up a school booth at the Martin County 4-H Fair. There were flyers to pass out, free books, free cucumbers from the Ag Department, and a backpack giveaway. Charlotte, one of our pigs from Jug Rox Farm, had a litter of 11 healthy piglets on July 12th. So far, all babies and mom are doing well. Registration is coming up on July 25th from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. We are excited to welcome back our students and have already received a few new enrollments. The first teacher day is Tuesday, August 1st and the first student day is Thursday, August 3rd. A huge thank you to Roger Wraley for all of his years of service to Shoals Community School Corporation. Mr. Wraley is retiring after 45 years of service. Also, thank you to Mrs. Vicki Tichenor who is retiring after 37 years of being an educator for Shoals Elementary. Mrs. Tichenor touched a lot of lives during her time here. Superintendent Hovis closed by thanking Mr. Joel Weitkamp for going above and beyond his contract and leading summer band camp as well as the band in the Catfish Festival. We wish him the best of luck on his new adventure!

Approval to pay claims was led with a motion by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George, passing with a 4-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

*The next Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6 p.m.*