

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

September 18, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2024. 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, Middle School Principal Bryson Abel, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, Interim High School Principal, Daniel Wolford, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman, and Ethan Jones.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on August 8, 2024 was motioned by Jerry Braun, seconded by Eva George. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The public hearing of the proposed Superintendent contract was held. The public hearing regarding the 2025 budget was held.

Community Patron, Lorna Troutman, informed the board that Robotix received two grants.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel began his report on field trips. Manufacturing Day Field Trip for 8th Graders will be September 27th. They will tour Gold Bond, SC Draperies, Loughmiller and Red Fox Cabinets. Mr. Abel, Mrs Cornett, Mrs. Taylor, and Mr. Wolford attended the IHSAA Principals meeting on 9/17 with some of our student athletes. 6th grade and 8th grade went to WestGate for Science and Stem. Students had a wonderful time and we're very thankful to WestGate for allowing us to be a part of their program!

Other Middle School happenings were Jacelyn Erwin being selected as Student of the Month, who received a LuluLemon bag. Tutoring letters and schedules have been put in place. Letters will be going home soon. Parent Teacher conference papers have been sent home with parents already calling in to book their students time slots. This week, 8th Grade STEM worked on a Paper Airplane Precision Challenge and experimented with aerodynamic principles and air resistance. Akira Haycraft was the winner. 6th Grade ELA enjoying their classwork outside on the school patio.

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Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began her report thanking Zach Eichmiller and Eichmiller Landscaping, LLC for the great fundraiser for the Elementary School. The Elementary raised over \$8000! Top sellers were Callie Covey, Lucy Erwin and Teagan Dawson. All students were rewarded with sno- cones during recess for all their hard work.

5th grade students had guest speakers from medical professionals and local providers, Mr. Jonathan Cropp and Mrs. Kristina Troutman on Friday September 6th. Thank you to School Nurse, Mrs. Nikki Brett for organizing this event.

Elementary teachers and students have been hard at work on implementing writing standards each morning and utilizing a new reading curriculum. Students in grades K-3 have been incorporating UFLI Literacy. UFLI (University of Florida Literacy Institute) is a research and evidence based literacy program that provides intense support in phonemic awareness, decoding, and oral reading fluency.

Elementary students have been earning PBIS points and weekly rewards for making positive choices. Thank you to Amy Money and Kelley Wellman-Covey for helping in creating a great reward system that aligns with each grade level in the Elementary. STEM for grades K-5 is going very well. Ms. Hickman has begun a music class for PK students. Also the Multicat Special Education and the Whole Child classrooms now have their own activity classes as well as with their classrooms.

Upcoming events in the elementary are College Go Week, Martin County Farm Fair, Picture Day, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Fall Field Day, Fall Break, and Red Ribbon Week.

On behalf of Shoals Elementary, Mrs. Gibson expressed condolences to Mrs. Pam Doane on the passing of her mother, Sandra Young. Our thoughts are with Pam and her family during this difficult time.

Under Old Business the amendment to the Preschool policy was approved with a 5-0 vote. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve with Jerry Braun making the second motion. The cafeteria's Self-Certify Procurement policy was tabled at this time.

The first item under new business was the approval to hire Christina Gardner as Middle School Special Education Assistant and Study Hall monitor, and Robert Fisher as High School Special Education Aide. Eva George led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motions were approved 5-0. Also approved were the following athletic positions: Brittney Fuhrman as volunteer Cheer coach, Xaviara Fuartado as Middle School Cheer coach, Ava Perry as Athletic student intern, Andy Purdue as 5th grade girls' Basketball coach, Tyler Marshman as 7th & 8th grade Girls' Basketball coach, Mike Fischer and Bryson Abel as volunteer girls' basketball coaches, Cody Douglas as 5th grade boys' Basketball coach, Tony Taylor as volunteer 5th grade boys' Basketball coach and JD

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Turpin was approved as 6th grade boys' Basketball coach. Also approved was Kevin Brett as substitute bus driver. The following High School sponsors were approved: Tina Rue-Rox Readers, Senior Activities-Ben Kent, Megan Hawkins, and Tina Rue; Prom-Reva Troutman, Sarah Sexton, and Ethan Adams; The Haunted House-Myrna Greene and Terra Boyd; Freshman Class-Jeff Gee, Kari Goodman and Theresa Holt; Sophomore class-Erin Cage, Wes Stephenson and Tina Rue; Junior Class-Cammie Sanders, Scott Carr, and Chris Boylan, and Senior Class-Dennis Dahlen and Brian Smith. Janna Albright, Hannah Cook and Lucas Howell were approved as student CTE interns. Daniel Wolford was approved as interim high school principal and Kallie Fuhrman was approved as interim school counselor pending a replacement is found in third grade. Motion passed unanimously with Jenell Hoffman and Eva George leading the motions. Jessica Hert was approved to serve as a training consultant for Mrs. Fuhrman and to fill in until she can begin her duties. Eva George led the motion to approve with Annette Taylor making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0. The Board also approved Madison Burkhead as a substitute teacher. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0. The resignation of Amanda Hannah per Agreement was accepted and approved. Jenell Hoffman and Eva George made the motions, which passed unanimously. The resignation of Troy Zollars per Agreement was accepted and approved. Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman led the motions which passed 5-0.

