

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

January 11, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm on January 11, 2024. Members in attendance were President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Jerry Braun, Member Jenell Hoffman. Member Annette Taylor, was absent. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Kindra Hovis, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, Middle School Principal Bryson Abel, Corporation Secretary Darla Holt, and School Counselor Mandy Hannah. The patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman , Ian French, Kyndall French, Adi Brown, Leeland Ryan, Bentley Smith, Eyan Hovis, Zach Brown, Tristan Zollars, and Troy Zollars.

The first call to business was the reorganization of the Board of School Trustees. Drexel Turpin was nominated by Jerry Braun for President. Motion was seconded by Eva George. The motion passed with a 3-0-1 vote with Drexel Turpin abstaining. Nominations for Eva George as Vice President were made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braunr, motion passing with a 3-0-1 vote with Eva George abstaining. Nomination for Jerry Braun as Secretary was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George. Motion passing with a 3-0-1 with Jerry Braun abstaining.

The next order of business was for the Board of Finance. Motion was made by Eva George to appoint all members to the Board of Finance. Motion was seconded by Jenell Hoffman. It was passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion to set meeting dates and times for regular meetings during 2024 was made by Jerry Braun and seconded by Eva George, passing with a 4-0 vote. Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution for Board Member pay at \$109 for regular meetings and \$60 for special and executive meetings was motioned by Jenell Hoffman and seconded by Jerry Braun. It passed with a 4-0 vote.

Appointment of Treasurers for 2024 was led with a motion by Eva George and seconded by Jerry Braun. It passed with a 4-0 vote. The following were appointed: Kendra Wright-Corporation Treasurer, Darla Holt-Corporation Deputy Treasurer, Allison Taylor-Jr/Sr High ECA Treasurer, Pamela Doane-Elementary ECA Treasurer, and Tammy Cooper Florio-Cafeteria Treasurer.

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Motion to approve the bonding of the previously appointed treasurers for the 2024 calendar year was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Jenell Hoffman passing with a 4-0 vote.

Investments were reviewed.

Nominations for Drexel Turpin as President of the board of Finance and Jerry Braun as Secretary of the Board of Finance was led by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 4-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on December 14, 2023 was motioned by Eva George and seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The minutes were approved with a vote of 4-0.

Lorna Troutman gave an update on the Rox Stars Robotics team. The students in attendance did a very good job with their presentation to the board regarding pop up art galleries and their recent Cupcakes and Canvas fundraiser. They will be traveling to Indianapolis this week, along with RoboRox and Roxbots teams for the state tournaments. There were no other comments from patrons.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson stating the students and staff enjoyed a great holiday break! The second semester began on January 3, 2024. Report cards were recently sent home. Several intermediate grades students excelled academically this past semester with 3rd grade having 9 on Honor Roll and 7 on High Honors, 4th grade had 30 on Honor Roll and 17 on High Honors and 5th grade had 28 on Honor Roll and 16 students on High Honors!

Mrs. Gibson complemented Mrs. Renee Childress and Mrs. Oliva Knight on the wonderful environment they have created in the Whole Child classroom. Mrs. Gibson thanked Mrs. Jennifer Guinn for all of her work updating materials in the Elementary library.

Jug Rox Make a Difference Day is scheduled for March 28, 2024. The Elementary will begin SOR (Science of Reading) coaching this week with Strobel Education.

Mrs. Gibson thanked Mrs. Sandra Hovis, 4th grade Title 1 Aide and Mrs. Leeza Adams, 3rd grade teacher, for their time educating our students here at Shoals Elementary. We wish them the best of luck on their new endeavors.

Middle School Principal, Bryson Abel, began his report with 19 students having all A's and 28 students with A's and B's for the first semester.

REMC met with our 6th graders about Camp Kilowatt. Students will get the chance to learn about energy while also connecting with other students outside of our area. Jostens will be at the Middle School on January 25th to talk with our 8th graders about their commitment to graduate.

