

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**September 20, 2023**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Board Minutes**

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. on September 20, 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, Etta Franklin, Michelle Norris and Joseph Trahan.

The minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting were approved with a 5-0 vote. Annette Taylor made the motion with Eva George seconding the motion.

Lorna Troutman addressed the board regarding an Indiana Department of Education Grant for the Robotics teams. The Rock Stars are going to participate in "Pop Up Art Galleries". They have visited the Jasper Art Museum to get ideas about the galleries. They will also be passing out discount cards to veterans, and will have a booth at Hindostan Days.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson sharing Elementary activities that have been going on the past few weeks. There have been many classroom activities and everyone is getting settled into their daily routines. Student groups such as Student Council, Spell Bowl, and Beta have started. Several staff members have attended CPI and CPR classes held onsite.

Elementary students have enjoyed fresh produce from Jug Rox Farm during their school lunches. Thank you to all cafeteria staff and our Agriculture department for all of their efforts in providing these opportunities for our students.

We have several Elementary students participating in Middle School Girls and Boys Soccer, and Cross Country.

The Elementary School has kicked off their annual fundraiser with Paragon Promotions. All proceeds will go towards student activities and classroom materials. 2nd grade hosted Planting with Grandparents on September 8, 2023, grades 3-5 will host Grandparents on Friday, September 22. Several Elementary classrooms have been utilizing the Minds In Motion Room each day. Minds in Motion is a program that uses movement and brain integration, jump-starts the brain's neural pathways to help children maximize potential by building a better foundation for learning and equips them with the tools for success.

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We welcome Mrs. Alisha Bailey as our Intermediate Resource teacher. Mrs. Gibson also thanked ROI for a donation of \$28,000 to our Elementary digital fabrication lab The ROCK.

Upcoming Elementary events will begin with Mrs. Gibson attending the ICASE Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education. The 4th grade will be attending Fall Farm Day on October 3, and there will be an Elementary Fall Fun Day on October 6th.

Middle School Principal, Bryson Abel, began his report stating the NWEA TESTING is all complete! Thank you to all of my teachers for all of their hard work on this. Tutoring is going on in full force as well. Thank you to Mrs. Wininger for creating data tables to help student growth and needs!

Manufacturing Day Field Trip for 8th Graders will be September 29th. They will tour Gold Bond, Country Pines, Red Fox Cabinets, and J & R Tools. Our 8th grade students will also be attending JA JobSpark in Evansville. This program helps jump start students in our future workforce. 7th grade Project ASPIREE Students will also be attending JA JobSpark in Evansville.

Middle School student council elections were completed. Students made slogans and posters! Mrs. Hoffman has been hard at work getting this started.

Students have been enjoying extra time outside during lunch for good behavior throughout the week.

Students in Middle School Health learned about internet safety from the SRO's, and CPR from the school nurses. Mrs. Wininger's Basic Skills class got the opportunity to assist Mrs. Harder's 1st grade class for their art class with Mr. Whorrall.

A new weight lifting class has been established during Rox Solid. It has been well received. Thanks to Mr. Emerick for taking over the training for the class.

Thank you to the Odon and Shoals Jay C stores for the donation of water to the school during the current water boil for Shoals.

High School Principal Josh Mullis opened his report speaking of the many activities over the past few weeks. The activities/events mentioned were Mrs. Hert, Ms. Hovis, and Mr. Mullis had met with representatives from Ivy Tech. On August 16 the High School hosted an ECA Fair during Rox Solid. This was an opportunity for all of our students to see all of the clubs and activities that we offer in hopes that every student has a chance to find something that interests them. Also on August 16, Mr. Abel, Mrs. Cornett, and Mrs. Mullis attended the Fall Blue Chip Meeting in Montgomery. REMC recently donated hygiene products and T-shirts. We appreciate their willingness to always assist.

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We recently had a meeting with a Lifetouch representative regarding what their company could potentially offer us in terms of school pictures and yearbook options. We want quality but we also want the picture packages to be affordable for our families. On August 31, a rally was held to unveil where the MS and HS PBIS award winners would go at the end of the year. MS students with 1000 points will go to Urban Air and HS with 1000 points will go Bowling and to a movie. Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Rue, and Mr. Mullis attended the Fall RECN Networking meeting in Plainfield recently. Also, this past week, Mr. Abel, Mrs. Cornett, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Mullis took 8 High School students to North Daviess for the Fall IHSAA Meeting for Principals and Athletic Directors.

