

Facilities Meeting BOARD MINUTES

August 19, 2019

A Facilities Meeting of Shepherd School District #37 was held Monday, August 19, 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: Carl Openshaw, Julie Hinkle, Jeff Branson, Shane Flowers, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort.

Superintendent, Scott Carter, Assistant Clerk, Macey Ferguson, HS Principal, KJ Poepping, MS Principal, Rich Hash, Elementary Principal, Autumn Arlian, and Administrative Intern, Rob Nyby, were present for the entire meeting.

FIRE SUPPRESSION DISCUSSION

With some community concern about the safety of the school's upcoming bond plan, Sally McKenna, Deputy State Fire Marshal, and Darrel Abbey, State Building Inspector, were invited to the meeting to discuss fire suppression systems in our current buildings. The new construction would require sprinkler systems due to the new lightweight, flammable materials used. However, the costs of retro-fitting sprinkler systems into our current buildings is extremely high.

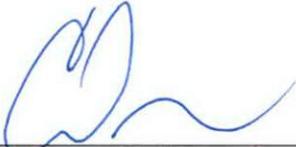
The board inquired about the cost-effectiveness and the actual need of retro-fitting sprinkler systems into our current buildings. Sally and Darrel explained that it is NOT required to install sprinkler systems into our current buildings. Not only is it extremely expensive, it would take a lot of labor and time to install the system into the older building. Our current buildings are up to code, as it is compliant under the code it was originally built. One suggestion was to look into upgrading the smoke and heat detection alarm systems in the current buildings rather than installing expensive sprinkler systems. This would not only be more cost efficient, but also be a safer way to detect a fire in the school for the safety of the students.

BOND INFORMATION DISCUSSION

The Shepherd Community Committee would like to get more information about the bond out to the public by way of Senior lunches, Facebook ads, and letters to the Yellowstone County News. They have decided to not hold a community meeting before the election. Instead, they will attend Open House at the school to give out information.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:25pm



Chairman Carl Openshaw



Asst. Clerk Macey Ferguson