

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

April 11, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 11, 2024. 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, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, Middle School Principal Bryson Abel, High School Principal Troy Zollars, Mandy Hannah, Amy Money and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman, Jeff Jones, and Etta Franklin.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on March 14, 2024 was motioned by Annette Taylor and seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The minutes were approved with a vote of 5-0.

Lorna Troutman addressed the board regarding the Shoals Robotics program. Plans are being made to possibly host a robotics tournament in February 2025.

High School Principal Troy Zollars began his report that the 2024-2025 class schedules have been completed. Freshmen Orientation was well attended with diploma information being discussed. Tim Bauer, the Dual Credit Liaison, from Vincennes University spoke about Early College. Mr. Zollars thanked Ms. Hovis, Ms. Hannah, Amy Money, Kari Goodman and Ben Kent for their part in making the evening a success. The Prom was well attended and all had a good time. He gave an update on Senior Awards night May 13, with the dinner at 5 pm and the awards ceremony at 6 pm. Graduation will be Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

Audrey Gibson, Elementary Principal, began with reporting that the Jug Rox Make A Difference Day was a huge success. Several Elementary students and teachers participated in this annual event. Thank you to our community sponsors for their contributions to make this day possible. Shoals Elementary celebrated our Paraprofessionals this past week. They make such a difference in the lives of our students and teachers. Thank you for all that you do! Several Elementary teachers have registered for the Keys of Literacy Courses. ILEARN testing will begin April 15th for grades 3-5. Preschool Registration will be Friday, April 19th.

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Shoals Elementary will be celebrating Administrative Professionals the week of April 22nd. We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Pam Doane in the Elementary office. End of the Year PBIS events have been planned. Thank you to Mrs. Kelley Wellman for her work with this program. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Bauer for her generous donation of bicycles for students in grades PK-5. All students will be entered into a drawing per grade level for a brand new bike. Thank you, Lisa, for your continued support of our students and school.

Middle School Principal, Bryson Abel, began his report regarding sports physicals earlier this month. All went extremely well. The testing celebration has been moved to April 29 following ILEARN testing which began Monday, April 15.

On May 1, Mr. Abel will be taking the 8th grade to Victory Field in Indianapolis. Midterm date is April 17 with progress notes being sent home April 18. Next year's classroom schedules have been set. Congratulations to Brylei Butler who was Student of the Month. Jug Rox Make A Difference Day was a huge success in the Middle School also. This was the first year the Middle School was able to participate. The Beta Induction went very well.

Under Old Business was the approval of the new Weapons Policy, and the Shoals Community School Police Force Establishment. Eva George made the motion to approve with Jerry Braun making the second. The vote was unanimous.

The Revised Disciplinary Code for the MS/HS 2024-2025 handbook was tabled until the May board meeting.

The first item under new business was the following personnel recommendations: the resignation of James Way, Aimee Harder as volunteer Assistant Softball coach. Annette Taylor led the motion, Jerry Braun made the second motion. Motion passed 5-0. Also approved were Brooklyn Jones as Assistant Softball coach, Sean Lents as volunteer Baseball coach, Jonathan Sullivan will transfer to 5th grade for the 2024-2025 school year and Christin Johnson will teach STEM to grades K-6 and manage the Elementary Digital Fabrication lab for the 2024-2025 school year. Tracie Stuckey was approved as full time second shift custodian and Saben Holt as substitute custodian. John Gore was approved as volunteer Golf coach. The voluntary termination of Brian Doug Wagoner was also approved. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second. Motion to approve passed with a 5-0 vote. Kevin Scott Hert, Sr. was approved as cafeteria sub, as well as Daniel Turpen as Assistant Soccer coach for the 2024-2025 school year, and Mary Smith as volunteer in various areas. Annette Taylor made the motion to approve with Eva George seconding it. Motion carried unanimously.

