

BOARD MINUTES

October 8, 2014

A regular Board Meeting of the Trustees of Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, October 8, 2014 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, Julie Hinkle, Jamie Mertz, Russ Curry, and Carl Parker.

Members excused: Carl Openshaw

Superintendent Dan Jamieson, Business Manager/Clerk Janice Ripley, HS Principal KJ Poepping, MS Principal Rich Hash, and Elementary Principal John Farley 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 September claims 125008 – 125098.

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 September claims 125008 – 125098, and the approval of the minutes from the regular September 10, 2014 and special September 18, 2014 meetings

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

No action.

INFORMATIONAL

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

No action.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policies

It was recommended to approve policy 2210 for final reading.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Russ Curry to approve policy 2210 for final reading.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Resignation:

New Hire:

Mat Poe – MS Wrestling Asst. Coach
Tana Luptak – ½ Time Asst. Softball Coach
Karen Bomar – Read Right Paraprofessional
Pam Frantz – MS Paraprofessional
Substitutes as listed

An Elementary motion was made by Jamie Mertz, seconded by Julie Hinkle to approve the new hires as listed with the addition of Pam Frantz.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Russ Curry to approve new hires, coaches, advisors, and substitutes as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

None

Read Right Training for Trainer

It was proposed, the District pay the read right company to certify a staff member to become a trainer for our District Program. That person could then train other staff members to teach the read right program in the High School. There was much discussion regarding the cost involved and the loss incurred if the staff member didn't guarantee to stay for several years. Annually, the personnel involved would have to be re-certified in the read right program.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Russ Curry, seconded by Kirk Brumfield to approve training a trainer for the read right program in the High School.

Motion passed unanimously.

Drug Testing for all MHSA Activities

This item was moved to standing committee reports as it is not ready for a vote at this time.

Spectrum Group Presentation

Spectrum group presented their proposal for helping the District in the bond proceedings. Voting on this item has been tabled to the November meeting.

Special Education Bus Routes

It was recommended to approve the special education bus routes as presented.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Carl Parker to approve the special education bus routes.

Motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A member of the Board and a member of the public advised the Board of their findings in regards to implementing a policy regarding drug testing of all extracurricular participants at Shepherd School. There are other schools in the area that already have policies in place and are testing their extracurricular participants. After listening to the discussion and views of various Board members the Board Chair asked the committee chair to write up a policy that can be reviewed by the Board. Once a policy process is started then the Board can discuss it making any additions or changes as agreed upon. It takes at least three readings of a policy before it can be adopted. If a policy is adopted it will not be effective until the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The administrators shared their student test score percentage comparisons from the beginning of last year, the spring of last year, and the fall of this year for their various grade levels. Most every class showed a considerable drop from where they finished out last spring, and where they are after the summer break.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 8:29pm