

BOARD MINUTES

February 10, 2016

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Chairman Kirk Brumfield called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Kirk Brumfield, Jason Buyse, Russ Curry, Julie Hinkle, Jamie Mertz, and Carl Parker.

Members excused: Carl Openshaw.

Superintendent Dan Jamieson, District Clerk Janice Ripley, HS Principal KJ Poepping, MS Principal Rich Hash, Elem Principal Autumn Kring, and AD Jeff Armstrong were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts to include January claims 126182 – 126242.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the High School business claims and accounts to include January claims 126182 – 126242 and the January minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the audience expressed their concern regarding the selection procedure for Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Should the procedure eliminate ties? There were comments on both sides of the issue. Also brought up, were the grades of students that take college classes instead of high school classes, and how those grades do/should reflect in their GPA.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you card was received from a staff member.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Claymore from the County Road and Bridge Department were in attendance explaining the need to replace a bridge on Shepherd Rd. East. They are working on a 50/50 grant that would help pay for the new bridge. As part of the grant requirements they are to present their plan in a public forum. They asked everyone in attendance to sign their paper to satisfy the public forum requirement, but no one was required to sign.

This month the Elementary RTI team did a presentation for the Board and audience showing the benchmarks for monitoring Elementary students in Math and Reading.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As listed in the agenda
- 2) Water
- 3) Missing Children Report
- 4) Nurse's Report
- 5) Spring Enrollment Counts: Elementary (Pre-School – 5) 364
Middle School (6-8) 212
High School (9-12) 243

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Policies 1700 & 8420

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to approve policies 1700 and 8420 for second reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

It was recommended to re-hire Jeff Armstrong – AD, Scott Jens – Dr. Ed Instructor, Substitutes as listed, and accept the resignation of Sheila Haselhuhn as Asst. Speech and Drama Coach.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jason Buyse to re-hire Jeff Armstrong – AD, Scott Jens – Dr. Ed Instructor, Substitutes as listed, and accept the resignation of Sheila Haselhuhn as Asst. Speech and Drama Coach.

Motion passed unanimously.

2016-2017 School Calendar

A member of the Board inquired as to why the 2nd of January was being taken off as a vacation day? The SEA President explained that since the Federal Government recognizes it as a Federal Holiday they decided to put it on the calendar as a vacation day. Even though it is not recognized as a legal holiday for schools, it can be recognized as a vacation day on the school calendar.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jason Buyse, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election Resolution

It was recommended to approve the resolutions calling for the May 3, 2016 School Election by mail ballot.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the resolutions calling for an election by mail ballot.

Motion passed unanimously.

RevTrak & Accounts

A motion is needed from the Board clearly stating that the Clerk (Janice Ripley), Assistant Clerk/Activities Accountant (Rebeca Schlosser), and Superintendent (Dan Jamieson) will be the persons approved to open and be signers of two new accounts for the school.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the two new accounts and appoint the Clerk and Assistant Clerk/Activities Accountant to be signers on the two new accounts, with the Superintendent also being a signer on the activities account.

Motion passed unanimously.

Out of District Students

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Russ Curry to approve the out of district student as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jason Buyse, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the out of district student as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

High School Curriculum Guide

The High School Curriculum Guide was discussed. Mr. Poepping stated that he had some changes to make. Changes as listed; adding a class description for British Literature, adding a class description for Technology Education I, deleting English I Survey, deleting English III Survey, change format so that it is more easily discernable in terms of required credits, and adding table of contents.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the High School Curriculum Guide for 2016-2017 with corrections as stated.

Motion passed.

Principal Contracts/Re-hire

An Elementary Motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Julie Hinkle to re-hire the Elementary and Middle School Principals for the 2016-2017 school year.

A High School/Joint Motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jason Buyse to re-hire the High School Principal for the 2016-2017 school year.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Approval for New Administrative Position

Following some discussion Julie Hinkle made a High School/Joint Motion, seconded by Carl Parker to table this item to the next meeting with a request for more information regarding past and present student and teacher counts, and projected salary.

Motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Policies 1240, 2168, 3210, 4316, 5322, & 6410

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve policies 1240, 2168, 3210, 4316, 5322, and 6410 for first reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Final Reading Procedure 2162P and 5228P

It was recommended to approve procedures 2162P and 5228P for final reading.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve procedures 2162P and 5228P for final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

Replace High School Gym Roof

The roof on the High School Gym is the original roof from construction approximately 30 years ago. It has developed a leak and needs replacement. There are three ways of obtaining funds to replace this roof; 1) Bond Election – voted by the community and paid for through debt service, 2) Non Voted Bonds – do not have to be voted on but would then have to be paid through the general fund over approximately 15 years, 3) Loan through the Board of Investments – this also does not have to be voted on by the community but would have to be repaid through the general fund over a period of years.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to approve moving forward with the investigation into the details and costs of non voted bonds or a loan to replace the High School gym roof.

Motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The AD stated that he is looking into the idea of raising additional revenues by having signage in the gym and charging outside groups a percentage of their fund raiser for use of the facilities.

A Board member inquired about the lack of the band participating at home basketball games. The game referenced was a game where both the boys and girls were competing, so it couldn't have been for equality purposes. The High School Principal was asked to look into it.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Re-visit the policy regarding selection requisites for becoming Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 8:00pm.