Mr. Abel thanked Ms. Mandy Hannah for all of her hard work. Mr. Able congratulated Mrs. Julia Harper on her new position and Mr. Scott Carr on being named interim band teacher.

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The first item under new business was Personnel recommendations with the resignations of Leeza Adams as Third grade teacher and Sandra Hovis as 4th grade Title 1 Aide. A motion to approve the resignations was made by Jenell Hoffman seconded by Eva George, approved with a 4-0 vote.

The following personnel changes were approved with a 4-0 vote. Jerry Braun led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion: the resignation of Joanna Hamptom from the cafeteria, transferring to Title 1 4th grade Aide, the resignation of Precious Rhea from Band director, recommendation to hire Montanna Kocher as 3rd grade teacher, Ashley Phillips as Preschool Aide, and Emily Sorrells to transition from a preschool aide to substitute teacher for preschool for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year.

Other personnel approved were Denise Sanders as temporary 3rd grade teacher until Mrs. Kocher begins January 29, 2024, Troy Zollars as High school Principal, Scott Carr as interim band director for the remainder of this school year, and Allen Crutchfield as Varsity Baseball coach. Eva George led the motions with Jerry Braun making the second, passing with a 4-0 vote.

Also approved was the request to hire an additional Special Education aide for the Whole Child classroom. Motion to approve was led by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 4-0 vote. Request for Ms. Myrna Greene to receive a stipend for her work as Title 1 coordinator was approved unanimously, with Jerry Braun leading the motion and Eva George making the second.

Field trips approved were the High School Robotics to the following competitions: to NE Dubois February 3, to Greenwood Middle School February 17 and to the University of Indianapolis March 9. The High School Early College classes for college visits were also approved. A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun and passed with a 4-0 vote. Another field trip approved was for the 5th graders to Westgate for the Engineers in Training workshop, then to Los Bravos on February 14. Eva George and Jenell Hoffman made the motions. It was approved 4-0.

Superintendent Hovis recommended the approval of the 2024-2025 school calendar. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman and seconded by Eva George with a 4-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis requested the Transfer of Appropriation Balances. Motion to approve was made by Eva George with Jenell Hoffman seconding the motion, passing with a 4-0 vote.

Motion to approve the cancellation of outstanding checks was made by Jerry Braun seconded by Eva George, passing 4-0.

Requests for the Shoals Summer League board to host annual meetings and Saturday morning sign ups in the High School lobby, along with the request to complete the LED light project through Energy Harness were both approved 4-0. Jenell Hoffman made the motion and Eva George seconded

An Addition to the High School handbook had its first reading.

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The annual letter from the Shoals News was received and reviewed by the board.

Superintendent Hovis began her report by stating that everyone has returned from winter break and has settled back into a routine. The school welcomed Mr. Scott Carr as interim band director and noted that he is doing an excellent job at stepping right in and ensuring the band department continues to flourish. She also welcomed soon to be high school principal, Mr. Troy Zollars. Mr. Zollars comes with twelve years of high school administrative experience. He is known well for school safety and school discipline. Over winter break, Jug Rox Farms welcomed a new litter of piglets. The primary students enjoyed a visit from them this past week. Next week Ms. Hovis & school counselor, Ms. Hannah will attend training on the new CEO program that is being launched in Martin County. This is a unique partnership between area schools and local community businesses. This will be a new course that is offered through the school where business partners provide funding, meeting space, business tours, and one to one mentoring for students who are interested in becoming future entrepreneurs. Ms. Hovis closed by wishing the RoxStars, RoboRox, and Roxbots the best of luck as they compete in the state tournament next weekend in Indianapolis. All three robotic teams advanced to state from semi-state recently.

Approval of the Leave Accounting Reports for December 2023 was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George, passing with a 4-0 vote.

A motion to pay claims was made by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting will be February 8, 2024.*