

# **BOARD MINUTES**

**February 13, 2019**

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, February 13, 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, Middle School Principal/AD - Rich Hash were present for the entire meeting. Elementary Principal - Autumn Kring, and Curriculum Director – Drea O’Donnell were excused.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include January claims 128912 - 128995.

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 January claims 128912 – 128995, the January regular meeting minutes, and the January and February Facilities Committee meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. McKinney, the SEA president, stated that some of the teachers have expressed questions on whether the Board is planning to offer an early retirement incentive this year. They would like to see this topic on a future agenda to discuss the issue with the Board.

Mr. Lloyd Reimann expressed his concerns and thoughts regarding the upcoming bond issue.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **INFORMATIONAL**

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water
- 3) Resignations: Lexi Oldenburger – MS Language Arts and JV Volleyball Coach  
Katrina Engeldrum – HS Math Teacher and Asst. Cross Country

- 4) Missing Children
- 5) Nurse's Report
- 6) Dorsey Whitney Bond Engagement Letter Acknowledgement
- 7) Bus Inspections
- 8) Spring ANB Count

No action.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Policy 3340 Second Reading**

Policy 3340 is the Extra and Co-Curricular Chemical Use Policy.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve Policy 3340 for second reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Human Resources**

#### **New Hires HS/Joint:**

- Andrew Renaldi – Grounds Maintenance/Water/Boiler – pending fingerprint/background check
- Erin Hecker – Asst. Cook – pending fingerprint/background check
- Nicole Barney – HS Advanced Math teacher – pending fingerprint/background check
- Bill Rusche – Transportation Assistant/Driver
- Jon Moore – HS Asst. Track Coach
- Danielle Robison – Head HS Volleyball Coach
- Substitute as listed

#### **New Hires Elementary:**

- Heather Ekness – MS Asst. Track
- Amber Williams – MS Asst. Track

It was noted that the Transportation Assistant/Driver is a new position and being discussed later on the agenda. Therefore, his name will be stricken from this portion of the agenda and approved later, if the position is approved.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve hiring the MS coaches as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve hiring the Grounds Maintenance/Water/Boiler person, HS Math Teacher and Asst. Cook pending fingerprint/background checks, also the High School Coaches and substitutes as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

### **Out-of-District Students**

One Elementary student and One Middle School student

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve one each Elementary and Middle School out-of-district students as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Bond Election & Ballot Language Resolutions**

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the Elementary Bond Election Resolution and Ballot Language Resolution as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the High School Bond Election Resolution and Ballot Language Resolution as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

### **Trustee Election Resolutions**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the Election Resolutions as Trustee only.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Policy 5005F Concealed Carry Application Form Final Reading**

Policy Form 5005F is the Concealed Carry Application Form.

Mr. Carter asked to table this item on tonight's agenda, as some concerns were brought to him just before the meeting started. He would like to make adjustments to the form and have the policy committee look at it again before bringing it back for a vote.

### **Transportation Assistant/Driver – New Position**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the new Transportation Assistant/Driver position.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the hiring of William Rusche for the new transportation position.

Both motions passed unanimously.

### **Foreign Exchange Students**

Mr. Carter advised the Board that the Foreign Exchange Student discussed last month has since moved on to a Colorado home.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> foreign exchange student for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **DA Davidson – Bridgett Ekstrom Bond Value**

Bridgett Ekstrom shared with the Board and audience various aspects of the proposed bond value, as well as the effect it will have on businesses and homeowners in the District. The District has 3 current bond issues on the Debt Service books. Two of the bonds are set to mature June 30, 2020 and one is set to mature June 30, 2022. Bridgett explained how the District could pay off the 2022 bond early. This would save taxpayers the additional levied mills needed for principal and interest, to pay this bond through to maturity in 2022. The outstanding principal on this bond is \$135,000.00 plus \$13,500.00 in interest. The Debt Service fund is carrying a balance of \$130,000.00 that could be used to pay off most of this debt June 30, 2019. The additional \$5,000.00 plus a little interest would have to come from another fund in the District. This would help to show to the community that the District is trying to do everything it can to keep the cost to the taxpayer as low as possible.

No Action

### **RFP for Architects for Bonds**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve publishing the RFP for Architect as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Principals – Re-hire**

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the re-hire of Autumn Kring as Elementary Principal and Rich Hash as Middle School Principal for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the re-hire of KJ Poepping as High School Principal for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

### **Curriculum Director – Re-hire**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the re-hire of Drea O'Donnell as the Curriculum Director for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Carter stated that everything discussed at the facilities meeting has already been presented during this meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

The Administrators reviewed their reports.

### **OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Early retirement incentive.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Time of adjournment: 8:06pm.