Bill Willis from Q-100 radio talked to our 8th Grade and Junior students about the importance of Liberty Day. We appreciate him and the local Lions Club for continuously sponsoring this program. Ms. Greene and Mr. Mullis attended a luncheon in Loogootee that gave a lot of great information on suicide prevention, suicide warning signs, and how to help those in need after a crisis like this.

High School Agriculture students attended the Daviess County Farm Fair this past week, and they were able to showcase what we do at Shoals. I truly believe we consistently raise the bar for Agriculture Education in the area. Jostens has met with our Seniors to talk about ordering supplies for graduation in May.

A huge thank you to Mr. Bill Whorral for providing the funds and the Construction students for providing the labor towards a new sink in the Art Room.

Our Agriculture and Construction teachers and students continue to bring positive energy and attention to our schools for their hard work and unique opportunities they provide.

There was not any Old Business to address. New Business recommendations began with personnel. New employees approved were SonBlossom Summerton as Homebound Teaching Assistant for the 2023-24 school year, Danela McCarty as substitute teacher in the Elementary, Deanna Smith as substitute teacher and substitute nurse, James Shields as substitute SRO, Shirley Holt as substitute custodian, Lisa Baker as full time custodian and Alisha Bailey as Intermediate Resource teacher. Eva Geoge led the motion to approve, with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

Other personnel approved were Mike Cooper as volunteer for cafeteria and athletic department and Judy Harty as cafeteria cook. The following were approved to assist Mrs. Rhea with her band students: Hank Wintczak, Jeff Colvin, Joyce Kim-Rhorer and Amy Hamm. All are former band directors at area schools. The recommendation to bring back the Indiana University College Advising Corps position for the 2023-24 school year, as well as the recommendation to approve

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Joseph Trahan as the advisor was approved. Jerry Braun led the motion, with Annette Taylor making the second. Recommendations were unanimously approved.

Brad Sims was approved as volunteer Boys' Basketball coach. Amanda Hannah as School Counselor, and Larry Jones as cafeteria worker. Approval was made to post the High School Special Ed teaching assistant position that is open. Jenell Hoffman led the motion, with Jerry Braun making the second. Motions passed 5-0.

Athletic coaches approved were Ashton Berry as 6th Grade Girls' Basketball, Kenady Bratton as 5th Grade Girls' Basketball, Amy Money as volunteer Girls' Basketball, Charlie Rollins as volunteer Girls' Basketball, Xaviara Fuartado as Middle School Cheer and Deanna Hert as Elementary Cheer Coach. Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman made the motions to approve. Motion passed 5-0.

Additional coaches approved were Al Crutchfield for Varsity Boys Assistant Basketball, Chris Reed for Boys' C-Team Basketball, Nick Robbins, Tim Howell, Lisa Sanders, Chad Cundiff, and Chad Gibson, all for Boys' Basketball Volunteer coaches, Evan Stoll and Cody Douglas for 6th Grade Boys' Basketball, and Sam Perry for 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second. Motion was approved 5-0.

J. D. Turpin was approved as 5th Grade Boys' Basketball coach. Jerry Braun led the motion, Annette Taylor made the second. Motion passed 4-0-1, with Drexel Turpin abstaining.

The following resignations were approved with a 5-0 vote. Jerry Braun made the motion with Annette Taylor making the second. Dejah Watson-Wright from Homebound teaching assistant, Kristy Day from Special Ed teaching assistant, Krista Turner from cafeteria, Jessica Hert from School Counselor, and Prom sponsor. Kelley Wellman-Covey from Prom sponsor.

Club sponsors approved were Dennis Dahlen as Yearbook sponsor for 2023-24, Leeza Adams as Elementary Student Council sponsor, Amanda Turpin as Elementary Spell Bowl sponsor, Kari Goodman and Reva Troutman as co-sponsors of Dungeons and Dragons Club, Reva Troutman and Kenady Bratton as Prom sponsors for the 2023-24 school year. Eva George led the motion to approve, and Jenell Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Internal transfer of Emelia Yanez to Elementary Resource teaching assistant was approved 5-0. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Jerry Braun making the second.

Fundraisers approved were the Middle and High Schools to sell trash bags, and the Shop-Engineering classes to sell Country Meats. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jerry Braun making the second. Motions passed 5-0. Additional fundraisers approved were Beta Clubs to sell concessions when other groups cancel or for special events, the High School Rockettes asking Families/Friends to sponsor the team, Sophomore Class to sell food items from Rasbury, Giving Bean and Marion Kay Spices, and the Class of 2027 to sell Hilltop Candles. Eva George led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second. Motions passed 5-0. Also, the Family and Consumer Sciences Department will sell Thanksgiving foods in October and November. Motion was led by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing 5-0.

