

BOARD MINUTES

October 9, 2019

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 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, High School Principal - KJ Poepping, Elementary Principal - Autumn Arlian, MS Principal/AD – Rich Hash, and Administrator intern - Rob Nyby 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 September claims 129460 – 129529.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include September claims 129460 – 129529, the 8/29/19 special meeting minutes, and the September meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public spoke about their excitement in the bond passing and in support of the school’s coaches and athletic programs. One person stated that there is always going to be the disgruntled person, but the school shouldn’t let one disgruntled parent upset what is good about the program as a whole. School athletic programs help make a well-rounded person. Through these programs, students learn valuable life lessons, some good some maybe not so good, but every life lesson helps them become stronger people as they grow into adulthood.

COMMUNICATIONS

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water
- 3) Resignations:
- 4) Missing Children
- 5) Nurse’s Report

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Canvass Official Bond Election Results

Official bond election results from the County Election Department and bond election certificates provided by Dorsey Whitney were reviewed.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the official bond elections results from the County Election Department and the Election Certificate provided by Dorsey Whitney.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the official bond elections results from the County Election Department and the Election Certificate provided by Dorsey Whitney.

Both motions passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Bond Discussion

Due to the early fall storm, Bridget Ekstrom from DA Davidson joined the meeting by phone. She plans to attend the 11/13/2019 meeting. She reviewed the time line for the bonding process. She reported that currently the interest rate is low so, therefore, the sooner we can get a rate locked in, the better off we will be. The mandatory 60-day window will allow time to get the necessary paperwork done in time to lock in interest by 12/4/19.

IRS statute requires 85% of the bond proceeds be spent within 3 years. That should not be an issue with this building project, as the completed date is scheduled for the summer of 2021. She mentioned that the bond premium can be invested, allowing the school to earn interest during the building process. The interest can be used in the building fund or transferred to debt service. This decision will need to be made in August 2020. The school should be able to enter into contracts within 6 months. She talked about the organization of the Bond Committee, that it is usually comprised of the Board Chair, Vice Chair, Superintendent, and Clerk. The school is allowed to substitute another Board member for the Vice Chair. Carl Parker has volunteered to replace the Vice Chair on this committee. They will meet at least 3 times during the bond letting process. These meetings will take place over the phone during lunch time.

No action.

Authorize Bond Resolution

Elementary and High School Resolutions calling for the negotiated sale of the bonds were reviewed.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the Elementary Bond Resolution as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Carl Parker, to approve the High School Bond Resolution as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Architect and Contractor Contracts

Drea O'Donnell advised the Board that the contracts have been sent to the attorney's office for review. Once reviewed, they will have to be approved by the Board.

No action.

Multi-District Agreement Resolution

The current Multi-District Agreement needs to be reviewed and renewed every three years.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the Multi-District Agreement Resolution as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve the Multi-District Agreement Resolution as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Human Resources

Middle School

Russ Hale - Asst. MS Wrestling Coach

Joint

Sub list

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers, to hire the MS Asst. Wrestling Coach and the substitutes as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Jeff Branson, to hire the substitutes as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out-of-State Trips

Middle School

- College tours to Northwestern College - Powell, WY - 10/22/2019

High School

- FFA National Convention - Indianapolis, IN - 10/28 – 11/3/2019

- Tri-County Honor Band - Salt Lake City, UT - 4/22-26/2020
- National BPA Conference – Washington, D.C. - 5/6-10/2020
- Spanish Club – Dominican Republic - June 2020
- FCCLA National Conference – Washington D.C. - 7/5-9/2020
- Advanced Bio Coast Trip (Mr. Lepley is helping with the trip) – 4/8-18/2020

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the Middle School out of state trip as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve the High School out of state trips as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Superintendent Contract

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to table this item for the November meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Negotiations

Mr. McKinney stated that the agreement didn't pass with the group. They will get back to the Superintendent in the next couple of weeks and schedule a new meeting.

No action.

Athletic Issue – Possible Closed

Board Chairman, Carl Openshaw, stated that this item would be held in executive session. Therefore, he asked that it be moved to the end of the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mrs. Arlian reported the portion of the new building designated as the weight/cardio room will be made to temporarily accommodate both the music department and library for this next school year.

Mr. Hash reported the school year is running pretty good at this time. Discipline has been minimal.

Mr. Poepping reported he used to have a discipline report as part of his monthly report, and he plans to add that back in his reports for the remainder of the school year.

Mrs. O'Donnel reported the RFP for hail damage repair has been published in the Yellowstone County News. She also noted that the music department will be able to put the grand piano in their new temporary space for the next school year.

Executive Session

The Board returned to the earlier agenda item; Athletic Issue – possible closed.

The Board Chair placed the meeting in executive session at 7:17pm.

The Board resumed open session at 8:23pm. At that time, a High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, that no action be taken on this agenda item.

Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 8:33pm.