

BOARD MINUTES

December 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, December 9, 2020 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, Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Carl Parker and Shane Rekdal.

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 Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include November claims 130329 - 130393.

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 November claims 130329 - 130393, and the approval of the November regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

At this time, the new 5th Grade ELA teacher, Taylor Eissinger introduced herself to the Board. She was unable to attend a previous meeting when most of the new 2020-2021 teachers introduced themselves to the Board.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) SRO – Brandon Zidack introduced himself to the Board. He will officially start 12/28/2020.
- 2) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 3) Water
- 4) Nurse’s Report
- 5) Resignations: Rich Hash – Athletic Director
- 6) Missing Children

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update

Jeff Niles, of Langlas Construction, advised the Board that things are moving right along. Three quarters of the main building’s second floor will be poured this week and framing is taking place. Langlas will also make some repairs to the current buildings during the Holiday Break.

COVID Update

Mrs. O’Donnell gave a short update on the COVID information available from the County Health Director. Riverstone Health would like the school to start testing A-symptomatic as well as symptomatic students for COVID at school. The Administration Team discussed this and advised Riverstone that the school will not be testing students for COVID as they are not medically trained personnel. The 14-day quarantine regulations are being changed to 10.

Final Reading – Policies 9000, 9100, 9110, 9210, 9230, 9231, 9231P, 9232, 9233, 9240, 9242, 9243, 9244, 9245, 9261, 9300, 9310, 9320, 9321, 9322, 9330, 9340

9000	9231P	9245	9322
9100	9233	9261	9330
9110	9240	9300	9340
9210	9242	9310	
9230	9243	9320	
9231	9244	9321	

The above listed policies are School Facilities policies. It was recommended to approve these policies for final reading.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the policies, as listed, for final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

None

Out-of-District Students

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve one out-of-district student for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOA for COVID-19 Pandemic 20-21 School Year

Mrs. O'Donnell explained that she had met with the SEA president, Craig McKinney, to discuss extending the current MOA through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded Jeff Branson, to extend the MOA with Shepherd Education Association through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

First Reading Policy 1310P

Policy 1310P is written so that the policy committee, which meets prior to the board meetings, can discuss and make changes to a policy as the first reading. Policy committee meetings are open to the public. The second and final readings will be brought to the entire board at a regular board meeting.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve policy 1310P for first reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Date

It was recommended to move the regularly scheduled Board meetings to the third Wednesday of each month instead of the second. With payroll and paying monthly bills the first week of the month, that week is very busy. That is the week the agenda should go live. By moving the Board meeting to the third week, the business office would have the necessary time to get the board agenda ready.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve moving the regularly scheduled board meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee – The design team and facilities committee will meet every other Monday in the Board Room at 1:00pm. Each week there will be areas of the construction project that will be discussed with the construction and architect groups.
- Policy Committee – The policy committee will continue to meet and bring policies to the Board that need review. The last policy committee meeting was before the Board meeting November 18, 2020.
- Negotiations Committee – The negotiations committee is not currently meeting next month; however, the SEA has sent in their intent to negotiate for this year.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators recapped their reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

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None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:13pm.