

BOARD MINUTES

August 9, 2017

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, August 9, 2017 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, Carl Openshaw, Carl Parker, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Julie Hinkle.

Superintendent Scott Carter, District Clerk Janice Ripley, Asst. Clerk/Activities Acct. Macey Cox, HS Principal KJ Poepping, Middle School Principal/AD Rich Hash, Elem Principal Autumn Kring, and Curriculum Director Drea O'Donnell were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts to include June claims 127524 – 127605 and July claims 127606 - 127665.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the High School business claims and accounts to include June claims 127524 – 127605, July claims 127606 – 127665, June regular meeting minutes and July special/training meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. McKinney reminded the Board they were invited to the SEA Welcome Back BBQ to be held at the Lions Club Park Friday, August 18, 2017. He asked that they RSVP by Wednesday, August 15, 2017 so they can get a count for hamburgers and hot dogs.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you was received from Mrs. Wittman.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda
- 2) Water
- 3) Missing Children Report
- 4) Nurse's Report - none

5) Resignations

Jamie Anderson – Paraprofessional
Michael Smith – Sub Bus Driver
Jerome Rangitsch – HS Asst. Volleyball Coach

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

It was recommended to hire the following listed staff:

Heather Ekness – HS Volleyball Asst. Coach
Chris Mattingly – HS P.E. Teacher
Rob Bryson – JH Football Asst. Coach

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the hiring of the JH Football Asst. Coach.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Jason Flowers to approve the hiring of the listed teacher, coaches, and substitutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out of District Students

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shayne Vandivort to approve the High School out of district students as listed.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the Elementary out of district students as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

First Reading of Policies (5420 and 5420F)

This policy brings us into compliance with current statutes that require us to provide documentation of a paraprofessional's qualifications when requested.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the first reading of the listed policy and form.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Inspections

It was recommended to approve the bus safety inspections as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve the bus safety inspections as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Routes 2017-18

It was recommended to approve the bus routes as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the 2017-18 bus routes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Open Account for Freshman Class

It was recommended to open an account for the freshman class and close the account for the class of 2017 as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Carl Parker to open and activity account for the freshman class and close the account for the class of 2017 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Record Retention

It was recommended to approve the records retention request as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the records retention request as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pioneer Bus Route Through Shepherd District

It was recommended to approve the Pioneer bus route request as presented. They will be picking up and dropping off students at the day care only.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the Pioneer bus request as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Handbooks

It was recommended to approve the handbooks as listed.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the handbooks as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the handbooks as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Special Meeting With McPherson & Jacobson

There was a brief discussion about a follow up meeting with McPherson & Jacobson. This meeting is part of what was agreed to when they were hired to perform the Superintendent Search. The objective is to set the Superintendent's performance goals for the 2017-18 school year. It was agreed to hold a special meeting Monday, August 28, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Elementary/High School Trustees Reports

It was recommended to approve the Trustees Reports as presented. The Clerk noted that the last page is missing the Net Pension Liability information from TRS and PERS. When that information is available it will be added to the reports. She asked that they approve the reports as presented with the knowledge that this information will be added when available.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the Elementary Trustee Report as presented with additional information to be added as discussed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Shane Rekdal to approve the High School Trustee Report as presented with additional information to be added as discussed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Elementary/High School Budget Reports

It was recommended to approve the Budget Reports as presented. This past spring, approval was given to increase the permissive levies by a total of almost 50 mills, if necessary. The presented spreadsheet shows that the permissive levies were only increased by 17.12 mills, and those mills are included in the district wide mill increase of 26.58.

An elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers to approve the elementary budget report as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the high school budget report as presented.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Board Committees

After a brief discussion, the following committees were formed for 2017-18.

Insurance -- Scott Carter – Carl Parker – Shane Rekdal – Janice Ripley

Facilities -- Scott Carter – Jeff Branson – Carl Openshaw – Shayne Vandivort
Shane Flowers - Trainee

Salary/Negotiations -- Julie Hinkle - Carl Openshaw - Carl Parker
Jeff Branson - Trainee

Handbooks -- Scott Carter – Autumn Kring – K.J. Poepping – Rich Hash
Shane Flowers – Julie Hinkle – teachers

Safety -- Scott Carter – School Staff Members –Carl Openshaw
Shayne Vandivort – Jeff Branson

Policy -- Scott Carter – Administrators – Janice Ripley
Carl Parker – Julie Hinkle

Bond Discussion

The Board discussed the possibility of moving forward with a bond issue for facility needs. After some discussion it was decided to wait on this issue until the Board is through with goal setting, then the Facility Committee could start meeting and moving forward with discussion for a bond issue.

Facility Naming

The Board discussed the possibility of naming the weight room and cardio room in honor of John Barta. Before this moves forward the district would like to see community input and a committee formed to head the process. The Board's policies 8310 and 8460 have to be involved in the process.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations are planning to start up again at the end of August, a firm date has not been set yet.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The following items were brought up during this time:

- New hand rails are being added to the grandstand.
- All Superintendents in the area are being asked to submit an article to the Yellowstone County News once a month. Should help with communication in the community.
- Kick plates are being made for the bottom of the MS gym doors.
- New teacher orientation, with breakfast being served from 8:00 - 9:00, will be Monday, August 14, 2017. The Board members were invited to come and meet the new teachers.
- Booster Club donated half of the money needed to replace all the boards on the Grand Stand.
- The first football game is 8/25/17, and the Volleyball team will have their blue/gold scrimmage the same evening.
- The new ICU program to help students that have missing assignments in the High School is being implemented.

No Action

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Facility Naming

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Board Meeting 8/28/2017 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:23pm.