

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

May 14, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 14, 2024. In attendance were President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, and Members Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor. Secretary Jerry Braun was absent. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Kindra Hovis, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, High School Principal Troy Zollars, Mandy Hannah, Amy Money and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Middle School Principal, Bryson Abel was absent. Community patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman and Etta Franklin.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on April 11, 2024 was motioned by Annette Taylor and seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The minutes were approved with a vote of 4-0.

Lorna Troutman addressed the board regarding the Shoals Robotics program. Plans are being made to host a recruitment event.

High School Principal Troy Zollars began his report with a very successful Senior Decision Day. Several school, businesses and community representatives completed mock interviews. The day was rounded out with Decision Day celebration, Senior Advice panel to the Junior Class, refreshments and outdoor activities. Senior Awards night was Monday, May 13 beginning with a meal catered by Carla's Catering, followed by several students receiving scholarships at the awards ceremony. Senior Graduation practice and hallway walk-through were held.

AP testing is complete, with scores being returned in July. A special thanks to Mrs. Tina Rue and Mr. Jonathan Holt.

The High School Internship program will be revised for the upcoming school year with higher standards in place. Shoals had 4 students to be offered a part of the ROI Indiana Uplands Youth Apprenticeship Program, which is highly competitive and works to place students in positions that will be an opportunity for them to continue working throughout college breaks. One Shoals student was offered an internship at SAIC, which is the most competitive apprenticeship placement offered.

The Administration recently attended the County Safety meeting. Our local law enforcement was updated on our evacuation procedures, Alice Training, and the School

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Guard app. The app has been well received from area law enforcement regarding the Corporations use of the app on their phones. Graduation was held Saturday, May 18 at 2 pm.

Audrey Gibson, Elementary Principal, began with reporting that Grades 3-5 have finished state testing. She thanked all staff. All staff were treated very generously during Teacher Appreciation Week, with lunches provided daily along with other donated items.

5th grade students visited Vincennes University on May 7th. Students were given a brief tour of campus and visited the student recreation center where they went bowling. Preschool Graduation, and 5th Grade Graduation and Family Picnic were held on Friday, May 10th. Classroom and grade level awards were presented. PBIS End of the year reward trips and events were a big hit with students. Grades 3-5 Attended Paoli Rock N' Bowl, Grades K-2 had inflatables.

Kim Hickman hosted the annual Elementary Spring music program, "'Singin' Down Country Roads.'" It was a great turnout and even a special guest, Miss Dolly Parton, (*4th grade student, Lyla Sexton*) was in attendance. Mrs. Gibson thanked Ms. Hickman for an amazing program! Principal Gibson also thanked Grant Sherfick and Jessica Hert from H&H Hometown Hardware for providing students with popsicles for a fun end of the year treat!

Students participated in Field Day on May 16th. A special event took place at noon during field day. Mrs. Lisa Bauer has provided bicycles for students at Shoals Elementary. All students in PK- 5th grade had their name entered for a chance to win a bike. The Awards Program for grades 3-4 was held Friday, May 17th.

Elementary Summer School Camp will be May 20th-31st with no camp Monday, May 27 due to Memorial Day.

Under Old Business the Revised Disciplinary Code and Dress Code for the Middle School and High School 2024-2025 Student Handbook was tabled until next month.

The first item under new business was the following personnel recommendations: the resignation of Sarah Knepp from the Family and Consumer Sciences position, and the resignation of Bridgette Bush from Middle School Special Education Aide. Rhonda Sanders was approved as Assistant Varsity and JV track Coach for the current school year. Eva George led the motion to approve with Annette Taylor making the second motion. Motion passed 4-0. Also approved was the resignation of Chase Butler from Technology Director. The following sports volunteers were approved: Basketball-Olivia Jordan, Taylor Turpin, Mackenzie Perry, Amy Money, Megan Hawkins, Sam Perry as Girl's Assistant Volunteer Coach, and Haley Fischer. Volleyball-Jayleigh Harger, and Soccer: Andy Purdue, Olivia Jordan, and Mackensie Perry. Also approved was the

