

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**October 24, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Board Minutes**

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on October 24, 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, MS Secretary, Allison Taylor, Theresa Holt and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman, Ethan Jones, Etta Franklin, Chris Boswell, Jennifer Boswell, Matthew Johnson, Tony Graber, Jeff Jones and Mike Jones.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on September 18, 2024 was motioned by Annette Taylor, seconded by Eva George. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Patron, Lorna Troutman, spoke to the board with updates regarding the SPA craft show. All vendor spaces have been rented out by approximately 56 vendors. Theresa Holt addressed the board with concerns regarding the soccer field. Updates were discussed and quotes and grant applications were encouraged to begin the process to update and improve the field.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel began his report with several activities beginning with 8th grade vision screenings by Dr. Michael Alvarez, guest speaker, Bill Willis speaking to the 8th graders and Sophomores about the United States Constitution, the Middle School teachers showed the students a powerpoint presentation on Anti-Bullying. Mrs. Cornett, Mr. Wolford and Mr. Abel went to a COSMOS leadership team meeting at Mitchell and shared different ways for the students to plan for their future. Interstate Studios was here recently for Picture Day, Parent/Teacher conferences were held October 10, with special thanks to SPA for providing supper to the teachers. The entire Middle School recently went to McCormick's Creek for a field trip. There was hiking, fossil education and some history regarding McCormick's Creek by their tour guide. Principal Abel thanked the school cafeteria for providing lunches for the over 100 students who went on this field trip. He closed with encouragements to attend the annual Fall Festival Saturday, October 26.

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High School Interim Principal, Daniel Wolford began reporting on the recent trip to Mitchell High School with 14 Seniors to the COSMOS College Fair. He commended them on their attire and behavior. Principal Wolford attended his first RECN meeting and appreciates being part of the program. Students and staff were able to participate in several activities during College Go Week. All Juniors and Seniors recently took the PSAT. He thanked Mrs. Danielle Cornett for organizing the testing. Principal Wolford also spoke on Bill Willis' presentation on the Constitution. The SHS Study Hour has begun and is available on Mondays and Wednesdays until 4 p.m. This is available to any high school student.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began her report with the 4th graders recently attending Martin County Farm Fair. This event was hosted on site and was enjoyed by all. 3rd graders visited Lark Ranch and stopped at a local park for a picnic with their classmates and family members. The Shoals Fire Department visited grades PK-2 and talked to students about Fire Safety. Students were able to explore the firetruck and watch some fun demonstrations with the firehose!

Principal Gibson thanked the following Shoals High School student groups: Shoals Shop, Ag, Art, and Culinary departments. Thank you teachers, staff and community volunteers for their help in organizing a great Fall Field Day for our Elementary students before Fall Break. The Elementary had a great turnout for Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you to all of our teachers and parents/guardians for attending. Great job to students for working hard the first nine weeks of school. Several Elementary students were treated to an extra recess and popsicles for earning PBIS points this past grading period. Thank you Ms. Money and Mrs. Wellman-Covey for organizing. Many of the Elementary students have been busy volunteering and participating in community events. Several Shoals Elementary students had booths at the recent Hindostan Days event and the Harvest Moon Market. Thank you to Mimi, Megan, and Melanie Hawkins for helping with the school booth setup.

Myranda Knepp from the Family Health Center was recently a guest speaker for the second grade classes. She talked to students about making positive lifestyle choices. Ms. Knepp will be returning next month to begin a weekly program with our 5th graders on Drug and Violence Prevention and the dangers of Vaping. Thank you to school nurse, Mrs. Nikki Brett for organizing an employee and family Flu vaccination clinic. Mr. Ryan Engleking from Engelking Rx was on site for any employee and their family member. The Harlem Wizards were here October 29th for a fun presentation as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week! Thank you to the Martin Co. 4 H council for this opportunity!

Under Old Business the 2025 Budget Adoption & Resolutions were approved with a 5-0 vote. Eva George led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion.

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The first item under new business was the approval to hire Hannah Schlaegel as preschool substitute, Judy Harty as part time cafeteria worker, Brittany Fuhrman as Elementary Cheer Coach, Raysha Wininger as HS Cheer Coach and Competition & Performance Dance Coach, Garry Smith as High School office volunteer, Rylan Perry as 7th & 8th grade Boys' Basketball Coach, Cody Douglas as JH Boys' Soccer Coach, and Maddie Riley as 3rd grade teacher. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Jerry Braun making the second motion. Motions were approved 5-0. Also approved were the following athletic positions: Al Crutchfield as Varsity Boys' Basketball Assistant and Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach, Jordan English as Boys' JV Basketball Coach, Amy Money as Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, Sam Perry as Girls' JV Basketball Coach and William (Andy) Purdue as Girls' Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach and JV Coach. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additional personnel items approved were for Audrey Gibson to receive a stipend in addition to a base salary increase once licensure has been fully completed, Traci LeTourneau to receive a stipend to serve as our DHH(Deaf and Hard of Hearing) teacher, and Danielle Cornett to officially move from Athletics to Director of Curriculum at the end of the 2024-2025 school year with training to begin October 2024. Jerry Braun led the motion to approve with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board also approved Ashton Berry's maternity leave, Shelby Sorrells to fulfill the Developmental preschool maternity leave position and the preschool director duties, Molley Parsley to assist with the developmental preschool and assist with director duties and responsibilities, and Traci LeTourneau to assist with TOR (Teacher of Record) responsibilities for the Pre-K students. Annette Taylor led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion. Motion passed 5-0. The approval to split the Preschool Director stipend amongst Ashton Berry, Shelby Sorrells, Traci LeTourneau, and Molley Parsley was a unanimous decision, with Jerry Braun and Eva George making the motions to approve.

