

# **BOARD MINUTES**

## **February 11, 2015**

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, February 11, 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, Business Manager/Clerk Janice Ripley, HS Principal KJ Poepping, MS Principal Rich Hash, Elementary Principal John Farley, and AD Jeff Armstrong were present for the entire meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Openshaw to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts to include January claims 125348 – 125407.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Openshaw, seconded by Jason Buyse to approve the High School business claims and accounts to include January claims 125348 – 125407, and the approval of the minutes from the regular January 14, 2014 meeting.

Both motions passed unanimously.

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Micki Scally and Cindy Staffanson advised the Board of new happenings within the Elementary RTI team.

### **INFORMATIONAL**

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

No action.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Human Resources**

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russell Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the hiring of the substitutes as listed.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Out of District Student(s)**

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

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jason Buyse to approve the High School out-of-district students as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

### **Cross Country Presentation**

Parents did a presentation on Cross Country, expounding on what they feel are the benefits of adding this sport to Shepherd's existing sports for Middle School and High School. They also passed out papers showing the names of possible interested students in this new sport. There was much discussion back and forth about realistic interest in the new sport and actual cost to the school's general fund to support an additional sport.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Julie Hinkle to table this item until March to allow more time to receive more concise estimates on budgets, costs, and student commitment.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Policy 3141**

It was recommended to approve policy 3141 for first reading.

After some discussion it was decided to change item 6 to read "must be re-approved" instead of "must re-apply".

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jamie Mertz to approve policy 3141 for first reading with the above noted change.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **District-Wide Standardized Testing Program (Policy 2131)**

This was a discussion item only. The wording will be changed to read K-11 and brought back for approval at the next meeting.

### **Valedictorian Selection**

One student's parents spoke to the Board about their concerns that the School's Policy for selecting the Senior Class Valedictorian was not followed, and has caused un-needed anxiety to them and their son. The problem revolves around grades being rounded to the 10<sup>th</sup> and if that has truly been past practice. Everyone was in agreement that the Policy needs to be looked at, re-written, and followed, so that in the future there will never be a question in the Valedictorian selection.

The Superintendent recommended moving forward with Co-Valedictorians this year and re-writing the policy for clarification for the future.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Kirk Brumfield, seconded by Carl Openshaw to have Co-Valedictorians this year and re-write the policy for clarification for future years.

Motion failed 4 to 3.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Jamie Mertz to have one Valedictorian and one Salutatorian this year and re-write the policy for clarification for future years.

Motion failed 5 to 2.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Carl Parker to table the motion to the next meeting to allow the Principal time to bring forth more accurate information.

Motion passed unanimously

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A facility committee meeting was held 2/10/2015. The consensus of the meeting was 60/40 in favor of moving ahead with some construction/remodel. Nothing definitive was decided at the meeting. The audience in attendance was very passionate about their feelings and opinions whether they were in favor or against. The next meeting is

scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:30 in the Administration Building Board Room. The architects that have been working on this project need some clear precise direction to follow. A reminder of this facility meeting will be emailed to the Board.

The student drug testing committee stated that they were writing policy language at this time and should have a first reading for the Board at the March meeting. The testing schedule being considered is; 7 random pulls throughout the year, three September – November, and four January – April, testing 12 – 15 students each time.

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Time of adjournment: 9:02pm.