

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

REGULAR SESSION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

July 10, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on July 10, 2025. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, and Members Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones were in attendance. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Sue Lanham, HS Principal Kindra Hovis, MS Principal Carol Eubank, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, Teachers Tina Sullivan, Jonathan Sullivan, Scott Carr, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance were Etta Franklin, Jeff Jones, and Kassie Truelove.

Annette Taylor motioned for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting from June 19, 2025, seconded by Eva George. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Jeff Jones addressed the board regarding a rumor that the multipurpose room will be reverted to its original use. He was asking about the plan for winter practice for baseball and softball. The board responded that the school is still in the discussion stage on how to move forward.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began her report by thanking the Shoals Public Library for hosting a great Summer Reading Program for students and children of the Shoals community. Several Shoals students volunteered to help the Shoals Park Board with various cleanup projects at the ballpark in preparation for the Catfish Festival. Students helped with painting, weeding flower beds, trash removal, cleaning, and stocking concession stands. Congratulations to Elementary Beta students on a successful National Beta Convention. The Elementary Beta finished in the top ten for Collaboration Connection: (members competing were Eyan Hovis, Nick Harding, Mayson Sanders, and Ray Money), Atom Whyne earned 8th Place in Drawing, Adilynn Brown, Izaac Brown, and Azailya Kelsey earned 7th place for their Recycling project.

It was great to see so many students and families at the 40th Annual Catfish Festival. Thank you to the Shoals Lions Club, event chairs, and volunteers for making this event possible for our community. We look forward to checking out all the 4-H projects at the Martin County Fair, July 10-15.

Mrs. Gibson closed with the reminder of School Registration, July 22nd, 8 AM-7 PM.

Middle School Principal Carol Eubank reported that she has reviewed and revised the middle school handbook. She stated that she has reached out to her staff asking for feedback on what the middle school does well, and where they see the greatest need for improvement. With the help of Danielle Cornett, JD Emerick, April Sutton, and others, we are exploring options for a new MS

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math curriculum. She will soon meet with Molly Tharp to discuss PBIS. Principal Eubank is currently working on revising our Middle School Improvement Plan to start addressing our TSI designation. She finished by expressing appreciation and excitement for this new adventure as Middle School Principal.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis began her report by congratulating Junior Elly Rader for being named Miss Catfish Queen 2025. She thanked all the staff who volunteered at the school booth during the festival, especially considering the hot weather. She also congratulated the high school Beta team for placing in the top ten at the National Beta Convention. Awards received were 8th place in Sculpture and 3rd place in Supply Drive. Approximately 100 schools from across the country were competing at Nationals. She congratulated Dean and Lorna Troutman for securing a STEM First robotics grant for our robotics teams. Seeking grants is not an easy task, and she thanked them for their time they contribution to the program. She also thanked the summer cleaning crew. They work so hard to ensure our school is clean and ready for our students and staff on the first day. She also reported on registration. Parents can register online at www.shoals.k12.in.us. The first teacher day is August 4th, with the students returning August 6th.

The first item under new business was athletic positions. Amber Breitwieser to hold volleyball clinics, Taylor Atkison as Varsity Volleyball Coach, Kaley Roush as Volleyball Varsity Assistant coach, Rebecca Rollins as Volleyball Junior Varsity coach, Daniel Turpen as Boys' Soccer Varsity Assistant, Cody Douglas as Junior High Soccer coach and Andy Purdue as Girls' Varsity Assistant coach and Middle School Soccer Assistant coach. Lorna Troutman led the motion to approve, with Eva George making the second. Motions passed 5-0. Chris Boswell was approved as Boys' Varsity Soccer coach, with Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor making the motions. Motions passed 4-1 with Lorna Troutman voting against. Reva Troutman was approved as Girls' Varsity Soccer coach. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve passing 4-0-1 with Lorna Troutman abstaining from voting. Other personnel approved were for Kimi Cundiff to work as a nurse assistant for a portion of the school day. The following substitute teachers were approved, Denise Sanders, Cole Hovis, Tim Sanders, Matthew Sullivan, Kristy Day, Etta Franklin, Cliff Goodman, Gerald Montgomery, Kellie Shaw, Chris Boswell, Terri Dye and Lydia Cook, Matthew Sullivan and Linda Dillion as CASS instructors, and Garry and Mary Smith were approved as volunteers. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions passing 5-0. Additional personnel approved were the resignation of SonBlossom Summerton as an Elementary Teaching Assistant at the Padanaram school, and the approval of Angela Malone as a volunteer. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

