

# **BOARD MINUTES**

**April 29, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, April 29, 2020 in the Board Room of the Administration Building and electronically in accordance with MCA 2-3-202. Chairman, Carl Openshaw called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Members excused: Jeff Branson.

Staff present on-site: Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Janice Ripley,

Staff present electronically: Elementary Principal - Autumn Arlian, Middle School Principal/AD - Rich Hash, and High School Principal – KJ Poepping.

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Building Discussion**

Jason Hubbard, Jeff Kanning, and Mark Qualman were in attendance to speak to the progress of the building project, costs to date, and anticipated costs going forward. The Board reviewed with these gentlemen various project items and whether or not they are wanted/needed.

The group decided to schedule a Facilities OAC meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 4:30pm and a Special Board meeting following at 5:30pm. The final numbers will be reviewed and approval will be given to the contractor which will allow him to move forward with the bidding process for the next phase of the building project.

### **COVID-19 School Closures Update**

Mrs. O’Donnell advised the Board that Sunday, May 31, 2020 is the tentative date for graduation. At this time, the plans are for graduation to be held on the football field, with a limit of 10 guests per graduate. In case of bad weather, a contingency date of June 14, 2020 has been set. If this date is used, the ceremony will be held in the gymnasium. Due to crowd restrictions in place by the Governor covering indoor gatherings, the audience will be limited to graduates and their parents. There is a plan to live stream the graduation ceremony. This will allow siblings, grandparents, and other interested parties to watch the graduation ceremony if they choose.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Time of adjournment: 9:30pm.