

# **BOARD MINUTES**

**July 22, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Chairman, Carl Openshaw called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Members excused: Shane Flowers.

Staff present: Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Janice Ripley, Elementary Principal - Autumn Arlian, Middle School Principal/AD - Rich Hash, and High School Principal – KJ Poepping..

Staff present electronically:

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Megan Malchow presented to the Board how one of the local hospitals is handling entry into the facilities by staff and community during the COVID pandemic.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Building Project - GMP**

The building project GMP was reviewed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the Guaranteed Price Maximum for the construction costs with Langlas Construction.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Human Resources**

A High School motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the hiring of the HS Asst. Volleyball Coach.

Motion passed with Julie Hinkle abstaining from the vote.

### **Continuation of Declaration of Unforeseen Emergency**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle for the Board of Trustees of Shepherd School District to declare a continuation of the unforeseen emergency through June 30, 2021 in accordance with Sections 20-9-801 through 20-9-806, MCA, due to the community and school health concerns related to COVID-19 and authorize the administration to take necessary steps to execute this declaration and inform the public and government agencies of this declaration.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **COVID-19**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve that the superintendent is authorized to work with district staff in making determinations regarding pupils who are proficient in courses in which the pupils are enrolled without regard to the aggregate hours of instruction provided for the 20-21 school year ending June 30, 2021. The superintendent is directed to make a final determination of proficiency for each pupil for each enrolled course, using district assessments, including class grades at a minimum, and reporting a full-time equivalent conversion of ANB for such pupils, based on the scheduled time ordinarily provided through the aggregate hours of instruction for such courses.

Motion passed unanimously.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve that the superintendent is authorized to work with district staff in providing instruction for pupils of the district. Such instruction may include any method or methods identified as appropriate by the superintendent, including but not limited to offsite instruction as defined and referenced in sections 20-1-101(5); 20-1-101(14); 20-7-118; and 20-9-311(11), MCA for the 20-21 school year ending June 30, 2021.

Motion passed unanimously.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the purchase of 120 additional Chromebooks to facilitate offsite instruction.

Motion passed unanimously.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve Policy 1908 and form 1908F for the first and final reading as per policy 1901 for accelerated adoption, with changes discussed.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Shepherd School Re-opening Plan**

The Shepherd School Re-opening Plan developed by the Administration team was reviewed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the Shepherd School Re-opening Plan for the 20-21 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Facilities Committee**

### **Policy Committee**

### **Negotiations Committee**

### **Safety Committee**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Time of adjournment: 8:17pm.