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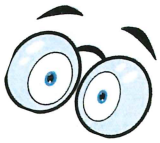
THE CARDINAL REPORT
Serving students, parents and our community
OCTOBER 2025

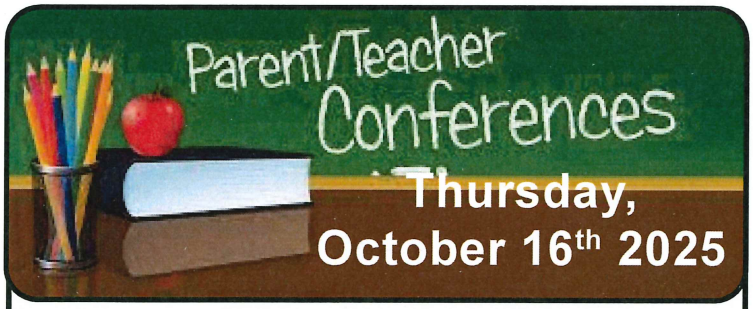
Shore Lion's conduct free screenings to detect vision problems in children



South Shore Lion's Club members came to South Shore Elementary School and screened 105 children with their vision camera, and of those, 16 were referred for further evaluation. The SPOT scanner is a camera like technology that quickly screens for potential common childhood vision issues including: lazy eye, nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism, etc. This screening is 85-95% effective, and there is no physical contact made with your child. Thank you, Lion's Club members, for bringing this service to our children!

Lori Melberg, Carl Anderson, Judy Moyer & Mary Ann Morris

Lori Melberg, Carl Anderson, Judy Moyer and Mary Ann Morris were trained by Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, an organization which is providing training to Lions Club Members.



Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled with the hope they will bring about a closer relationship between parents and teachers, and they result in a direct benefit to the child through a better understanding of the child and the objectives of the school. Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 16th from 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at both the elementary and Jr-Sr High schools.

Elementary conferences are prearranged and junior and senior high conferences, you register when you arrive at the school.

Students are always welcome to accompany their parents/guardians to conferences.

South Shore PTO Harvest Dinner Thursday, October 16, 2025 4-7pm at South Shore School

Wisconsin School Board Week

Danielle E. Mikula, District Administrator

The South Shore School District joins school districts throughout the state in saluting their local education leaders during Wisconsin School Board Week, which runs from Oct. 5-11. The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Wisconsin's school board members. Charged with governing public education, board members develop and articulate a clear vision for their school district. Ultimately, this vision steers every decision while ensuring that student achievement remains at the forefront. Wisconsin school board members are chosen by their communities. These volunteer leaders are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for our community's citizens to participate in education. We salute the public servants of the South Shore School Board, whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. Please join us in thanking our school board members during Wisconsin School Board Week— and all year long—for their dedication and service.

Thank you to the following individuals who have been elected by our community to serve on the Board of Education: Clyde Clauson, Mark Hoefling, Becky Kavajecz, James Stemwedel, Terry Burhans, Merlyn Coy and Justine Broderson. Please join us in recognizing and thanking our local school board members during Wisconsin School Board Week– and all year long– for their dedication and service.

"Thank you, School Board"

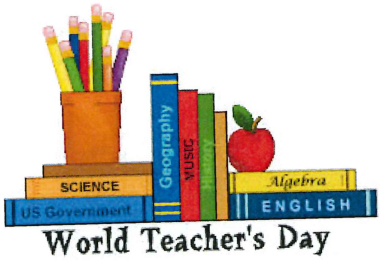
Spotlight on Student Learning: World Teacher Day

Michelle Simpson, 4K-12 Principal & Director of Curriculum & Instruction

October 5th is World Teacher Day. As we know, there are many things that students need at school. Books, supplies, a playground, a classroom, and food are all vitally important. However, research has shown time and time again that the greatest impact on a students' education is the teacher in front of them. While October 5th specifically identifies teachers, at South Shore every adult that works with our students is an educator.

Every day I am reminded how blessed South Shore is with our AMAZING team of educators. This year, our district is hyper-focused on supporting students with meeting and exceeding their reading growth goals. To do this, staff are engaging in professional development on how to improve their practices and observing. Teachers are going into their colleagues' classrooms to observe and learn from each other. Team meetings are focused on instructional practices and strategies that can be implemented across content areas to support building reading skills. At the heart of every conversation is the love and dedication to our students, because they are the reason we do this job.

