

BOARD MINUTES

January 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, January 8, 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, Carl Parker, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort.

Superintendent/Curriculum Director – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Janice Ripley, HS Principal – KJ Poepping, MS Principal/AD – Rich Hash, and Administrator intern - Rob Nyby were present for the entire open session meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Redkal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include December claims 129655–129724.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include December claims 129655 – 129724, and the December regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Two “Thank You” cards were received.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water
- 3) Resignations: None
- 4) Missing Children
- 5) Nurse’s Report

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's Search

The Board set a meeting for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:30pm to review the Superintendent applications.

Bond / Building Update

Nick Pancheau from Collaborative Design and Jason Hubbard from Langlas Construction advised the Board that the phase 1 drawings are 60 – 80% complete, and phase 2 & 3 will come later. Potholing was completed over the holidays, and the civil engineer surveys are complete. Based on the results of these surveys there will be some changes made to the dimension of the new building. Bid packets are being completed for advertising.

Mr. Openshaw reminded the Board that design meetings are held every Monday at 4:00pm in the Board Room and everyone is invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

None

Out-of-District Students

One High School out-of-district student.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve the out-of-district student for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

2020-2021 School Calendar

The 2020-2021 school calendar was reviewed. Mrs. O'Donnell explained how days will be changed some to allow time for the construction process.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

First Reading – Policies 5228, 2161P, 3310, 3650

- 5228 – Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy
- 2161P – Education of Students With Disabilities
- 3310 – Student Discipline
- 3650 – Pupil Online Personal Information Protection

A High School/ Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to approve policies 5228, 2161P, 3310, and 3650 for first reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Inspections

Pre-second semester bus inspections were completed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the bus inspections as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Purchases

Mr. Trotter stated he would like to purchase two busses this year and trade in one. Bids were received for Blue Bird busses through Hartley's in North Dakota and for Thomas buses from I-State. He recommended purchasing the buses from I-State explaining his reasoning.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the purchase of two new busses from I-State.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discipline Issues (possible closed session)

This item was moved to the end of the meeting, allowing for a possible closed session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee – The design team and facilities committee will meet every Monday in the Board Room at 4:00pm from now until March. Each week there will be areas of the construction project that are discussed and designed with the construction and architect groups. They are planning on breaking ground March 23, 2020.
- 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 scheduled for January.
- Negotiations Committee – The negotiations committee will meet Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30pm. This was changed from January 7th due to scheduling conflicts.

Safety committee meetings need to be scheduled beginning in February.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators reviewed their reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discipline Issues

At 7:00pm Carl Openshaw closed the meeting for an executive session to discuss student discipline of 3 students.

At 7:45pm the meeting resumed in open session.

No action taken.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:53pm.