Field trips approved were FFA to Dubois September 19 for FFA Soil Judging practice, 8th-12th grades Bands to Bloomington, on September 23, 2023 for IU Band Day, and the Multi-cat room, K-8th, to Evansville Ford Center on November 14, 2023 to attend the Evansville Thunderbolts

Education Day. Eva George and Annette Taylor made the motions. Motions passed 5-0. Additional field trips approved were FFA to Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds September 12, 2023

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for FFA Skillathon Contest, Athletic Committee to North Daviess for the IHSAA Fall Principal Meeting which was held at Casa De Sevilla September 19, 2023, and the Robotics team to Martin County Fairgrounds to receive the MCCF Grant fund on September 20, 2023. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second. Motion passed unanimously. Additional field trips were Media Pubs to VU Jasper September 21 for a Josten's sponsored workshop for yearbook construction & theme development, Middle School Spell Bowl team to Barr-Reeve September 27, 2023 for Blue Chip Academic Spell Bowl Meet, Kindergarten to French Lick Railways and Martin State Forest, September 29, 2023, 8th Grade to Loogootee Middle School for the Manufacturing Day and tour of area businesses on September 29, 2023, 7th Grade Project Aspiree students to JA Job Spark at Vincennes University on October 24th, 8th grade to JA Job Spark on October 25, 2023, and FFA, grades 9-12, to Indianapolis November 2-4, 2023, for the National FFA Convention. Eva George led the motion with Jerry Braun seconding it, passing 5-0.

A stipend was approved for Megan Hawkins to receive for the Senior Robotics for 2023-24.

Miscellaneous items approved were the ECA yellow bus driver pay to increase to \$15 per hour. Also approved was the selling of old athletic equipment and uniforms. Jerry Braun and Annette Taylor led the motions which passed unanimously.

The 2024 Budget Report was presented by Superintendent Hovis. Approval will take place at the October School Board meeting. HB 1608 was approved 5-0 with Jerry Braun and Eva George making the motions. The Crisis Management Plan was submitted for the First Reading.

Shoals Junior/Senior Prom has been set for Saturday, April 6, 2024. Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman led the motions, which passed unanimously.

Superintendent Hovis announced that she has started doing a classroom spotlight on the corporation's Facebook page in order to showcase all of the amazing things that the district is doing. Her goal is to showcase one classroom per week in one of the three buildings. On Monday & Tuesday of this past week, Ms. Hovis & SRO Deputy Wells attended an active shooter certification course in French Lick. They will now be able to properly train other staff and community members on how to respond to an active shooter situation. Next week, board president, Drexel Turpin, board secretary Jerry Braun, and Superintendent Hovis will be attending the annual Indiana School Board Association conference in Indianapolis. On Wednesday of that same week, Ms. Hovis and Mrs. Gibson will be attending a special education conference for school administrators. A huge thank you went out to the Martin County Community Foundation as they once again provided a very generous award of \$20,000 that will be put towards phase 1 of an outside recreational facility and the installation of lights to our outside athletic fields. Our vision is to construct an outdoor recreational pole barn facility that will allow not only more practice space but will provide an indoor walking area for students, staff, and community members for when there is inclement weather. It will also house our weight room to free up potential space for additional classrooms. Ms. Hovis stated that the painting of the bus barn is now complete and looks great. This was paid for by a grant. She also wanted to thank Jay-C of Shoals & Odon for donating cases of water during the recent boil advisory. The school was unable to use its water source, so cases of bottled water were donated to ensure every student had water. She also thanked the cafeteria staff for adjusting their menu each day and making it work. That was not an easy task to do. Ms. Hovis

thanked her administrative team for keeping the school afloat during the times she was out. She stated that Shoals is blessed to have an amazing administrative team and she is very grateful for

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them. She closed by thanking Mr. Kent and his shop class for constructing and delivering picnic tables to Westgate at Crane. She received compliments on the tables and the delivery of them.

Approval to pay claims was led with a motion by Eva George seconded by Jerry Braun passing with a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The board thanked the staff who puts in the extra time sponsoring clubs and events. The board appreciates the time and effort the staff contributes to the clubs and activities.

***The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6 P.M.***