That love and dedication is evident on a daily basis. Our students' experiences are greatly impacted by the commitment of our educators, who consistently go above and beyond. Students' ability to engage in clubs and co-curricular activities such as drama, forensics, sports, and quizbowl is only because coaches are willing to come to school or stay after school beyond the end of their work day. Educators stay late to offer after school programming, Battle of the Books, and sports opportunities to our youngest Cardinals. On the weekends we have students going to see local concerts, participating in sports, and engaging in community events. Every experience is only made possible because of the individuals who plan and lead them.



Anyone who has ever taught or worked with students will tell you that it is not an easy job. And yet, it is a job that significantly impacts every child that walks through the door of a school. This month,I challenge you to take a moment to thank an educator. Teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, school cooks, secretaries, counselors, the superintendent - our schools and our students wouldn't be the same without them!

October Cardinal Mindset

A FAMILY GUIDE TO THE OCTOBER MINDSET

PASSION FIRST

The Passion First Mindset focuses on the importance of having a purpose in life. Everyone needs something that excites them and drives their passions. This spark helps us become fully engaged and unlock our potential. Science shows that each of us is different, shaped by our interests, values, and life experiences. This mindset is about being true to ourselves and finding joy in matching what we care about with what the world needs. Research shows that students with a sense of purpose get better grades, feel less stressed, and work harder to overcome challenges.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR FAMILIES

- **Be Passionate About Their Passions:** Discover and celebrate your child's unique strengths and interests. Their interests might change over time, but encourage them to follow what makes them happy.
- **Try New Things:** You never know which activity might help your child find their passion and lead to a happy future. Try different things together and give them a chance to explore new opportunities. Small moments may lead to big changes.
- **Focus on Personal Growth**: Encourage your child to embrace what makes them authentic. Set an example by showing them how you have followed your own values and passions.

MINDSET MATTERS

Here are ways we want to support your child:

- **Focus on Strengths:** Encourage your child to identify and focus on their strengths to build confidence.
- **Explore Your Interests:** Trying out different interests helps your child discover their passions, leading to greater engagement and personal growth.
- **Take a Stand:** Teaching your child to stand up for their values helps build self-respect and gives them the courage to make important decisions.
- **Be Authentic:** Embracing authenticity helps your child express their true self with confidence, build real connections, and find fulfillment.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

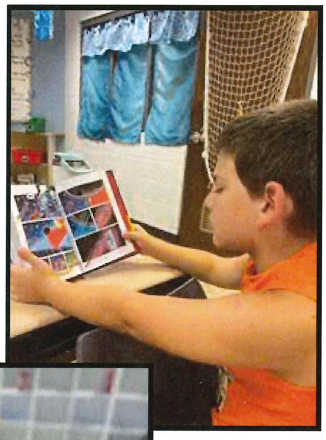
Use these questions to engage inaconversation withyourchild/children.

- What's one talent or skill you have that you feel really proud of? How could you use it to make a difference in the world?
- What's something you've always wanted to learn or try but haven't yet? What's stopping you, and how can I help you start?

First Notes, Big Dreams!

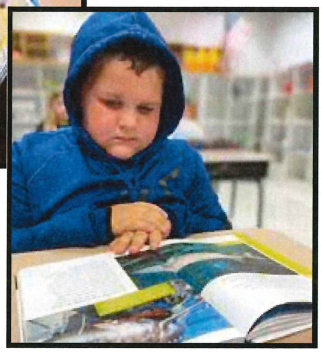
Upper elementary Students at South Shore School experience music through beginning playing on Wind Band Instruments!

This group is very excited to announce that they are already playing their first notes together as a group!



The 3rd graders are enjoying some quiet time with their favorite books!

Silent reading in class gives these young readers a chance to dive into stories, explore new worlds, and grow their love of reading.



Rock On!

Rock ON! This group of seniors has joined together to form a rock band! They are all learning a new instrument or range to perform in and have been quickly developing the new skills towards their performance goals.

We are SO impressed with their progress!

South Shore School District
Board of Education Meeting Agenda
In Compliance with the Wisconsin
Open Meeting Law

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A **Regular Meeting** of the **Board of Education** will be held in the **Instructional Media Center (IMC)** at **South Shore Jr-Sr High School**, Port Wing, WI at **5:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**.

Members of the public may attend in person or through ZOOM. All public participants phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us with Public Comment in the subject line. Those messages received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Board President who may then allow them to speak during Public Participation.