Field trips approved were the High School Engineering class to Crane for the Science Fair April 5, 2024, the High School Softball team to IU Bloomington for an IU softball game

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March 30, the Student Ran Business Club to Brown County Schools to network with other school ran businesses on April 11, 2024, the High School Rox Readers to the Evansville Willard Library April 12, 2024, the High School PBIS end of the year reward to Washington for a movie and bowling April 25, 2024, the 5th grade to Vincennes University to tour the campus May 7, the Elementary PBIS end of the year trip to Paoli Rock-N-Bowl May 13 and the 4th grade to Crane for a Stem program on May 16, 2024. A motion was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Eva George and passed with a 5-0 vote. Additional field trips approved were the Middle School Student Council to the Loogootee Recycling Center April 17, the High School Ag students to Fischer Farms April 17, and the 3rd grade to Spring Mill State Park May 15, 2024. A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Facility usage requests were from Road Star Driving School to conduct Driver Education classes May 21-June 4 with Mr. Scott Fishback as the teacher, the Junior Beta Club to hold a Bingo Night May 9 in the cafeteria and the Senior class to hold a Senior campout May 16 on the school grounds. Jerry Braun led the motion with Annette Taylor making the second. Motions were approved 5-0.

An 8th grade Volleyball Tourney at Shoals on July 20, 2024 was approved. Jenell Hoffman led the motion and Eva George seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Fundraisers approved were Junior Beta Club to hold a Bingo Night on May 9, High School Baseball team to hold a dinner & silent auction April 12, Elementary Beta to conduct various fundraisers April 8-June 14. Vote was 5-0 to approve with Eva George leading the motion and Jerry Braun making the second motion.

Other business approved was for Elementary to purchase a K-5 UFL Science of Reading Curriculum. Annette Taylor made the motion with Jenell Hoffman seconding it. Motion approved 5-0. Medicaid Billing Vendor changed from PCG to Relay for Medicaid Billing, the Special Education Administrative Assistant to be changed to a 12 month position, and to change from Innovative Fire and Security to Koorsen Fire and Security. An MOU was also approved to partner with IU for the College Advising Corps program. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions. Motions passed unanimously.

Superintendent Hovis began by stating the success of freshmen orientation, which was held on March 28th. Several families attended to hear about graduation requirements, learn about Shoals' Early College program, and build freshman schedules. Mr. Zollars and Ms. Hannah did a phenomenal job with presenting the information in a way that made the transition a smooth one for students and their families. Jug Rox Make A Difference Day was another successful event this year as many students went out and about throughout the community and participated in a variety of community service projects. Our younger students remained on campus and assisted in trash pick up, barn cleaning, flower planting, and other items that were needed around the school. On April 3rd, a new piece of playground equipment was dedicated in memory of Shoals 5th grader, Kyndale Qualkenbush. Kyndale loved dragonflies and butterflies, therefore a new dragonfly seesaw was installed. Her family and classmates were able to join us for the

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dedication ceremony. Students were lined up the next day at recess to try out the new addition. Mr. Kent was recently invited to present at a conference in Nashville, TN this summer regarding Jug Rox Farms and how he has taken the program from a classroom setting to a hands on approach. Ms. Hovis was recently invited to present at an Early College Summit this summer and Ms. Tammy Cooper and Megan Hawkins were invited to present at a local food show next month. Ms. Hovis stated how great it is that Shoals Schools are being recognized and sought out by various organizations on all of the exciting things that are happening at the school. Shoals School will be the host site for a county wide safety commission meeting next month. Mr. Zollars and Mr. Kent have worked hard at ensuring the staff are up to date on safety measures, such as handling crisis events, and ensuring that every classroom is equipped with first aid kits. Additional safety training is planned in the next few months. COSMOS will be hosting its annual special track & field event on April 26th. This is always an exciting day for our resource students. Shoals alumni, Nick Sanders and Nathen Storey, employees of NSWC Crane, recently provided several pieces of prototyping and fabrication equipment to the Shoals Shop Class for future work and potential partnerships. Ms. Hovis closed by thanking all of the paraprofessionals for all of their hard work in the classrooms in honor of Paraprofessional day this last week. She also thanked the administrative assistants for maintaining the day to day functions of each office and gave a special thank you to her administration team for ensuring the success of the school.

A motion to pay claims was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Jenell Hoffman passing 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2024.*