

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**7900 HWY 50  
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

**August 14, 2025**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Board Minutes**

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. on August 14, 2025. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, and Member Lorna Troutman were in attendance. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Sue Lanham, HS Principal Kindra Hovis, MS Principal Carol Eubank, Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance were Etta Franklin, Jeff Jones, Stephen Deckard, Audra Deckard, Mandi Steward, Jonathan Day, and Courtney Sampson Day.

Drexel Turpin and Superintendent Lanham began the meeting with the Project Hearing. This hearing was the first step to obtain a bond. Luke Bruggeman joined virtually and explained the tentative property tax implications. After the hearing, Jeff Jones addressed the board with concerns regarding notification of the hearing. No other patrons had comments or questions. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motions to adopt the Project Resolution. The vote to accept was 4-0. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution, which passed unanimously. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motions to approve the Reimbursement Resolution, which also passed unanimously.

Annette Taylor motioned for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting from July 10, 2025, seconded by Lorna Troutman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

High School Principal Kindra Hovis began by reporting that the high school has five new students this year, with one of them being a foreign exchange student from Germany. It has been a while since Shoals has had a foreign exchange student, so this is a neat experience for our students. The daily PRIDE pass drawing has returned, and the students love it!

There will also be weekly and monthly drawings. Ms. Hovis thanked our teachers who have donated items, as well as Bo-Mac's, Velma's, Faytastic Pizza, and Hair Tropics, for their donations. Students like the new lunch schedule because they do not have to wait in line for long periods of time. There is currently an attendance challenge to determine who gets to go to lunch first each week.

Teachers have not wasted any time getting back into the groove of things. Mrs. Sexton's culinary classes picked tomatoes from our Jug Rox Farm and learned how to make homemade salsa.

Students complete a weekly check sheet to track their grades, attendance, and discipline referrals during Rox Solid. This is implemented into our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) system. Students earn points for each of the items they check.

Fall sports have started, and our high school volleyball and soccer teams have had their first games. Cross Country will also be starting this week. Ms. Hovis wished our student-athletes a great season!

Ms. Hovis closed by thanking Allison Taylor and Danielle Cornett for keeping athletics going smoothly. There has been lots of behind-the-scenes work, including scheduling, confirming officials, transportation, completing transfer requests, and ensuring physicals are up to date and on file, to name a few.

Middle School Principal Carol Eubank reported that she and Molly Tharp are learning quite a bit together! According to Skyward, we have welcomed seven new students to the middle school! Mrs. Eubank is spending a great deal of time getting to know staff and students by rotating on hall duty, taking on lunch duty with Mr. Fishback and Daniel Turpen, popping into lunch detention, hand-delivering discipline notices, and birthday cards. She has become acquainted with a few parents/guardians already, both by phone and in person. She has also asked to attend the Special Education conferences for our students. Some notable things she has observed include Lunch is LOUD, but with no cell phones and devices put away until after they have eaten, it is great to hear and see kids socialize the old-fashioned way. In response to student and parent requests, middle school students will start going outside during some of their Rox Solid time each day, starting Monday. A new order of jump ropes, balls, and sidewalk chalk is on the way. Molly Tharp and Mrs. Eubank have spoken extensively about rebooting our PBIS strategy so that it places accountability on the students. Each week during Rox Solid, students will calculate their earned PBIS points by reporting their grades, their attendance, and their discipline. Students will continue to earn additional points for Pride Passes. On each two-hour delay schedule, we will celebrate the kids who have earned their Positive Behavior Points by doing a variety of fun activities. Mrs. Eubank closed, expressing her excitement to be back at Shoals!

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson expressed excitement to begin the school year with several new students and families joining our Elementary building.

She thanked the Shoals United Methodist Church and the Sons of the American Legion for their generous monetary donations toward essential student needs and new outdoor recess equipment. Their support makes a difference in the lives of our students.