The following preschool events were approved with a 5-0 vote with Jenell Hoffman leading the motion and Annette Taylor making the second motion: Gingerbread with Grandparents on December 20, Pre-K Parent/Teacher conferences February 28, 2025, and Luau With Loved Ones May 2, 2025.

Several fundraisers were approved with a vote. They were Shoals Shop to take year-round orders and sell items they make, High school Art Department to sell staff t-shirts, Sophomore class to sell Cinnamon Rolls from Karen's custom Kandies, Coffee from Giving Bean and Spices/Seasonings from Marion Kay, Class of 2025 to sell Merkley Meats, High school Cheer team to sell laundry items and trash bags, High school Rockettes to accept calendar donations, Middle School to sell Big Splash/Wilstem tickets, all levels of girls' basketball teams to request donations from family, friends and community members, High School STEM/Beta to sell school discount cards and Lady rox Track and Field team to sell t-shirts. Jerry Braun led the motion with Annette Taylor making the second. Motions passed 5-0.

Field trips approved were for the Ag Department to Elnora Antiques show Sept. 6, JugRox Robotix to IU MESH Hall Sept. 7, Juniors to Victory Field in Indianapolis, Sept. 11, high school Healthcare students to area Healthcare facilities once per month throughout the school year, FFA to the Daviess County Fairgrounds Sept. 12, FFA to VUJC Career Fair Sept. 13, 6th and 8th graders to Purdue at Westgate Sept. 18, JugRox Robotics to the

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Martin county Community Building Sept 18, high school students to the COSMOS college Fair at Mitchell Sept. 20, 6th graders to the Martin County Museum, Shoals Ballpark and the Jug Rock on Sept 20, FFA to North Daviess High School Sept 25, Kindergarten to the French Lick railway and Martin State Forest Sept 26, the 8th graders to see the Evansville Thunderbolts Oct. 20, to Evansville Job Sparks Event Nov 8, the Junior Beta to Evansville Nov. 14 and the High School Beta to Evansville Nov. 16. Jenell Hoffman made a motion to approve with Eva George seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0. An additional trip approved was for high school students to go to the Lawrence County Fair Grounds Nov. 21. Eva George led the motion to approve with Jerry Braun making the second motion. Motions passed unanimously.

A Memorandum of Understanding with Hoosier Uplands for the after school program was approved pending a date correction. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jerry Braun making the 2nd motion. Motion passed 5-0

The proposed Superintendent's contract for 2024-2027 was approved unanimously. Jenell Hoffmann and Eva George made the motions.

Superintendent Hovis began by welcoming Mr. Daniel Wolford, the new interim principal. She stated that he had hit the ground running in his first week here and has seemed to settle in well with the students and staff. Teachers have been sharing the exciting things occurring in their classrooms for the school classroom spotlight each week, showcased on the school's Facebook page. Something new this year that the staff is working on is establishing a committee of representatives from each building to serve as a welcoming committee to new employees and to showcase staff throughout the corporation. Next week, the Shoals News will publish a bid notice to accept bids for the FEMA safe room project. This project is on schedule and hopes to be completed by next fall. It will house two classrooms, restrooms, and a storage area. It will also serve as a community safe room in severe weather. Ms. Hovis stated she plans to expand the parking lot near the track. Parking is cramped during athletic events, and this expansion will help alleviate that issue.

Ms. Hovis was excited to announce that a news media from Indianapolis has reached out to complete a story on Shoals High School and its success with CTE, especially in the agriculture and construction trades programs. The news outlet stated that based on recent data published by the state, Shoals stood out due to a significant increase in students earning concentrator status over the last few years. Our agriculture students were asked again to present at the Daviess County Farm Fair and represented our school exceptionally well. Ms. Hovis and board secretary Jerry Braun will attend the annual ISBA fall conference in Indianapolis next week. Count day is right around the corner, coming up on October 1st. Superintendent Hovis gave Damien Holt a shout-out for all his hard work in the IT department. Damien is taking on a lot while the director is attending college classes, and he has stepped up and done an exceptional job at it. She also thanked Jessica Hert for assisting in the guidance department until an interim can begin and Amy Money for filling in wherever needed, especially in the elementary office the last few weeks. She closed by giving condolences to Mrs. Pam Doane on the loss of her mother. She also noted that the October board meeting has been moved to October 24th at 6:00 pm.

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Leave accounting for July and August was approved unanimously. Eva George and Annette Taylor made the motions.

Motion to pay claims was approved with Jenell Hoffman and Jerry Braun making the motions with a 5-0 vote.

The board expressed appreciation to Larry Hembree and Joe Troutman for all the much needed facility improvements and repairs that they have taken on this past year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6 p.m.*