The board approved the changes to the High School Student Handbook, the 2025 Wellness Policy, the Athletic Handbook, and the Non-Certified Staff Handbook. Eva George and Ethan Jones made the motions to approve, which passed 5-0.

Agreements approved were the Indiana MAC Program Participation and the SLP contract with Parallel for August - December 2025. Lorna Troutman led the motions with Annette Taylor making the second. Motions passed unanimously.

The First Reading of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar was held.

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Approval was given to publish the notice of a hearing for the upcoming bond. Ethan Jones and Eva George made the motions to approve passing 5-0.

The following policies were approved: the Updated online Course Policy, update the attendance policy to reflect the most recent legislative changes of SEA 282, additional attendance related changes are an attendance conference required ten days after the fifth absence, authorize up to six absences per year and excuse students in good academic standing for FFA or 4-H activities, and withdraw students from a virtual program if they accumulate in a school year, ten consecutive or eighteen cumulative unexcused absences. Eva George and Ethan Jones led motions to approve, passing 5-0.

Reports of Investments were also presented to the board.

Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor led motions to approve a Back to School Boys' Basketball Camp in July. Motions passed 5-0.

Cafeteria approvals were for Wabash Food Service, B&B Distributors, Prairie Farms Dairy, and Commercial Foods as vendors. The new No Charge policy, the new Cafeteria Pricing policy, and the updated job description for the Food Service Worker/Cook/Dishwasher and Director/Cafeteria Manager. Eva George and Lornat Troutman led the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

Also approved unanimously was the corporation bus drivers' pay increase. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve.

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

Superintendent Lanham began her report with a thank you to the maintenance and custodial staff for their hard work this summer, not only performing their everyday summer responsibilities but also for assisting the new staff with moving in and ensuring everyone has what they need during the transition time. Registration Day is scheduled for July 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Online registration is currently open, and we are excited to welcome students and staff back to the building. Audrey Gibson and our preschool team will be participating in compliance, classroom setup, and management training later this month. The first day for teachers is August 4th, while the first day for students is August 6th. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Kindra Hovis for all her support and guidance over the past couple of months; she has been tremendously helpful throughout this process. Kendra Wright and I have completed our budget meeting with Brian Harmon. He provided us with excellent guidance and feedback as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. Amy Money has attended training through the IDOE and met with our designated field specialist. She is also collaborating with another local cafeteria manager to ensure our cafeteria is ready for the start of school.

The Beta trips to Orlando provided a fantastic learning experience for the students. They engaged with other students and Beta representatives from across the country, demonstrating respect and following the directions of the Beta sponsors at all times. A special thank you to our Beta sponsors, Kindra Hovis, Megan Hawkins, and Reva Troutman, for providing this valuable learning opportunity for the students.

She also thanked all the students and staff who participated in the parade, especially the Shoals MS/HS Band. We had a booth at the Catfish Festival, which was a fun experience. We had the opportunity to meet with community members and discuss summer break with the students. We

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distributed treats and allowed kids to play games for free. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help at the booth, and to Reva and Kindra for setting up and taking it down afterwards. The items from the booth were moved to the Martin County Fairgrounds.

She closed by expressing that she has truly enjoyed the opportunities she's had to speak with staff, students, and administrators throughout the summer. I must say that I am thrilled to have staff and students back in the building. I need to hear some noise!

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 6 p.m.