

BOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2019

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, September 11, 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 August claims 129397 – 129459.

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 August claims 129397 – 129459, and the August meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Chairman Carl Openshaw addressed the audience with a big thank you to the Shepherd Community Group for all their effort, time, and money spent to help this bond be a success. Without their help, it wouldn’t have been possible.

COMMUNICATIONS

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water
- 3) Resignations: Elisa Sisk – Bus Driver
- 4) Missing Children
- 5) Nurse’s Report
- 6) Elem. And HS Budget Re-submit

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

High School/Joint

Heather Ledger – Route Driver
Beth Campbell – Kitchen Helper
Sub list as attached

Mr. Poepping introduced Sheena Abrams, the new HS science teacher.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to hire the new staff and substitutes as listed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Graduation Date & Time

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:00am is the proposed time for graduation.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson seconded by Carl Parker to approve the May 2020 graduation date and time as noted.

Motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

Drea O'Donnell will make a chart showing the number of out-of-district students that are in attendance at a later date.

It was recommended to approve 6 Elementary, 3 Middle School, and 2 High School Out-of-District students for 2019-2020.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve the Out-of-District students as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shayne Vandivort to approve the Out-of-District students as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Canvass the Bond Election

Below are the unofficial bond election results for the September 10, 2019 Elementary and High School election. The official bond election results will be placed on an upcoming Board Agenda as soon as it is received from the County Election Office.

Unofficial Elementary results as follows:

728 in favor
627 against
Result - passed by 101 votes

Unofficial High School results as follows:

703 in favor – Shepherd	256 in favor – Pioneer	Total 959 in favor
650 against - Shepherd	157 against – Pioneer	Total 807 against

Result – passed by 152 votes

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to accept the results of the September 10, 2019 bond election as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle to accept the results of the September 10, 2019 bond election as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Appointment of Interim Superintendent as Authorized Representative

It was recommended to appoint the Interim Superintendent as the Authorized District Representative.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to appoint the Interim Superintendent as the Authorized District Representative.

Motion passed unanimously.

Review Wage for Interim Superintendent

The Board set a committee meeting for Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:30pm to discuss the wage and contract for the Interim Superintendent.

Discussion of Superintendent Search

The Board decided to post the opening on OPI and SAM to see what kind of interest it generated before deciding whether to use a company or do the search themselves.

Curriculum Director/Elementary Principal Substitutes

It was decided to pursue a full time substitute for the Elementary Principal when she is out on maternity leave.

Job Corps Memorandum of Understanding

It was recommended to enter into an agreement with the Job Corps for the 2019-2020 school year. This is an annual agreement.

A High School motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded Shane Rekdal to approve entering into an agreement with the Job Corps for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Transportation Agreement with Pioneer

Pioneer School would like to enter into an agreement with Shepherd School to transport one of their students to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. The Board discussed the sample contract that was supplied and decided, if the decision was made to enter into this agreement it should be between Shepherd School and Pioneer School. Pioneer School will need to make their own agreement with the parent. Also, if this student causes the need for another aide on the bus, Pioneer School would be responsible for supplying this aide.

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal to enter into an agreement with Pioneer School, for the transportation of their student to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch with the changes noted.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators reviewed their reports. It was decided to meet with SEA on 10/2/19 at 6:30pm to start negotiations. Also, the Elementary and High School Principals have both noted an increase in students over last year.

A thank you was given to the staff for their dedication during this bond election process.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:35pm.