Other requests approved were for Mrs. Jennifer Guinn to use professional development days for library improvements and updates, and for the Community Guest Holiday Readers for the month of December grades PK-5. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions, which passed unanimously.

Additional personnel actions were approved: resignation of Megan Benefiel as cafeteria worker. The hiring of Aulbrey Baker as a substitute, Trevor Sturgill as a student intern in the cafeteria, John Feathers as Maintenance Assistant, Larry Jones as an additional 2nd shift custodian, and Kim Bauer as volunteer Cheer coach. Annette Taylor and Jerry Braun made the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

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Facility usage was approved unanimously for Prom being held March 29, 2025, SPA Craft Show on Nov. 2, 2024, and for Mike Jones and Tony Graber to use school facilities for Elementary Girls' Softball fundamentals. Eva George led the motion to approve and Jerry Braun made the second motion.

Several fundraisers were approved with a 5-0 vote. They were SHS Pep Club to sell old sports uniforms donated by the athletic department at various events, FFA to sell Texas Roadhouse rolls and Premium Meat Snack Sticks, Elementary STEM to sell items at the SPA Craft Show and Elementary BETA to sell soups at the SPA Craft show. Shoals Grounds to sell coffee and lemonade during the SPA Craft show, and the Culinary classes to sell baked items during home ball games in December. Jenell Hoffman led the motion to approve with Annette Taylor making the second.

Field trips approved were for the Health Care class to Harvest Health in Loogootee, High School students to VU for the VU Health Expo Day for Health Care, FFA to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention, the Business/Culinary students to Bloomington for Food Truck Friday, and the Middle School to IASP Academic Super Bowl. Eva George made a motion to approve with Jerry Braun seconding the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Additional high school trips approved were students to the Martin County Job Fair, students to the University of Evansville for the Exploring Teaching Day, Health Care class to Mitchell High School, students to VUJC for the CTIM Challenge, and Grades 5-12 to Bloomington AMC Theater. Eva George led the motion to approve with Jerry Braun making the 2nd motion. Motion passed 5-0. The High School Band to North Daviess HS for the Festival of Bands, MS to IASP Spell Bowl in November, 8th Grade to JobSpark in Evansville, HS Beta to the State Convention, the Elementary Beta to the State Convention for the Awards Ceremony, and the Senior Class to the Indianapolis Repertory Theater. These trips were approved 5-0 with Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman making the motions. Also approved was for high school and middle school students to the IASP Academic Super Bowls with Eva George and Jerry Braun making the motions to approve, approved with a 5-0 vote.

December 6, 2024 was approved for the Elementary Holiday Music program. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Jerry Braun making the 2nd motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Harlem Wizards presentation dates and times were updated. Motion to approve was led by Annette Taylor and seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing unanimously.

Superintendent Hovis started by thanking the Martin County Community Foundation for always being a generous donor to our school. The foundation recently awarded teachers over \$6,000 in grant money to use in their classrooms. They have also recently given to our softball program, robotics program, and ag & shop program. Ms. Hovis stated that she was recently notified that Shoals Community School District achieved the 2024-2025 National Beta School of Merit status with the National Beta Society. Our students' academic excellence and service involvement at all levels achieved this status. She wished all Betas the best of luck as they compete next month at the state competition. Superintendent

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Hovis gave an update on the FEMA safe room project and noted that five bids were submitted. She stated that if the school decides to accept one of these bids, the project will remain on schedule to be completed by the fall break of 2025. Ms. Hovis congratulated the soccer team for such an outstanding season and for making it to the final championship game. She also congratulated student-athlete Ralph Holman on his advancement from sectional to regional in cross country and wished him luck as he will be competing this weekend. The annual fall festival will be held Saturday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with many fun activities planned. This is the athletic department's primary fundraising event, so she encouraged all to attend and support this department. She closed by thanking the administration team and her office staff for keeping things afloat while she had to be out to tend to some health issues. She commended Mrs. Danielle Cornett on stepping in and completing a rather difficult state report along with other items to ensure things continued in the right direction.

Leave accounting for September was approved unanimously. Jenell Hoffman and Annette Taylor made the motions.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6 p.m.*