

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

July 11, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 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, High School Principal Troy Zollars, Middle School Principal Bryson Abel, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, Amy Money, Jonathan Sullivan and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. The only community patron in attendance was Steve Rhea.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on June 20, 2024 was motioned by Eva George and seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The minutes were approved with a vote of 5-0.

High School Principal Troy Zollars began his report with updates on the scheduling.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel began his report congratulating Ada Gibson for being crowned Pre-Teen Queen and Autumn Butler for being crowned Junior Miss Queen at our town's Catfish Festival. Mr. Abel thanked Mr. Scott Carr, Shoals Band Director, for taking the Middle/High School bands to Holiday World and for participating in the Catfish Festival. He expressed his appreciation regarding the band boosters, robotics and the Shoals school having tents at the Catfish Festival as well. Mrs. Crystal Tyler, Middle School teacher, recently completed training at IU for Social Studies. She was able to secure 60 textbooks for the Middle School as well. Principal Abel especially thanked the Maintenance Department, the Custodians and the Summer Crew for all of their hard work getting our school ready for the upcoming school year.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began with student registration, which will be Wednesday, July 17 from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. School supply lists are posted on the School website. They should also be at area Walmarts. Teachers and staff have upcoming opportunities for on site or virtual training. Principal Gibson thanked the maintenance, custodial staff and the student summer crew for all their hard work.

Under Old Business the Wellness Policy was approved 5-0. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion.

The first item under new business was the approval to hire Jacqueline Esch for the Middle School Special Education teacher. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motions were approved 5-0. Also approved were the following for Athletic positions: Kathy Overton as Middle School Cross Country Coach and High School Varsity Assistant Cross Country Coach, Rebecca Rollins as JV Volleyball Coach, Mandi Holt as 8th grade Volleyball Coach and Kaley Roush and Abbey Fuhrman as 6th grade Volleyball Coaches. Also approved was Todd Baker to serve as the Martin County CEO Program. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Annette Taylor making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0. Also approved was Saben Holt as a food service employee and Sarah Sexton as High School FACS teacher. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second with a 5-0 vote. Becky Riggins was approved as Elementary Special Education Resource Aide. Jerry Braun led the motion with Eva George making the second motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Textbook fees for the Elementary, Middle School and High school were all approved with a vote of 5-0. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion.

Facility usages were approved for the Martin county Patient Services to use the practice gym. The date will be determined later. Annette Taylor made the first motion with Eva Eva George making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Field trips approved were for the second graders to Marengo Caves November 8, 2024. Jenell Hoffman made a motion to approve with Eva George seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Fundraisers approved were for the Elementary BETA to sell prepackaged school supply kits July 12-August 2. Vote was 5-0 to approve with Eva George leading the motion and Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. An additional fundraiser approved was a Daddy/Daughter Dance sponsored by the Boys Basketball team. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve which passed 5-0.

A donation was accepted from the Shoals United Methodist Church for unpaid student fees. Annette Taylor and Jerry Braun led the motions. Motions passed 5-0.

Other business was the first reading of the Wireless Communication Device Policy and the first reading of the Athletic Handbook.

The following Memorandum of Understandings were approved unanimously: The Stepping Stones Group for our DHH Consultant for the 2024-25 School year, the 2025 budget calendar along with permission to advertise the budget when complete. Eva George led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Also approved were the grade level caps for the 2024-25 school year, approval to add Senate Enrolled act No. 282 into all Building handbooks under the Attendance Policy, and approval to renew the PBIS contract with Martin County Community Corrections. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion. Motions approved unanimously.

The following cafeteria vendors were approved: Wabash Food Service, Prairie Farms Dairy, Commercial Foods, and B & B Distributors. Eva George and Annette Taylor made the motions with a 5-0 approval vote.

A Shoals Drama Performing Arts Club was approved with Mrs. Alisha Bailey as the sponsor. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Eva George making the second motion. Motions were approved 5-0.

A stipend was approved for the Athletic Director Assistant with Jenell Hoffman and Eva George making the motions. Motions approved unanimously. The board approved Ben Kent to remain on a 260 day contract for summer maintenance crew and to maintain the school farm. Jerry Braun and Eva George led the motions which were approved unanimously.

The Shoals Preschool was approved for a pilot program for a social and emotional curriculum for preschool age children. Eva George led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second. Motions carried 5-0.

Superintendent Hovis began by thanking those who worked at the school booth during the Catfish Festival. Several people visited the booth, signed up for our backpack and hoodie giveaway, and received a free book. The school will have a booth at the county fair this next week and will have another giveaway. Thanks to Mr. Kent, Miss Troutman, and the summer maintenance student crew, the old locker rooms are getting a lift. They are receiving a new paint job, textured ceilings, and the benches are being restored. All of the classroom doors in the middle and high school buildings received new paint as well. Ms. Hovis & Mr. Kent recently presented in Nashville, TN, at a national SREB conference regarding the success of Shoals' agriculture and construction trades program. Registration for the upcoming school year will be on Wednesday, July 17th, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. The staff is excited to welcome back the returning students and any new students to the district. The new year is fast approaching, with teachers beginning on August 1st and students returning on Monday, August 5th.

June's Leave of Accounting was approved 5-0 with Eva George and Annette Taylor making the motions. Motion to pay claims was approved with Jenell Hoffman and Eva George making the motions with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2024 at 6 p.m.*