

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

August 8, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 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, Amy Money, Ben Kent, Lindsey Douglas, Rebecca Rollins and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. High School Principal Troy Zollars was absent. Community patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman, Jennifer Boswell, and Ethan Jones.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on July 11, 2024 was motioned by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jerry Braun. The minutes were approved with a vote of 5-0.

Community Patron, Lorna Troutman, informed the board that the first Robotics meet will be August 23, 2024. The board wished them well.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel began his report with the Middle School Split Lunch being a huge success. Middle School staff has been going above and beyond what is expected of them. Principal Abel recognized several staff members. He gave special thanks to Allison Taylor, Danielle Cornett, Diana Turpin, Kelley Wellman-Covey, and Brittney Bushey. Without them our first week would not have been the success that it was.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began her report with grade level placement of teachers and teaching assistants. She thanked the Maintenance and Tech department for ensuring everything was ready to go for the first day of school. Principal Gibson reported on grade level enrollment numbers. The teachers and students have been busy going over routines, classroom expectations and learning new routines. An Elementary goal Mrs. Gibson is incorporating this year a daily Drop Everything And Write Time each morning. Mrs. Gibson closed by thanking Mrs. Shannon Burch for her years of ensuring students at Shoals had a great educational foundation, and wished her the best in her new adventure.

Under Old Business the Athletic Handbook, and the Wireless Communication Device Policy were all approved 5-0. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion.

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The first item under new business was the approval to hire Becky Ramsey for the Cafeteria, Reva Troutman as the Middle School and High School Girls' Soccer Coach. Also, the resignation of Shannon Burch was accepted. The Board expressed thanks and well wishes to Mrs. Burch. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Jerry Braun making the second motion. Motions were approved 5-0. Also approved were the following substitute positions: Mary Ellen Baker, Kristy Day, Denise Sanders, Chris Boswell, Tim Sanders, and Cole Hovis. These internal transfers were approved: Lindsey Douglas as first grade teacher, Molly Tharp as 5th grade long term substitute teacher, Emily Sorrells as primary Title 1 aide and Kelsey Hert as 2nd grade Title 1 aide. Cassie Phillips was approved as Middle School/High School Spell Bowl and Academic Team sponsor, Heidi Hoffman as Middle School Student Council sponsor, and Heather Jordan as Middle School Resource Teaching Assistant. Michael Exline was approved as substitute custodian, with Kimberly Stroud as a Whole Child Classroom Aide, Mary Smith as classroom/school office volunteer, and Kennedy Salmon as 4th grade Title 1 aide. Eva George led the motion to approve with Annette Taylor making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additional personnel approved were Ethan Adams as part-time welding instructor & part-time maintenance assistant, Mary Beth Brett and Warren Albright as substitute bus drivers, and Jace Walton as Technology Director. Motion passed unanimously with Jenell Hoffman and Eva George leading the motions. Approval for Brian Smith to receive a stipend for additional duties added to his contract. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve with Jerry Braun making the second motion. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

The following was approved with a 5-0 vote with Jerry Braun leading the motion and Annette Taylor making the second motion: The SRO is a PERF covered position, Kemily Wininger, Isiah Wininger, and Mason Kerr as student interns, Danela McCarty as SLP monitor, and back pay to the current school nurse. A salary increase for the school nurse was also approved with Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor making the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

Sherri Braun was approved as part time primary Title 1 aide, with Eva George leading the motion, and Annette Taylor making the second motion. Vote was 4-0-1 with Jerry Braun abstaining.

Additional personnel approved were Jason Hennette as SRO and Josh Harmon as substitute SRO. Eva George led the motion to approve with Jenell Hoffman making the second, passing with a 5-0 vote. The Board thanked the Loogootee Police Department for their willingness to work with the school to make this possible. Pam Doane was approved to be placed on a salary scale. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motion approved 5-0.

The TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) policy was approved with a vote of 5-0. Annette Taylor led the motion with Jerry Braun making the second motion.

The board approved a bank transfer from Old National Bank to Crane Credit Union. Annette Taylor led the motion, Eva George seconded the motion. Motions passed unanimously.

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An amendment to the Preschool Policy had its first reading.

