

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

REGULAR SESSION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

October 9, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on October 9, 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, Kari Goodman, Amy Money, Danielle Cornett, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community patrons in attendance included Renee Allbright, Nikki Butler, Jenny Hembree, Etta Franklin, Allie Jones, Hillary Witt, and additional parents who watched their child's presentations.

The Rox Bots team presented to the board on their archaeology theme. It was requested that their QR code be linked to the school website so the community could observe their project. The board approved that with a 5-0 vote. The presenters were Raelynn Norman, Joseph Jones, Noah Bradley, and Zoey Gray.

The 6th-grade winners of the Genius Hour Challenge presented their "Stop Bullying Project". The presenters were Wes Troutman, Lucas Neideffer, Eyan Hovis, Lane Taylor, and Bentlee Witt.

Eva George motioned for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting from September 11, 2025, seconded by Ethan Jones. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The board then held the Final Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Budget. Dr. Lanham explained various budget funds. There were no comments from patrons. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Lorna Troutman seconding. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Middle School principal Carol Eubank began her report by sharing how the Middle School students presented their "Genius Hour" projects, and presentations to learn how to stop bullying in our school. The winning presentations will be shared on our TVs/Announcement during Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 27-31. Sophie Cole and Macaylah Kirk delivered the best 8th-grade presentation. Our best 7th-grade presentation was Mr. Emerick's homeroom class/game show, but our best presentation overall came from the 6th-grade group in Mrs. Harder's Homeroom. The 6th grade attended the STEM Open House at Crane on Thursday, September 18. The 8th grade attended Martin County Alliance's Manufacturing Day on Friday, September 19. 6th and 7th-grade students are working through the Presidential Physical Fitness testing in PE this year. Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Harder had six students who had already mastered the standards. Shout

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out to Arion Wright, Ariel Kidwell, Anniston Taylor, Lane Taylor, Jett Hoffman, and Silas Survance. These students were awarded a sweet treat from BoMacs for their achievement! Mrs. Eubank thanked Daniel Turpen, Scott Fishback, and Scott Carr for their continued flexibility. All three gentlemen are always willing to jump in at a moment's notice to assist with lunch duty, lunch detentions, or even recess with the Middle School kids. She also thanked Kelley Wellman-Covey — she is an indispensable part of our middle school staff! She is always willing to jump in to help serve in the cafeteria for breakfast or lunch when necessary. She has a great handle on the pulse of our middle school student population and works tirelessly to help solve the ongoing middle school drama.

The Middle School students had a variety of things planned to celebrate their Positive Behavior and Intervention points. Molly Tharp did an excellent job organizing the event. 133 out of 153 Middle School students participated in a nature walk and scavenger-hunt competition, sidewalk chalk art, where each homeroom designed an album cover to reflect kindness, and, finally, our 6th-grade STEM students had the opportunity to share the math review games they created in class. She wished the Middle School Spell Bowl team the best of luck as they had their first competition at North Knox High School on Thursday evening.

She congratulated the following teams and shared their win/loss records: 8th volleyball was 7-11, 7th volleyball was 9-8, Girls' Middle School soccer was 0-7, Boys Middle School soccer was 9-4, and placed 2nd in conference tourney, went 2-1 in tourney, losing to Jasper 3-2.

Thursday was Parent-Teacher Conferences, and teachers in the middle school were challenged to reach out to the parents/guardians of EACH middle school student with an in-person conference or phone conversation! Teachers were encouraged to share information, including grades, attendance, discipline, and assessment data.

The second professional development schedule was last Wednesday. MS staff conducted a deep dive into our I-Ready benchmark data to determine our students' most significant needs in literacy and math. Teachers used the information to determine the most critical student learning objectives to address and which students they will target in their classrooms to show the most significant improvement. In turn, teachers used the information to write their SLOs and TLOs for their own RISE assessments. I would like to give a big Thank You to Danielle Cornett for leading that discussion. In our faculty meeting that followed, we discussed student and teacher expectations for grades, testing, and evaluations. We also brainstormed some possible solutions to address severe literacy concerns among our student population.

On October 28, we will host the Big Air BMX Bike Show titled “Think Big, Dream Big, and Go Big in Life” to celebrate Red Ribbon Week and encourage students to make good choices to further their future. On October 29, the 8th grade will be off to Evansville to participate in Junior Achievement's Job Spark. This program introduces students to a variety of professions and industries, helping them better understand what it takes to get a job and build a career.

Throughout the month, several teachers have been recertified in Crisis Prevention Institute. Heidi Hoffman, Kelly Wellman-Covey, Brittney Bushey, and Kari Goodman. In addition, four more staff members will be certified at the end of this month or early November: Jackie Esch, Daniel Turpen, Christina Gardner, and Mrs. Eubank.

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High School Principal Kindra Hovis began her report congratulating the high school students on their attendance, which exceeds state guidelines. She thanked Danielle Cornett for organizing and administering the PSAT. 101 out of 104 students completed the test.

Students enjoyed sausage from our Jug Rox Farm at lunch this week. The farm has had a busy week, hosting a fall field day and Farm Fair for Shoals, Loogootee, and Washington students. Our high school students do a great job leading these activities for our young people.

Students enjoyed October's PBIS event, which featured some friendly competition between their Rox Solid classes. She thanked Cammie Sanders for organizing fun pep sessions for sectional send-offs. High School students participated in an anti-bullying lesson and learned the difference between being an upstander and a bystander.

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated upon returning to school after Fall Break. Red Ribbon Week will end with a BMX Air Show performance for all students.

