

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

REGULAR SESSION

**HIGH SCHOOL BOARDROOM (ROOM 305)
7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

June 20, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 20, 2024. 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, High School Principal Troy Zollars, Middle School Principal Bryson Abel, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Elementary School Principal, Audrey Gibson was absent. Community patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman, Etta Franklin, and Ethan Jones.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on May 14, 2024 was motioned by Eva George and seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The minutes were approved with a vote of 4-0.

Lorna Troutman spoke briefly regarding the Shoals Robotics program. Board member Jenell Hoffman also spoke concerning the school cafeteria staff providing lunch at the Shoals Public Library. She commended the cafeteria staff for a job well done, and was very appreciative of the program.

High School Principal Troy Zollars began his report regarding the Master Student Schedules being set up by himself and Guidance Counselor, Ms. Amanda Hannah. The High School is still in need of a FACS (Family and Consumer Science) teacher for the upcoming school year, as well as a Special Education teaching assistant.

Mr. Abel reported that he has seen students out enjoying their summer break at ball games and various other fun activities. The Middle School Beta students recently attended the National BETA Conference in Savannah, Georgia. The Middle School is also looking into a Special Education Middle School teacher.

Audrey Gibson, Elementary Principal, was not present but did submit a report on recent happenings in the Elementary. Shoals Elementary Summer Camp was held the last two weeks of May. It was well attended each day by students in grades K-5. Students participated in STEM activities, mathematical challenges, reading skills, and arts and crafts. Principal Gibson gave special thanks to all teachers and staff who assisted with organizing and providing our students with a fun enrichment program, to several Middle and High School students for being group leaders and assisting the younger students, to the Shoals cafeteria staff for providing breakfast and lunch each day for our students and

families. She also thanked parent volunteer, Mrs. Jessica Hert, for providing a fun Summer Cookie design activity for all students.

All IREAD 3 Summer retests were completed. Thank you to our third grade teachers, Mrs. Kallie Fuhrman and Miss Montana Kocher.

Teachers are jumping right into Summer Learning by attending educational workshops and training. Shoals Elementary teachers attended a week-long professional development at Indiana University for Computer Science training. Vincennes University hosted The Science of Reading Symposium on Tuesday, June 18th. The event provided informative knowledge about the Science of Reading. Teachers attended break-out sessions and were able to sit in on presentations from former Shoals educators, Kelly Otero and Lisa Ader-Miller.

Several Elementary students are spending time this summer attending Shoals athletic camps and open gym practices. Thank you to the High School coaches and players for hosting these opportunities for our students.

Fourteen Shoals Elementary Students attended the National Beta Convention in Savannah, Georgia June 14-16. Students represented Shoals Elementary, their community, and county by participating in various activities and challenges. Thank you to Elementary Beta sponsor, Ms. Kindra Hovis, for organizing the trip and to the parents and families for all of their assistance in making it a successful experience for our students. Mrs. Gibson thanked Susan Sewell on behalf of Shoals Elementary for her time as SLP for Shoals Community Schools. Principal Gibson ended her report stating the 2024-2025 Classroom lists that will be available at registration in July.

There was not any Old Business to discuss.

The first item under new business was the following personnel recommendations: approval to hire Kathy Kerr Overton for 6th grade teacher, Colton Gibson as cafeteria intern, and Christopher Boylan for High School Special Education teacher. The following resignations were approved: Susan Sewell from Speech Language Pathologist, Olivia Knight from Elementary teaching assistant, and Brandi Gilbert from High School Special Ed teaching assistant. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion. Motion passed 4-0. Also approved was the hiring of Jalen Wildman as summer intern Technology assistant and Haylie Wright as teaching assistant for Padanaram Homebound school. Jerry Braun led the motion with Eva George making the second with a 4-0 vote. Other personnel approvals were the resignation of Kim Bridges from Special Ed Middle School aide and the approval of Jill Jones as High School Administrative Assistant/Guidance Secretary. Jerry Braun and Eva George made the motions, which passed 4-0.