The board approved the adult meal price increase in the cafeteria. Jerry Braun led the motion, Jenell Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Participation in the LCVC Volleyball Club was approved with a 5-0 vote. Annette Taylor led the motion with Eva George making the second motion.

A MOU agreement between Lost River Career Cooperative and Shoals Community School Corporation regarding the CDL program was approved with Eva George leading the motion, and Jenell Hoffman making the second motion, passing with a 5-0 vote.

School sponsors approved were Scott Carr Band Director/Summer Band; Tina Rue-SADD; Jonathan Holt-Junior Class Concessions; Dennis Dahlen-Yearbook & Newspaper; Cassie Phillips-HS Academic Coach & Jr. High Academic Coach; Megan Hawkins-High School Beta & High School Student Council; Reva Troutman-Jr. High Beta; Heidi Hoffman-Jr. High Student Council & Media; Dean Troutman-High School Robotics; Cameron Sanders-School Grounds & Shoals Ink; and Erin Cage-Rox Readers. Eva George made the first motion with Jerry Braun making the second. Sponsors were approved with a 5-0 vote.

Additional sponsors approved were Cassie Phillips-High School Spell Bowl & Jr. High Spell Bowl; and Cameron Sanders-Pep Club. Dual Credit teachers approved were Dennis Dahlen, Wesley Stephenson, Erin Cage, Tina Rue, Kelley Wellman-Covey, Terra Boyd, Jonathan Holt, Myrna Greene, and Theresa Holt. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions to approve, motions passed 5-0.

Elementary Sponsors approved were Student Council Sponsor-Christin Johnson; Robotics-Mimi Hawkins; Beta-Kindra Hovis; 5th Grade Wednesday's Lunch Club-Amanda Miller/Redemption Church; and Math Bowl Club-Jonathan Sullivan. Jerry Braun and Eva George made the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

The Athletic Department approvals were Mike Jones and Tony Graber as volunteer assistants for Fall softball conditioning. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions to approve, which passed 5-0.

Facility usages were approved for the Elementary and Middle School Softball programs to use the gyms/facilities when space is available. K-6 Softball Camp was approved for September 7th, 14th, and 21st. Eva George made the first motion to approve with Annette Taylor making the second. Motion passed unanimously.

Field trips approved were for the High School Art Class to do mural paintings at the Water Office and the Shoals Road mural as well as other sites for the 2024-25 school year, and the Elementary Beta Club to the Beta Convention in Evansville, Indiana November 14. Annette Taylor made a motion to approve with Jenell Hoffman seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Hovis began by stating that enrollment has increased again this school year. While many schools are facing a decrease in enrollment, we are proud that enrollment continues to grow and remain steady at Shoals. It was great to see so many

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families attend Open House last week for Meet the Teacher Night. She thanked the board for allowing a new pathway to be implemented in the high school. Ethan Adams will be leading a welding pathway and has already hit the ground running. Another section of this class had to be added to the schedule due to high interest and we still have students who are on a waiting list. Shoals High School recently was awarded a \$16,000 Project Lead The Way grant, which will be a good step towards becoming a Stem certified school. Superintendent Hovis thanked Megan Hawkins for being willing to participate in training and implement this program into her engineering pathway. Our school was recently notified that we received the National Beta Distinction honor and the National Beta Merit awards. Only 22% of schools in the nation received this honor. Mrs. Rue had a 100% pass rate on her AP US History exams and Mr. Holt had 1 student pass the AP Pre-Calculus exam. These are often difficult exams to pass and both Mrs. Rue and Mr. Holt do a phenomenal job with preparing our students for these exams. The playground parking lot pavement job is now completed and will be ready to go on Monday. At this time we are holding off on marking lanes and are going to see how the one way entrance and exit and expanded parking area helps alleviate the congestion during drop off and pick up time. Ms. Hovis closed by thanking the following people: Amy Money & Darla Holt for training the new high school secretary, Bryson Abel, Audrey Gibson, Allison Taylor, Danielle Cornett, Kelley Wellman-Covey, and Ben Kent for working on scheduling matters, and Christin Johnson for designing and making the SRO uniform shirts in our digital fab lab.

Financial reports were approved 5-0 with Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman making the motions. Motion to pay claims was approved with Jerry Braun and Eva George making the motions with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024 at 6 p.m.*