

BOARD MINUTES

January 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, January 13, 2021 in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Chairman, Carl Openshaw called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jeff Branson, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Carl Parker, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Shane Flowers.

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Janice Ripley, MS Principal/AD – Rich Hash, Elem. Principal - Autumn Arlian, HS Principal – KJ Poepping, and Transportation Supervisor - Robert Trotter were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include December claims 130394 - 130461.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include December claims 130394 - 130461, and the approval of the December regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the audience expressed her opinion on the importance of wearing masks at school, even if the Governor drops the mandate. She said she thinks the mask mandate along with the additional sanitizing is what has kept her from catching the COVID-19 virus.

COMMUNICATIONS

The School received thank you notes from two teachers for the additional pay that they received to help offset the additional hours they have put in due to the pandemic.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Nurse’s Report
- 3) Water Report
- 4) Resignations: Jennifer Reitz - Bus Driver and Sharon McCleary – HS Paraprofessional
- 5) Missing Children

- 6) Bus Inspections
- 7) Fire and Safety Inspections

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

COVID Update

Due to the new Governor's latest recommendations, the Administrators have decided to allow four tickets per athlete to every home game and two tickets per visiting athlete. Which is consistent with other schools across the district. The Administration Team has a meeting scheduled for January 27, 2021 to re-visit the school opening plan that is currently in place.

Construction Update

Before the beginning of the Board meeting, the Board had the opportunity to tour the new construction.

The remainder of the drain field needs to be permitted by the DEQ. The signed discharge permit application and fee were forwarded to Sanderson Stewart so everything can be submitted to the DEQ at one time. This should alleviate any issues with things items being overlooked in the process.

Second Reading Policy 1310P

This policy allows the meeting of the Policy Committee to be considered the first reading of any new or changed policy for approval.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve Policy 1310P for the second reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

2021-2022 Calendar

The 2021-2022 Calendar was approved previously, but administrators are asking that a change be made to the Christmas Break. They are requesting that December 22, 2021 be part of the break.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Roger Brewer – Route Bus Driver – currently a sub
Allison Allen – Substitute
Calvin Bjorgum – Long Term Substitute

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve hiring the employees and substitutes as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve hiring the employees and substitutes as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the out-of-district students for the 2020-2021 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve one out-of-district students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Both motions passed unanimously.

First Reading Policy 1400

This is a change to Policy 1400 for the date of the monthly Board Meeting to be changed from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded Shane Rekdal, to approve policy 1400 for first reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

COVID Quarantine Time

Originally, if a student or staff member was exposed to COVID and then quarantined, the recommendation was to keep them away for ten days without testing, or let them come back after seven days with a negative test given after the fifth day. There was some concern about the testing being unavailable to some students due to cost, which could possibly keep some students from being able to compete in their sport. Since the original discussion, Riverstone has free a site available to test symptomatic or asymptomatic patients who are not showing any symptoms at day five, so they can return on day seven.

No action.

Assessment Data

The assessment data was reviewed.

No action.

Johnson Controls Update of Equipment/Agreement

Gregg Hein from Johnson Controls explained to the Board about the Johnson Controls system and the need to purchase new hardware, software, and enter into a new three-year agreement with them.

The Board decided to table this to a different meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation – Closed Session

The Chairman advised everyone that this was to be a closed session. Therefore, he was moving it to the end of the meeting so those that want to stay till the end of the meeting don't have to wait for the Board to come back to open session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee – The design team and facilities committee will meet every other Monday in the Board Room at 1:00pm.
- Policy Committee – The policy committee will continue to meet and bring policies to the Board that need review. A policy committee meeting needs to be set for February 2021.
- Negotiations Committee – The negotiations committee will meet this spring.
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ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators recapped their reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 7:42pm to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. The Board resumed open session at 8:17pm.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle to extend the Superintendent's contract for the 2021-2023 school year. This will allow for a two-year contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 8:20pm.