The Elementary school has also implemented a new PBIS system. She thanked Molly Tharp for working closely with our teachers to tailor the program to meet the needs of our students best.

Elementary students are currently participating in their annual mum fundraiser in partnership with Eichmiller Landscaping and Greenhouses LLC. She expressed her gratitude for their continued support and thanked the community for contributing to both our school and this local business. Mum's delivery will take place on Thursday, August 21st. Orders may be picked up on the playground between 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

She closed by announcing the addition of a second preschool classroom for four-year-olds. We still have both full-time and part-time openings available! Contact the elementary office if you are interested.

The first item under new business was a clarification of athletic positions. Andy Purdue is the Girls' Varsity and Girls' Middle School Soccer assistant coach, with Reva Troutman being the Girls' Varsity and Girls' Middle School Soccer coach. The following coaches were approved: Volleyball-Mandi Holt as 8th grade coach, Hallie Wyman as 7th grade coach, and Abbey Fuhrman as 6th grade coach, Kathy Overton as Middle School and High School Cross Country Coach. Also approved was Janelle Riggle to do Elementary Volleyball camps this fall in the gym. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Annette Taylor making the second. Motions passed 4-0. The resignations of Katlin Allen from Preschool assistant, and Beth Hembree from High school Resource assistant were approved, along with the resignation of Bryson Able. The board expressed its appreciation for the work of all those resigning. Darcy Soke and Emily Gist were both approved as new preschool assistants. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously. The following were approved as substitutes throughout the school: Lisa Taylor, Kemily Winger, and Sherri Braun. Bill Whorral was approved to volunteer, assisting students and teaching volunteer Art lessons. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve passing 4-0. Other personnel approved were Crystal Tyler and Megan Benefiel as Winterguard sponsors and Natyle Bair-Sterling as substitute, pending her paperwork finalization. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motions, which passed unanimously. The following sponsors were approved: Freshman class-Dennis Dahlen and Brian Smith; Sophomore class-Jeff Gee, Kari Goodman, and Theresa Holt; Junior class-Erin Cage, Wesley Stephenson, and Jonathan Holt; Senior class-Scott Carr, Cammie Sanders, and Mary Ellen Baker; Senior class activities- Megan Hawkins, Ben Kent, and Tina Rue; Prom-Ethan Adams, Reva Troutman, and Sarah Sexton; Haunted House-Myrna Greene, and Terra Boyd; Chess club & IMPACCT-Wes Stephenson; Rox Readers-Erin Cage and Tina Rue; SADD Club-Tina Rue; High School Beta-Megan Hawkins; Middle School Beta-Reva Troutman and Ashley Montgomery; Band Director/Summer Band-Scott Carr; and Yearbook & Newspaper-Cammie Sanders. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, passing unanimously. An additional sponsor approved was Cassie Phillips as the Middle School and High School Academic & Spell Bowl coach. The following were approved as Dual Credit teachers: Myrna Greene, Theresa Holt, Tina Rue, Erin Cage, Wes Stephenson, Jonathan Holt, Dennis Dahlen, Kelley Wellman-Covey, and Terra Boyd. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed 4-0.

The following fundraisers were approved; the Middle school volleyball team to sell shirts August 14-August 23, Shoals Student Run Business to take orders and sell items August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026, The Elementary to sell mums August 8-15, the High School Lady soccer team to sell Lady Rox Soccer t-shirts August 15-September 30, 2025, and the SHS Cheer team to sell detergent August 18-September 5. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Lorna Troutman making the second motion. Motions passed 4-0. An additional fundraiser approved was the Boys and Girls' High School basketball team to sell Merkley Meat products from August 18 to October 10. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions, with a 4-0 vote to approve.

