

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

August 10, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6 p.m. on August 10, 2023. Members in attendance were: President-Drexel Turpin, Vice President-Eva George, Secretary-Jerry Braun and Members Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor. 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, Joe and Tina Troutman, and Etta Franklin.

The minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting were approved with a 5-0 vote, with Annette Taylor making the motion and Jenell Hoffman seconding the motion.

Lorna Troutman updated the board that there are currently 30 middle schoolers participating in robotics.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson beginning with grade level enrollments. Preschool has 32 students, Kindergarten has 49, 1st grade has 49 students, and 2nd grade has 47 students. The two largest grade levels are 4th with 58 students and 5th with 61 students.

Many families attended our "Meet the Teacher Night" and the first day of school excitement was in full swing! There are several new teachers and staff in the Elementary. Everyone is stepping up to assist and making this year a phenomenal year for our students!

Mrs. Gibson reported that she had attended a COSMOS/Special Education Meeting with other building administrators. She is excited for the focus on the Elementary and its part in COSMOS this school year. Other updates were grades K-5 will increase their writing curriculum and practice by implementing DEAW (Drop Everything and Write) time each morning immediately following morning announcements. IEP Move in Conferences have been held for new students. Principal Gibson ended her report thanking the area churches for generous donations of school supplies and funds for student and teacher activities throughout the school year.

High School Principal Josh Mullis opened his report stating everything seemed to go smoothly during registration. Shoals High school was named a Beta School of Merit for the 2023-2024 school year. On July 31- school staff were provided with a Professional Development opportunity through Strobel Education. The PD worked with teachers on Building Relationships and Classroom Management.

August 10, 2023

August 1 was our first teacher day and we included teacher's aides if they wanted to come in for the training as well. We started the day with a nice pitch-in Taco Bar and ended the day with our Open House for our families.

Teachers and aides were given training on Fire Safety, Bloodborne Pathogens, DCS information, Minds in Motion information, and an update with PBIS.

August 3 was the first student day. Several students participated in the Senior Sunrise Breakfast hosted by Ellie Roush, Collin Roush, Jayden Harger, and Darrin Jones. This was to celebrate their last first day of school.

Freshmen and Sophomore parent meetings were held in the library to inform them of different items going on with their student and to begin to think about fundraising for events such as prom, graduation, and senior trip.

Ms. Hovis, Mrs. Hert, Mrs. Wellman-Covey, Mr. Abel, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Cornett, and I hosted a meeting with the Family Health Center, formerly known as the Samaritan Center, to discuss updates and changes that have come within their organization.

We had Junior and Senior parent meetings in the library to inform them of different items going on with their students here at school and to begin to think about fundraising for events such as prom, graduation, and senior trip. Another meeting was held for the parents whose student is taking either an AP or Dual Credit College class. This gives the parents a better understanding of what to expect for their child in these classes as well as a reminder of when and how to transfer the credits at the end of the year.

Mrs. Gibson, Mr. Abel, and myself went to Mitchell on August 8th for a very informative meeting dealing with updates in Special Education.

Principal Mullis recognized Mr. Kent and Ms. Hawkins for working tirelessly to bring water lines to the barn. Also, Jon Haulk and his family donated feed for the Shoals Farm animals. Tom Harker and his family donated bales of straw for the pigs bedding and the gardens

A huge thank you to Bo-macs for treating all staff members corporation wide with a coupon to receive a free milkshake.

Mr. Mullis also recognized MDW Associates, a Crane contractor based out of Huntsville, Alabama, including 20 local employees, in particular Sara Stoll, for launching a hygiene drive to help us supply our students with hygiene products for our Rox Requests.

Congratulations to our very own, Erin Cage!! She was recognized by the CELL (Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning) at University of Indianapolis for completing 18

August 10, 2023

graduate credits. Ms. Cage is now a credentialed instructor who can teach dual credit Spanish classes. We are proud of her accomplishments and grateful for her contribution to our school! Last month Miss Megan Hawkins and Ms. Kindra Hovis attended the SREB Making Schools Work Conference in Orlando, Florida. Miss Hawkins was asked to speak and she presented very well on the topic of COSMOS. Mr. Mullis finished his report that the high school will begin to offer tutoring from 3:10-4:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays in the high school library.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel began his report by welcoming everyone. The Middle School is off to a great start this school year! Our new 6th grade teachers, Mr. Emerick and Mrs. Tyler, are adjusting well and also off to a great start. Several families and students attended *Meet the Teacher Night* and visited classrooms. Most importantly students were able to try their lockers and combinations.