Facility usages were approved for the gymnasium to be used as a backup for the Catfish Queen contest and the 3 on 3 basketball tournament in case of rain during the Catfish

Festival, and for the Youth Softball to use the softball facilities for practices and games. Eva George led the motion to approve with Jenell Hoffman making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

A Basketball Shooting Camp July 16 and 17 for grades 1-8 was approved, as well as a Summer Basketball Camp for grades 1-8 on July 23-25. Jerry Braun and Jenell Hoffman made the motions to approve which passed unanimously.

Field trips approved were the Middle School and High School Band members to Holiday World Friday, June 28 and the JugRox Robotix to IU June 29 for the 2024 FTC Off Season Event. Eva George made a motion to approve with Jerry Braun seconding the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Fundraisers approved were for the Volleyball team to hold a car wash June 15. Vote was 4-0 to approve with Jenell Hoffman leading the motion and Eva George making the second motion. Another fundraiser approved was for the Jug Rox Robotix team to sell Jug Rox Robotix Support signs during the Catfish Festival. Jerry Braun and Jenell Hoffman led the motions to approve which passed 4-0.

A donation was accepted from Jim Potts for the Softball program. Jerry Braun and Jenell Hoffman led the motions. Motions passed 4-0.

Other business was the first reading of the Wellness Policy. A Preschool stipend letter was approved by the board. Motion passed 4-0 with Eva George and Jenell Hoffman making the motions.

The following Memorandum of Understandings were approved unanimously: Title 1 Agreement with Hoosier Uplands Head Start, Vincennes University Department of nursing Clinical affiliation Agreement and the 2024-25 NLCC Operating Agreement. Jerry Braun led the motion with Eva George making the second motion.

There was also a request to have a pressbox built at the Softball/Soccer fields using grant monies. Approval was made to begin the grant process with a 4-0 with Jenell Hoffman and Eva George making the motions to approve.

Superintendent Hovis began her report by stating that several summer projects are occurring. For instance, classrooms and the nurse's office have received new flooring, which has all been done by Mr. Kent & the maintenance crew. The high school is currently getting waxed, and several classroom doors in the middle and high school buildings are being repainted. The outside of the building is getting power washed, along with sidewalks, and outside windows are being repainted. A huge thank you to Larry & Joe for bringing back the summer maintenance crew with students; this was a big undertaking. Phase 1 of the paving project is almost complete. Ms. Hovis would like to extend the playground parking lot area and install a new entrance/exit for safer pickup and drop-off for students and parents. The National Beta Convention was a fun learning experience for our students. A big thank you to Reva Troutman for ensuring that her middle school students got to participate and to the parents who assisted me with fourteen elementary students who attended. Some competitions had close to 100 schools competing. Congratulations to Shoals 5th grader Ida Butler for placing 9th in Visual Arts. Also, the

Shoals Elementary Beta Club placed 5th out of 73 schools in the scavenger hunt competition. Thank you to Mr. Kent for driving the middle school students' bus down and back at the last minute's notice. The school is preparing for the annual Catfish Festival, and several staff members are working at our school booth. We will be handing out patriotic goodies along with free books. On June 5th, a team of Shoals administrators and teachers attended the Rural Early College Network summit in Plainfield, Indiana. Miss Megan Hawkins and Ms. Hovis were both asked to present on separate topics at the summit. Mr. Kent was recently asked to present at a farm-to-school conference in Danville and invited to present about the Shoals agriculture program next month in Nashville, TN, at a national conference. Superintendent Hovis closed by stating that several teachers have been busy on their summer break, attending various professional development workshops and learning new techniques to use in their classrooms. She thinks it is wonderful that teachers are dedicating their time off to learning new strategies and bringing them back to school.

May's Leave of Accounting was approved 4-0 with Jenell Hoffman and Eva George making the motions. Motion to pay claims was approved with Eva George and Jenell Hoffman making the motions with a 4-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2024 at 6 p.m.*