

**SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

REGULAR SESSION

**HIGH SCHOOL BOARDROOM (ROOM 305)
7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

June 19, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 19, 2025. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, and Members Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones attended. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Kindra Hovis, MS Principal Bryson Abel, incoming Superintendent Dr. Sue Lanham, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance were Etta Franklin, Jennifer Boswell, and Jeff Jones.

Annette Taylor motioned for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting from May 22, 2025, seconded by Eva George. The minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no comments from patrons regarding items on the agenda.

Middle School Principal Bryson Abel thanked everyone for their support as he will be stepping down from the principal position.

The first items under new business were the resignations of Rickie Mason from the 2025-2026 Middle School Principal position and Joyce Jones from Elementary Teaching Assistant position. The board commented that they appreciate all of the work Mrs. Jones has done. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously. Also approved was the extension of Megan Hawkins' contract days from 184-194 due to her Early College Summit and STEM programs. The Food Service Director position will be changed to Food Service Director/Manager. The position will also change from 260 to 240 days. The removal of the cafeteria manager position is due to budget cuts. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve, which passed with a 5-0 vote. Carol Fullington Eubank was approved as the Middle School Principal for the 2025-2026 school year. Annette Taylor and Ethan Jones led the motions, which passed unanimously. The board also approved to transfer Kindra Hovis' remaining vacation days to sick days. Eva George and Annette Taylor made the motions. Motions passed 5-0.

The board approved using grants to fund coaching and consultation by Dr. Joanna Sicinski for our Paths of Quality accreditation and state-mandated compliance in our preschool program. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions, which passed unanimously.

The board also approved the Professional Growth Plan that was submitted to them. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motions, which passed 5-0.

The following fundraisers were approved: the High School Volleyball team to conduct a Calendar fundraiser in July, and the parents of the Class of 2027 to host Chuck a Duck at the Boys'

JV/Varsity home basketball games from November 2025 to March 2026. The fundraisers were approved 5-0, with Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor making the motions. The board also approved the Winter Guard to sell glow sticks on July 4 at the school during the fireworks display. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions, passing unanimously.

The following trip requests were approved with a 5-0 vote: The Middle and High School bands to Holiday World on July 9 and the 2nd grade to Westgate for STEM on April 23, 2026. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor made the motions to approve, passing 5-0. The band trips in July and August were tabled pending additional information needed.

The Girls' Basketball program to use the auxiliary gym June 23, 25, and 27 for a 1st-3rd grade camp, and the request for the Catfish Festival Committee to use the school facilities, free of charge, as a backup in case of inclement weather during the festival, were both approved 5-0. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor made the motions to approve.

The Board approved adding Dr. Lanham as Superintendent and Amy Money as Food Service Director to the respective Crane Credit Union Accounts and removing Kindra Hovis and Tammy Florio-Cooper. The resolution to transfer funds from the Rainy Day Fund to the Cafeteria fund due to a negative balance was also approved. Ethan Jones made the first motion, and Eva George made the second motion, with a 5-0 vote.

The First Readings of the High School Student Handbook, the 2025 Wellness Policy, the Athletic Handbook, and the Non-Certified Handbook were all held.

The following curriculum was approved: Human Service Pathway courses- 7276 Fundamentals of Human Services and 7278 Community Health Worker. The curricular material fees, as well as the Class fees, were also approved for the 2025-2026 school year. Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones made the motions, which passed unanimously. Amplify CKLA for K-5 Reading and ELA-based curriculum, Amplify CKLA ELA for grades K-8, and a new course, Intro to Communications (4790), were all approved with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Eva George made the motions to approve.

Revisions to the 2025-2026 school calendar were approved, with a 5-0 vote. Teacher Flex days were added. Ethan Jones made the 1st motion to approve, with Eva George making the second motion.

The PBIS contract with the Martin County Community Corrections for the 2025-2026 school year was approved 5-0, with Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor making the motions.

Jeff Jones asked about the status of the school's sponsorship of the Middle School Softball and Baseball teams. The Athletic Department responded that if it does get approval for funding, the soonest it would be funded would be the 2026-27 school year.

The Leave Accounting for May was approved, with Lorna Troutman and Eva George making the motions and passing unanimously.

All claims were approved for payment. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motions, which passed unanimously.

Superintendent Hovis began her report by wishing all three Beta clubs the best of luck and safe travels as they travel to Orlando, Florida, and compete at Nationals. She stated how proud she was that a school of our size had all three clubs advance to the National level. On June 4th, Shoals

was invited to present at the Early College Summit in New Palestine in four sessions. Shoals was invited to present due to the success of its Early College program. Those presenting were Ms. Hovis, Miss Megan Hawkins, Mrs. Tina Rue, and Mr. Ben Kent & son, Reece Kent. The summer maintenance crew hit the ground running once school was out. They have been busy cleaning, stripping, and waxing throughout the buildings. They always do a great job making our school look nice, and their work does not go unnoticed. It is not an easy job! Ms. Hovis and Dr. Lanham have been busy the last two weeks collaborating to ensure a smooth transition into their new roles. Ms. Hovis was excited to state that since school has let out, Shoals has already offered four professional development opportunities for staff. A team of educators is also at IU all week, attending the CSPD (computer science) workshop. She commended the staff for attending these trainings while on their summer break. It shows the desire they have to grow as instructors.

Congratulations to Dixie Riggins and Skylar Boyd, who advanced to regionals in track. Dixie advanced for the shot put, while Skylar advanced for the 800M dash. He also broke a school record! Construction is finally happening around the back of the FEMA classroom additions. These new classrooms are set to be completed in January 2026 and will house our multi-cat room and our health science pathway. Summer school was a success in all three buildings, with several students attending. Many high school students finished courses to receive credits and are ready for the 2025-2026 school year—a huge shout-out to those who ensured that all summer school students were fed. Last, but not least, Superintendent Hovis closed by thanking the board for their support over the past three years. This was her last official meeting as Superintendent. She looks forward to returning to her previous role as high school principal and is excited about what the future holds at Shoals Community Schools!

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6 p.m.