Our Benchmark Assessments are currently underway. We currently have 41-6th graders, 37- 7th graders, and 60- 8th graders for a total of 138 Middle School students. Mr. Abel thanked Mrs. Danielle Cornett, Mrs. Allison Taylor, Mrs. Kelley Wellman-Covey, Mrs. Diana Turpin, and Ms. Brittney Bushey for everything they have done these 6 days. They've been working very hard for our students. Mrs. Hoffman's health class had an "eggsperiment", testing out the effects of soda and coffee on your teeth by using eggs submerged in the liquids.

Mr. Abel also thanked Ben Kent and shop classes for helping get the Athletic Fields ready for games. The first MS Soccer game was this evening, August 10th. He also thanked Larry Hembree for his help with maintenance issues in the Middle School.

Mr. Abel recognized Caleb Belcher and friends for the donation of equipment for our kids to use outside, plus the monetary donation. Mr. Abel wished nothing but success for Caleb at IU law school. Mr. Abel ended his report with a big thank you to the teachers, staff, administration, and Shoals Community members for creating such a positive environment for our youth.

Old business approved was the High School school Improvement plan. Eva George made the motion and Jerry Braun seconded the motion, passing with a 5-0 vote.

The first item under new business was personnel recommendations. A motion to approve the hiring of Emelia Yanez as high school resource teacher's aide, Crystal Tyler and James Emerick as 6th grade teachers, and Larry Hembree as interim maintenance director. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve, with Eva Geoge making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Internal personnel approved were Deanna Hert as Cafeteria Assistant manager, Kevin Brett and Warren Albright as substitute bus drivers, Anita Letterman and Dennis Elliott as substitute custodians, and Dejah Watson as K-2 Aide at the Homebound school. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, with Eva George making the second motion. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Other personnel approved were Deanna Hert from Cafeteria co-assistant manager to cafeteria assistant manager going to 40 hours/week with school insurance, but no pay increase, Jocelyn Harder for a \$2.00/hour pay increase for extra responsibilities, Beth Hembree for an additional .50/hour for additional duties in the cafeteria. Cafeteria substitutes recommended for approval were Etta Franklin, Ellen Hampton, Jeff Hudson and Linda Cooper with a 5-0 vote. Jerry Braun led the motion, with Jenell Hoffman making a second motion.

August 10, 2023

Stipends for Sarah Sexton for completion of additional Early Childhood Training and Certification and Pam Doane for Preschool Family Assistance were approved. The motion was made by Annette Taylor, with Eva George seconding the motion, passing 5-0.

Dual Credit Classes, teachers and stipends were approved: Jerry Braun led the motion to approve, with Annette Taylor seconding the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Club sponsors approved were Cassie Phillips-Middle School Academic and Spell Bowl teams, Reva Troutman for Middle School Beta, Heidi Hoffman-Middle School Student Council and Media, Cammie Sanders-Shoals Grounds and Shoals Ink-student ran T-shirt shop, Terra Boyd as Science Club Sponsor, Dennis Dahlen-Newspaper Sponsor, Wesley Stephenson-Chess Club Sponsor and IMPACCT Club Sponsor, Erin Cage as Mentor Teacher for Precious Rhea for 2023-24 school year, and Spanish Club Sponsor. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, with Eva George making the second, passing unanimously. High School grade level sponsors approved were Freshman Class Sponsors: Erin Cage, Precious Rhea, Tina Rue, and Wesley Stephenson. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, and Eva George seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Sophomore class sponsors approved were Terra Boyd, Megan Hawkins, and Cammie Sanders. Sponsors approved for the Junior class were Jessica Hert, Sarah Knepp, and Brian Smith. Senior class sponsors are Dennis Dahlen, Ben Kent and Kari Goodman. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve, and Jerry Braun seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Other sponsors approved were Megan Hawkins for Senior Beta Club, Jessica Hert, Terra Boyd, and Brian Smith for Haunted House sponsors, and Junior Prom sponsors approved were Jessica Hert, Kelley Wellman-Covey and Brian Smith. Eva George led the motion, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing unanimously.