The following trip requests were approved, with Lorna Troutman and Eva George leading the motions. Motions passed unanimously. Middle and High school band to Lucas Oil Stadium, High school Ag groups to the Indiana State Fair, 8th grade Ag and High school FFA to the White River Valley Antique Show in Elnora, Shop class to the Daviess County Farm Fair, 8th grade to various

local businesses to investigate local career opportunities, 1st grade to Wonder Lab, 2nd grade to Marengo Caves, Senior Beta club to the Senior Beta State Convention, 5th grade to Westgate Crane and High school Engineering students to Crane WestGate for Engineer in Training Day. Additional trips approved were the Middle school Art classes to Eskenazi Museum of Art, the High school Art classes to Eiteljorg Museum of Art, and the 6th grade to Crane for the Crane Open House. Lorna Troutman and Annette led the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

The First Reading regarding changes to the Middle School Student Handbook and the Online Course Policies was held.

The Second Reading of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar was held and approved. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions, passing 4-0.

The "Making A Difference" curriculum for 7th and 8th grade students has been approved, along with approval to dispose of old curriculum materials from past adoptions that are no longer being used. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman made the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

The Attendance Policy in Compliance with Senate Enrolled Act 482 and the Homeschool ECA Policy were both approved with a 4-0 vote. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motions to approve.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vincennes University was approved, with Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman making the motions. The MOU with Ivy Tech for Dual Credit Classes was also approved. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led those motions. Both MOUs were approved with a 4-0 vote.

An approval for Seniors to paint their parking spots was approved. There are specific rules that the students must adhere to. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

The following requests to use school facilities were approved unanimously. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motions to approve. Hunter's Ed program will use the cafeteria on September 19 and 20. The Jr. Drama Club will use the main gym, with the date to be determined. The Drama Club will use the gym from April 12 to 19, 2026. The softball program was also approved to use the Auxiliary gym on Sunday afternoons, September through November. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

A new Hiring Protocol was approved with Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor leading the motions to approve with a 4-0 vote.

Leave Accounting for July 2025 was approved with a 4-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions. All claims were approved for payment. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions, which passed unanimously.

Superintendent Lanham began her report with current enrollment numbers: PK3 year olds -11, PK4 year olds- 17, K- 39, 1st- 42, 2nd- 39, 3rd - 43, 4th - 45, 5th- 38, 6th- 56, 7th- 55, 8th- 39, 9th- 35, 10th- 52, 11th- 61, 12th- 37. Total K-12 enrollment: 581, with total PK-12 enrollment: 609.

Meet the Teacher night was a huge success. We served 220 hot dogs in the cafeteria. Thanks to Mr. Kent and Mr. Adams for helping us with that, as well as all the staff and volunteers who were there that night. Superintendent Lanham thanked the Bauer Family for providing muffins and

coffee for our back-to-school event on Tuesday, August 5th. Our whole staff came together to learn and grow, as well as set personal goals for the school year. Our theme is “Lead From Where You Are.” Dr. Lanham supplied slides from the learning presentation. Also, if you notice, our staff participated in a few activities on that day. We had a great time learning together and getting to know staff from all three buildings.

The new cafeteria schedule is going well. Amy Money and her team have done a magnificent job welcoming students into the cafeteria and providing delicious options for breakfast and lunch.

Our sports teams are gearing up for the season.

Audrey Gibson, Ben Kent, and Dr. Lanham recently met with Martin County Community Foundation to discuss early learning opportunities and explore ways for our CTE Early Childhood Pathway students to collaborate with our preschool teachers. They would like us to create a five-year strategic plan for our early learning program.

Dr. Lanham and Mrs. Cornett thanked the technology team, Matthew Poole, and Damien Holt for helping Mrs. Cornett set up iReady, IXL, Reading Eggs, and Study Island. They made the process go smoothly, and students are ready to work online.

Board Secretary, Annette Taylor, read a thank you note from the Drexel Turpin family on the recent death of his mother. Lorna Troutman updated the board on the Robotics teams. There are three teams. The competition theme this year is Archaeology.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

*The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 6 p.m.*