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Summer Maintenance Student crew: Dayson Bauernfiend, Chloe Holt, Emily Ballinger, Trendon McGuire, Isiah Wininger, and Jayden Jones. Summer Maintenance employee crew approved are Reva Troutman, Karen Ray, and Olivia Knight. Summer Student Ag Crew consists of Mason Baugh and Kyle Wininger. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Eva George making the second. Motion to approve passed with a 4-0 vote. Other personnel approvals was for Scott Carr as Band Director for the 2024-2025 school year, the following sports volunteers- Maliki Bridges for summer Boys Basketball, Maggie Shaw, Alyssa Howell, and Gracie Shaw as Summer Girls Basketball coaches, and Jace Walton was appointed Interim Technology Director through August 2, 2024. Annette Taylor and Eva George made the motions, which passed 4-0.

Stipends approved were for Ashton Berry to receive a Preschool Director stipend, and Science of Reading stipends to be distributed to K-3 teachers upon completion of online courses, with the Science of Reading grant to fund the reading stipends. A stipend for Pam Doane was also approved. Sandi Kidwell was approved as an additional Elementary Summer School teacher. Annette Taylor led the motion, with Jenell Hoffman making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Field trips approved were the Middle School PBIS end of year award recipients to Urban Air, the High School Ag class to the Indiana State Fairgrounds August 4, the 2024-25, the Ag Class to Daviess County Fairgrounds September 12, and the High School to Crane Westgate January 27, 2025 for STEM activities. Eva George made a motion to approve with Annette Taylor seconding the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Use of the softball field for the Women's Catfish Softball tournament July 5th-7th was approved. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions. Vote was 4-0. The Shoals Summer League also requested use of the Softball field June 28th-30th for the Shoals Youth All Star Tournament. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor led the motions. Motion passed 4-0.

The Varsity Girls Basketball team will host games on June 24th. Also a basketball camp for 1st-6th grades girls will be held the second week of June. Both were approved with a 4-0 vote. Annette Taylor led the motion and Eva George seconded.

Fundraisers approved were Junior Beta Club to hold a Summer Cookies and Canvas on May 23, the Lady Rox Soccer team to hold a car wash during the Catfish Festival July 3rd-7th, and High School Cheerleader to sell children's cheer uniforms May 13th-31st. Vote was 4-0 to approve with Eva George leading the motion and Jenell Hoffman making the second motion.

Other business approved was for the Corporation to submit a Flex Waiver for the Title 1 grant, which would make it possible for the school to receive extra funding for the upcoming year. Eva George led the motions, with Jenell Hoffman making the second. Motion passed 4-0. The board also approved to begin construction with the funds that were awarded through the FEMA grant. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions. Motion was approved unanimously.

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Superintendent Hovis began by thanking all the community sponsors who donated items last week in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. School staff enjoyed a special luncheon each day provided by Carla's Catering, Hawkins Health, PBIS, the administration team, SPA, and Memorial Hospital & Healthcare. On Monday evening, several seniors and their families enjoyed a catered dinner before an awards ceremony to honor their accomplishments throughout their high school careers. Several seniors received scholarships from various organizations. On Saturday, Shoals High School will graduate 56 seniors. Ms. Hovis commended the work of Ms. Hannah for staying on top of students to ensure they reached this special day. Over the past school year, Superintendent Hovis has showcased a classroom on the corporation's Facebook page each week. She thanked all of the teachers for sharing their work with the community. A shout-out was given to the PBIS coordinator, Mrs. Kelley Wellman-Covey, for getting the program back up and running again. Students are excited to receive points and enjoy spending them in the school store every Wednesday. Mrs. Wellman-Covey organized end-of-year events for students who reached a certain threshold. Ms. Hovis thanked Chase Butler & Sarah Knepp for their years of service to the IT & FACS departments. Friday, May 17th, will be the student's last day, and the teachers will end their year on Monday, May 20th. She wished everyone a safe, relaxing summer break!

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting date to be determined.*