Additional sponsors approved were Tina Rue for SADD Club, Megan Hawkins for FFA, Jonathan Holt for Junior Class Concessions, Cassie Phillips for Senior Spell Bowl and Academic Super Bowl, and Erin Cage and Tina Rue as Co-Sponsors of the Rox Readers Club. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve, Annette Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Students approved to be CTE interns were Brady Lents, Keaton Brett, and Gage Gilbert. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, Eva George seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Fundraiser approved were for the Junior Class to sell mums provided by Eichmiller Farms August 7-18, FFA to sell discount cards December 1, 2023-March 8, 2024, and the Middle School Volleyball team to sell Volleyball t-shirts July 28-August 31. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve, Jenell Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Field trips approved were for the second graders to go to Marengo Cave on November 3, and the second grade to Westgate March 14, 2024. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve, and Eva George seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A small storage shed to house outdoor preschool playground equipment was approved. This will be paid for out of PreK grand funds. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, and Jerry Braun seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2023 Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy (TAG) was approved. Eva George led the motion to approve, Jenell Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

August 10, 2023

Approval of the gyms for upcoming volleyball events with Chris Scott of LCVC was granted. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve, and Annette Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Shoals School and Lost River Career Cooperative regarding the CDL program was approved with Annette Taylor leading the motion to approve, seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The motion passed unanimously.

The following after 4:00 personnel items were approved: Precious Rhea to receive the Summer Band and Choral Director stipend for the 2023-24 school year. Recommendation was approved with Jenell Hoffman making the motion, Eva George, making the second. The motion passed unanimously. Addy Johnson and Collin Campbell to be CTE interns for the 2023-24 school year. The following substitute teachers were approved: Gerald Montgomery, Tim Sanders, Heather Jordan, Caylin Waggoner, Joey Rehl and Chris Boswell. Kimi Cundiff was approved as Kindergarten classroom aide and Bill Whorral as Elementary classroom volunteer for grades 1 and 2. Eva George led the motion to approve, Jenell Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Additional personnel approved were Gage Gilbert as intern for the COSMOS UpSkill program, Joe Troutman as the maintenance assistant, and the following SROs (School Resource Officers) were approved: Larry Gibson, Jonathan Wells, Wes Baumgart, Ryan Hawkins, Max Fischer, and Dylan Erwin. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, Eva George seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Approval of Danielle Cornett's job description as School Testing Coordinator/Dean of Students/Co-Athletic Director was approved 5-0. Eva George led the motion with Jerry Braun seconding it.

Additional Fundraisers approved were High School Girls' Basketball to ask for donations from the community/family members to support them during basketball season for items needed during the season, SPA to host the Craft Show on November 3 and 4th, the High School Shop/Ag classes for the annual fruit sales. It will be blueberries this year. The High School Shop class to sell wood products and other items the students have made at Hindostan Days on October 7, and the High School Class of 2027 to sell JugRox yard signs and JugRox sport/band signs August 14-28th. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve, Jerry Braun seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Additional trip requests were the High School Ag Department to Daviess County Farm Fair September 14th, the Shop Class to Hindostan Days October 7 to sell items and have kid's games, the Early College and Internship Program to Martin County Fairgrounds August 24 for the Martin County Job Fair, and the Engineering Class to Crane Westgate September 13. Eva George led the motion to approve, Annette Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Girls' Basketball Camp to be held in September for grades 1st-8th was approved. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve, Eva George seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Staff Wellness Wednesdays focusing on staff wellness as a whole was approved. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve, Eva George seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Resignations approved with a 5-0 vote were Dwight (Dave) Turner from his cafeteria position and Briana Wagler from Elementary Special Education teacher. Eva George led the motion to approve with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion.

August 10, 2023

Superintendent Hovis began by welcoming everyone to the new school year. She was excited to state that as of Friday, the school corporation was up in enrollment by 29 students compared to our spring ADM count. As students returned to school, they were greeted with a fresh look in the cafeteria. The cafeteria crew worked really hard on turning the room into a farm-friendly environment to go along with the farm-to-school program that has begun. Ms. Hovis was also excited to state that because Shoals High School has an Early College program, the corporation will receive a substantial amount of funding through an academic performance grant this next school year and for years to come. Speaking of Early College, Megan Hawkins, Early College director, was invited to present at a conference in Orlando, Florida about community partnerships and small rural schools. She also touched on our newly endorsed Early College program. Superintendent Hovis congratulated Mrs. Sarah Knepp on the recent birth of her baby girl. She also thanked the SROs who work on their days off from the sheriff's office in order to ensure the school has an officer present. She closed by thanking the local churches and Bo-Macs for donating items to our staff and to all those who jumped in to ensure school got off to a smooth start.

Approval to pay claims was led with a motion by Eva George seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6 p.m.