

BOARD MINUTES

March 14, 2018

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 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, Assistant Clerk – Macey Ferguson, High School Principal - KJ Poepping, Middle School Principal/AD - Rich Hash, Elementary Principal - Autumn Kring, and Curriculum Director - Drea O'Donnell 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 February claims 128142 - 128195.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Carl Parker, to approve the High School business claims and accounts to include February claims 128142 – 128195 and the February regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. McKinney notified the Board of two upcoming fundraisers and events in the community. The first fundraiser is the Talent Show held on March 27th, 2018 in the Shepherd High School gym from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The SEA will be serving a spaghetti dinner prior to the Talent Show in the Shepherd High School multi-purpose room to raise start-up money for the John Barta Scholarship Fund, which will begin next year. The second fundraiser will be the Shepherd K-8th grades working with the Relay for Life and McKenzie River Pizza in the Billings Heights on April 4th, 2018. If you would like more information on either of these fundraisers, please contact Mr. McKinney.

Erin Jimison presented her upcoming app for Nonprofit Organizations (NPOs) to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.

- 2) Missing Children Report
- 3) Nurse's Report
- 4) Water
- 5) Resignations:
 - Maryann Morgenstern – Substitute Bus Driver
 - Brandon Arlian – Freshman Basketball Coach
 - Sandra Schlosser – HS Paraprofessional
 - Jane Mertz – High School Secretary

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies Second Reading 2333, 3110, 3121, 4350, 5220 and 5228.

2333 – Letting Native American students wear their ceremonial dress for graduation,
3110 – Enrolling foster and homeless students in an expedited manner,
3121 – Homeless students' right to attend their school of origin at district expense,
4350 – Making sure our website is ADA compliant,
5220 – Regarding aiding sexual abuse,
5228 – Drug testing for all staff excluding those covered by the negotiated agreement.

It was recommended to approve all policies listed for their Second Reading.

A High School/Joint Motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve policies 2333, 3110, 3121, 4350, 5220, and 5228 for Second Reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

It was recommended to hire the substitutes as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve hiring the substitutes as listed.

Motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

An Elementary student from School District 2 would like to attend Shepherd School.

It was recommended to approve the out of district student.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the out-of-district student.

Motion passed unanimously.

Board Policies First Reading 1531, 2150, 3125, 3125F, 3300, 4210, 5010, 5120, and 8100.

1531 – Expenses for Board Members – In District
2150 – Suicide Awareness and Prevention
3125 – Education of Homeless Children
3125F – McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Dispute Resolution Form
3300 – Suspension and Expulsion – Corrective Actions and Punishment
4210 – School Support Organizations, Business and Fundraising
5010 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination
5120 – Hiring Process Criteria
8100 – Rural Transportation

It was recommended to approve these policies for First Reading.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the listed policies for first reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chrome Book Purchase

It was recommended to approve the purchase of 135 new Chrome Books at the total cost of \$29,231.01.

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the purchase of 135 new Chrome Books at the total cost of \$29,231.01.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the purchase of 135 new Chrome Books at the total cost of \$29,231.01.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Facilities Committee Report

The Facilities Committee have met several times in the last couple months to visit about Shepherd School's facility needs. They have looked at past renovations to the school, what the current needs are, and how expensive these necessary repairs/renovations will be. The committee has met with Kathleen Armstrong to revisit the idea of pursuing a bond and to predict the cost. The Board gave the Facilities Committee direction to move forward with the bond.

No action.

Acceptance of Foreign Exchange Student

It was recommended to approve this Foreign Exchange Student for the 2018-2019 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the third Foreign Exchange Student for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election Permissive Levy Resolutions

It was recommended by Mr. Carter to include the all funds spreadsheet in the permissive levy resolution, instead of only the permissive levies spreadsheet.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to include the all funds spreadsheet in the permissive levy resolution.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to include the all funds spreadsheet in the permissive levy resolution.

Both motions passed unanimously.

General Fund Levy

It was recommended by Mr. Carter to NOT run an additional levy for the Elementary General Fund and High School General Fund in May.

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson, to NOT run an additional levy for the Elementary General Fund in May.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to NOT run an additional levy for the High School General Fund in May.

Both motions passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Safety Committee will be meeting to go over current procedures and guidelines regarding safety in the school, and discuss what should be changed or added. These ideas will then be brought to the Board to deliberate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

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None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:45 pm.