

BOARD MINUTES

June 12, 2019

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, June 12, 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 - Scott Carter, Clerk – Janice Ripley, High School Principal - KJ Poepping, Elementary Principal - Autumn Kring, and Curriculum Director – Drea O'Donnell were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include May claims 129185 – 129259.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include May claims 129185 – 129259, and the approval of the May special meeting and regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank You from Pam Kern.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water
- 3) Missing Children
- 4) Nurse's Report
- 5) Resignations: Michelle Mattfeldt – Custodian
- 6) Canvass of May 7, 2019 Bond Election

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve hiring the employees and coaches as listed, pending fingerprint results.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Carl Parker, to approve hiring the employees, coaches, and advisors as listed, pending fingerprint results.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

It was recommended to approve 10 Elementary and 5 Middle School Out-of-District students for 2019-2020.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the Out-of-District students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pioneer Bus Request

It was recommended to approve the transportation request from Pioneer School. They would like to have permission to transport students to the day care facilities in the Shepherd area.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shayne Vandivort to approve Pioneer School running a bus through Shepherd's District for the purpose of transporting students to the local day care facilities.

Motion passed unanimously.

Insurance Renewal

It was recommended to renew with MSGIA for our property/liability insurance and work comp for the 2019-2020 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the renewal of the school's property /liability and work comp coverages through MSGIA for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Student Insurance

It was recommended to approve the student insurance as provided. We have used this company for several years. A member of the Board asked that we research other possible vendors in the future for price comparisons.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the K-12 student insurance for the 2019-2020 school year, provided by Special Markets Insurance Consultants through Gerber, Plan 4 Option C, which includes football.

Motion passed unanimously.

Propane Bids

A request for bid letters were sent to 3 companies this year for propane bids. It was recommended to accept the bid from Valley Farmers Supply. A Board member asked that a new vendor, Rocky Mountain Propane, be added to the bid request list for the following year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the propane bid from Valley Farmers Supply for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election Resolution Calling for an Election

Jeff Kanning addressed the Board and audience of the following:

- The cost of the weight/cardio room is only 8.4% of the total cost of the bond. This room is used for PE classes as well as weight lifting for conditioning.
- The scaled down version of the Cafeteria, from the original bond, is as small as he can make it and still stay within Federal mandates for school cafeterias.
- All buildings will be 100% up to date with fire alarms codes. The new construction will have sprinklers to meet code. If sprinklers are wanted for the remaining buildings, we can explore that at a later date.
- The split for this bond is \$7,950,000 for Elementary and \$3,950,000 for High School with a combined total of \$11,900,000.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle to call for a bond election to be held 9/10/2019.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Carl Parker to call for a bond election to be held 9/10/2019.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Bond Plan Selection

It is very important for the community to understand that we have to split the bond costs due to the split district funding and the shared areas between the High School and Elementary. This means that both the Elementary and the High School bonds must pass for the bond issue to pass. If one side fails the whole bond fails.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the Elementary Bond Plan in the amount of \$7,950,000.

A High School motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded Jeff Branson to approve the High School Bond Plan in the amount of \$3,950,000.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Portable Classrooms

Mr. Carter presented materials from various companies on portable classrooms for the upcoming year to ease the conditions in the Elementary building. A representative from Pierce Homes also gave a presentation on permanent modular buildings and the lease of 14 X 70 mobile homes. The leased homes from Pierce would hold approximately 14 students per half of the home. These would not have any water or plumbing for restrooms. Mr. Carter says he is still waiting for another company to send their information.

Mrs. Kring stated that portable classrooms are not ideal, especially ones without water and plumbing. Students would have to be escorted to and from the main building as needed as the doors are locked for security.

Mr. Kanning said if the bond passes, they could possibly create temporary classrooms in the weight/cardio room until the new construction is completed.

The Board will revisit this at the meeting that is being planned for the last week of June 2019.

No action.

Spending of June Funds

It was recommended to allow the Clerk to move any remaining funds to the compensated absence funds and or Multi-district agreement fund at year end.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the transfer of any monies available at the end of June, to the compensated absence fund and/or the Multi-district agreement fund.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the transfer of any monies available at the end of June, to the compensated absence fund and/or the Multi-district agreement fund.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Set Special Meeting Date

Mr. Carter advised that a special meeting will need to be held sometime in the last week of June to address the formal resolution and ballot language needed for the 9/10/2019 bond election.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the meeting will be held Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Board room of the Administration Building.

Executive Session – Personnel Issue

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators reviewed their reports.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:38pm.