Ms. Hovis was excited to announce that some area schools have contacted her about offering Professional Development to their CTE staff, modeled after the Shoals program.

The first item under new business was the approval of the following personnel: Jeff Callahan as an athletic director consultant, Logan Wagler as the 5th-grade boys' basketball coach, and Tyler Marshman as the Girls' Varsity Assistant Basketball coach. Clarification that Sam Perry is the Boys' JV Basketball coach, not the Girls' Varsity assistant coach as previously reported. Jamie Marshman and Alyssa Howell as Girls' Basketball volunteers, the resignation of Glenn Gray from full time custodial position, Vicki York as substitute custodian, the transfer of Amanda Wilson to full time custodial position once her current position is filled, Kelly Boyd and Melissa Grogan as Food Service substitutes, the transfer of Karen Ray to the cafeteria once her current position is filled, and Chad Gibson as volunteer Elementary Boys' Basketball coach. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve, which passed 5-0.

Additional personnel approvals were Heidi Hoffman and Travis Brett as 5th-grade Girls' Basketball coaches. Andy Purdue will not be coaching this grade level as previously approved due to scheduling conflicts. Mallory Waggoner will be the High School Robotics coach, and Mimi Hawkins will be the Elementary Robotics coach, the approval of Rene Allbright as a substitute teacher in the Jr/Sr High Schools, Tiffany Wittmer was approved to move to full-time status with benefits, Kassie Brassine to transfer to an elementary Title 1 aide once her current position has been filled, Tyanna Graber was approved to shadow Mr. Burkhardt or other admin during after-school events to obtain observation hours for her degree in Athletic Administration, the board did request a time from for Ms. Graber, and DeAnna Smith as a classroom substitute teacher. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Lorna Troutman seconding. The motions passed 5-0. Other personnel approved was Travis Brett as a High School Boys' Basketball volunteer, Rionna Royston as a substitute teacher upon completion of required paperwork, Charles (Mike) Shartzter as an Elementary Girls' Basketball volunteer, Journey Chastain to serve as a CTE student intern, Kallie Fuhrman as the Elementary Beta Sponsor, and compensatory time to be paid to the Estate of T. Florio. Annette Taylor and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve passing unanimously.

The following fundraisers were approved: Beta Clubs to seek community support with different sponsorship levels, High School Rockettes to host the yearly donation calendar fundraiser, High

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School Cheer team to sell old uniform pieces, Beta Clubs to host the annual Beta Club Light Show, and a Daddy/Daughter Dance hosted by the parents of the Class of 2028.. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve passing with a 5-0 vote.

Trip requests approved, with Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones making the motions to approve, passed unanimously. They were High School FFA to Feldun Purdue Ag Center in Bedford, Media Yearbook Editors to VUJC for Josten's website training, and High School Spell Bowl team to North Knox High School for a Blue Chip Spell Bowl meet. Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve, passing with a 5-0 vote. Additional trips approved were the 4th grade to Spring Mill, the High School FFA to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, High School Band to Barr Reeve High School for the Annual Festival of the Bands. High School Spell Bowl-destination to be determined, 2nd grade to Marengo Cave, Elementary Beta to Evansville, November 13, for the State Elementary Beta Convention, High School English class to IRT in Indianapolis, to watch "A Christmas Carol" play, Middle school and High school Beta clubs to Bedford to purchase food for the local food pantry. Eva George and Annette Taylor made the motions to approve, passing unanimously. Additional trips approved were the Preschool students to Lark Ranch and High School students to IU for a college visit. Eva George and Lorna Troutman made the motions to approve, passing 5-0.

Stipends were approved for Rebecca Rollins as Edmentum Co-ordinator, and Danielle Cornett and Allison Taylor for extra Athletic duties. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman made the motions to approve, which passed 5-0. A stipend for Traci LeTourneau as the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Co-ordinator was tabled for further review.

The board approved to replace the track due to last Spring's flooding, with FEMA paying 75% of the cost. Eva George and Ethan Jones made the motions to approve, passing 5-0.

HUDDL Technology Systems was approved to purchase with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve.

The approval to post and accept mowing bids for the 2026-2028 mowing season, as well as the approval to post the position for a full time custodian was given. Annette Taylor and Eva George made the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

The following events were approved with a 5-0 vote. Ethan Jones led the motion to approve with Eva George making the second motion: Grandparents celebration in the Elementary on various dates in November, Elementary students caroling in town. With dates in December, to be determined, Special Community guest Readers to come in throughout the months of Oct-Dec, Redemption Church to offer Lunch Club for Shoals Elementary 5th-grade students for the 2025-26 school year, every other Wednesday, Myrnada Knepp with the Family Health Center and the "Good Choices" program to visit the 2nd grade once a week for positive choices lessons, Elementary Music Program to be held on Friday, December 5, at 1:30 in the High School Gym, with Friday, Dec. 12, as the makeup day.

Superintendent Lanham began her report recognizing our athletic teams who have entered postseason play, and expressed that she is proud to recognize their hard work, resilience, and sportsmanship as they represent our school. Staff had a great time participating in Hindostan Days this year! Our booth was a welcoming space where kids could enjoy hands-on activities like building with Jenga blocks, making crafts, playing games, and selecting reading materials, compliments of Title I, and it was a big hit with families. She closed with The FEMA Safe Room

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project stating it is progressing well on the exterior. We want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the construction crew for their dedication — they're on site daily, working through all types of weather to keep the project on track.

Leave Accounting for September 2025 was approved with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones led the motions. All claims were approved for payment. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motions, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6 p.m.