

BOARD MINUTES

May 13, 2015

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, May 13, 2015 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, Carl Openshaw, and Carl Parker.

Members excused:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Carl Openshaw, seconded by Russ Curry to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts to include April claims 125557 – 125631.

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 April claims 125557 – 125631, and the approval of the April 8 regular meeting minutes, and May 1 special meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Historically the SEA has partnered with Relay for Life in the Elementary. This year they have expanded to include the Middle School. This includes education for the students in cancer support, and cancer prevention with life style choices and healthy eating. The SEA president invited the Board to participate in the Relay Recess walks taking place at the Shepherd School Track in May; Thursday, May 21 at 1:15 with Kindergarten, and Friday, May 22 at 8:30am with grades 1-8. There will be three stations May 22; walk, exercise, and skin cancer presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS

A reminder was given to the Trustees regarding the day of training at Lincoln Center Monday, May 18, 2015 from 9:00am – 3:30pm.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As listed in the agenda
- 2) Water
- 3) Missing Children Report
- 4) Nurse's Report

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Student Drug Policies and Procedures

Mr. Jamieson advised that he had visited with legal counsel and they recommended not doing the policy. The attorney's thoughts are that the ACLU is waiting for the opportunity to sue a District for violation of a student's civil rights.

If the School is going to move forward with the policy there are some changes that will need to be made. The policy as written is not a school policy and will need to be changed to reflect school policies. Anything that refers to Chemnet will have to be eliminated. The page that lists the personal names should be changed to reflect Principal, AD, Supt. Etc. Some of the pages at the end should become procedures. As with any policy, a copy of the completed policy should be sent to legal counsel for their opinion before adopting it as a policy.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the Student Drug Policy for second reading with the suggested changes.

Motion passed unanimously.

HS Handbook 2015-2016

A community member and two High School students spoke in support of the College connection that Shepherd currently has in place, versus what the upcoming handbook states. The Board tabled this issue until the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Re-organization

The election results were canvassed:

Trustee Carl Openshaw was elected by acclamation

The 65,000.00 Elementary Mill Levy was defeated 340 votes for and 538 votes against. Shepherd School District has 2,095 registered voters and of those 878 votes were cast.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Openshaw to accept the election results.

Motion passed unanimously

Russ Curry nominated Kirk Brumfield as Board Chair, Julie Hinkle seconded the nomination.

Julie Hinkle nominated Russ Curry as Vice Chair. Russ deferred.

Jamie Mertz nominated Julie Hinkle as Vice Chair, Kirk Brumfield seconded the nomination.

Russ Curry nominated Carl Openshaw as Vice Chair, Julie Hinkle seconded the nomination.

The vote was taken by a show of hands. Two (2) votes for Julie Hinkle, and four (4) votes for Carl Openshaw. Carl Openshaw was elected Vice Chair.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Openshaw to re-appoint Janice Ripley as Clerk.

Motion passed unanimously.

Human Resources

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve Autumn Kring as Elementary Principal, new hires as listed, the listed rehire, and accept the Elementary resignations as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jason Buyse to accept the resignations as listed, new hires as listed, and approve the new substitutes as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

One student, Rhyann Holbrook 3rd grade, was left off the list of students.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Openshaw to accept the out-of-district students for the 2015-2016 school year as listed to include the student mentioned above.

Motion passed unanimously.

MSHA Dues and Catastrophic Insurance

It was recommended to approve the MHSA dues and catastrophic insurance for 2015-2016. This is necessary to compete through MHSA.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Russ Curry to approve the MHSA dues and catastrophic insurance for 2015-16.

Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase New Bus(es)

The Board discussed the possibilities of buying a yellow bus that could be retrofitted to make into a travel bus. Mr. Peil will be consulted before any decisions are made.

This was tabled until the next meeting.

Propane Bid

The two propane bids were reviewed.

A High School motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the propane bid from Valley Farmers for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion passed unanimously

Nurse's Contract

Riverstone Health would like Shepherd School to approve the nurse's contract this year in the amount of \$73,746.00. The proposed amount is an increase of \$835.00 over the current year's contract. It was recommended to approve the nurse's contract for 2015-2016.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the nurse's contract for 2015-16 as proposed.

Motion passed unanimously.

County Run Election

It was recommended to have the county run the school elections for the 2015-2016 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jason Buyse to have the county run the school's elections for the next year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Authorized District Representative

It was recommended to re-appoint the superintendent as the Authorized District Representative.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Openshaw to re-appoint the superintendent as the Authorized District Representative.

Motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was reported that negotiations are moving along, and are possibly one or two meetings out from being final.

Julie Hinkle, Carl Parker, and Jamie Mertz have agreed to form a committee along with David Peil to discuss the possibility of having a yellow bus purchased and retrofitted to use as a travel bus.

Mr. Curry has been working on the building bond issue. He suggested possibly dividing the community into districts and each Trustee would be responsible for canvassing a district to promote the building bond issue. A timeline needs to be developed along with some specific information to be put on flyers to be sent out to the voting community.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There is some concern regarding the online agendas as compared to the paper agendas that were used before. In the past if something didn't get put together in time to be added as support for an agenda item it was passed out in paper format. Now that online agendas are used those supporting documents can be added at any time. The concern is that supporting documents may be added after Board members have already read the agenda for the meeting. They have asked that if any supporting documents are added to the agenda after they have received it that they be given notification.

The AD posted his list of recommended coaching hires and re-hires, it will be added to the June agenda. All Board members are asked to look over the list and if they have any concerns to contact the AD before the next meeting to discuss their concerns with him.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 8:00pm.