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the office at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Regular School Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Jr-Sr High School IMC

1. Welcome
   1.01 Call to Order /Roll Call
   1.02 Pledge of Allegiance
2. Recognition/Highlight
   2.01 We Are South Shore
   2.02 Acknowledge and Accept Donations
3. Audience Participation
   3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines – limited to five (5) minutes
4. Agenda Modifications
   4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes
5. Consent Agenda
   5.01 Approve Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
   5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget Report (Ending September 2025)
   5.03 Approve Personnel Report
6. New Business
   6.01 2nd Grade Class Enrollment Update and Instructional Plan
   6.02 2025-26 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting
   6.03 Start College Now/Early College Credit
   6.04 Strategic Plan Progress Updates
   6.05 Playground Surface Replacement
7. Administrative & Other Reports
   7.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report
   7.02 Superintendent's Report8.

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8. Upcoming Dates
   8.01 Upcoming Dates
9. Meeting Closing
   9.01 Adjournment

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School Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held Wednesday, September 24, 2025

(Minutes to be approved at the 10-15-25 Board meeting)

A Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in the LMC at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI. The meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. Welcome
1.01 Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by President Clauson at 5:30 pm.

Roll call: Present: K. Terry Burhans, Clyde Clauson, Merlyn Coy, Mark Hoefling, Rebecca Kavajecz, James Stemwedel. Absent: None. Also present, Danielle Mikula, Superintendent.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance
Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Recognition / Highlight
2.01 We Are South Shore
- This month we highlight South Shore Scholars - Becci Lallemont has taken over for this fall robotics, cooking, academic interventions, engineering and design.

2.02 Acknowledge and Accept Donations
- South Shore Community Band: $592.75 to the music department.
- Mr. Dan Madison: $2000 to the Tech Ed Department to support "South Shore Manufacturing"
- Mission Covenant Church: $250 donation for school supplies for students in need

3. Audience Participation
3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines - Limit 5 minutes
None.

4. Agenda Modifications
4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes
None.

5. Consent Agenda
5.01 Approve Meeting Minutes
- September 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget
- Approval of Bills and Budget (ending August 2025) General fund 98944-98950 and 98951-98954 through 99035 and payroll/direct deposit on 900015053-900015148, and 3945-3953 for payment.

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5.03 Approve Personnel Report
None.

Motion by Hoefling, second by Burhans to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Committee Reports
6.01 Finance & Operations

- Committee discussed project updates, general maintenance and timelines.
- Team reviewed latest estimates of equalized value across townships.
- Committee discussed voucher school impact at South Shore and around the state of WI.
- Committee reviewed preliminary budget and asked questions regarding various trends and specific line items in the budget. Team recommends further updates on enrollment and mil rate info at next Board meeting.

7.0 New Business
7.01Building Project Updates
HSR and Market & Johnson provided an update on the project:

- Documents are out for bid now and interest is strong. October 2 is contractor walk-through. Bids are due by October 16 and will be reviewed on October 27. Approval received to eliminate firewall. Reviewed with fire department.
- Added bid alternate for windows from H Window.
- Renderings shown of classrooms, commons, cafeteria, library and exterior.

7.02 Enrollment Update

- September count is 208, largest class is 24, smallest is 10, average is 14-15. Open enrolled in 41, out 57.

7.03 2025-26 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting
Reviewed levy and mil rate information.
Tax levy is based on amount per student that is set by the State, plus debt service which the annual amount from the building project referendum, plus community service fund. Mil rate is the total levied divided by the total district property equalized value. Mill rate will go down because value of property has gone up. New construction in the district added about 1% to valuation.

7.04 School Safety Drills Update
The School Safety Drill report for Fall 2025 was presented. Motion by Burhans, second by Coy to approve the report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. Administrative & Other Reports
8.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report

- Mark reported on the September CESA meeting:
- All 12 CESAs participated in CESA University conference last week

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- Literacy and Act 20 efforts are going well
- Some improvements are being made to the CESA building

8.02 Superintendent's Report

- Family Soccer started on September 20 led by Bob Evans and supported by the South Shore Education Foundation. Twenty students and six adults participated and had a great time.
- Flag football is being offered after school for the younger students, led by Bob Evans, Brandon Madison, David Gustafson and the HS football players
- Completed screenings for all students for interventions, paraprofessionals have gone through literacy training to help out.
- 7 Mindsets program is being implemented
- Homecoming is next week and includes dress up days and a dance. Unfortunately, there will not be a football game.

9.0 Upcoming Dates
9.01 Upcoming Dates

- October 15, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- October 22, 2025 - Finance & Operations Committee 5 pm on Zoom
- October 24 & 25, 2025 - Strategic Planning Committee Meetings (Friday 8-3:30; Saturday 8 am-12 pm) at Bell Community Center
- October 27, 2025 - Budget Hearing at 6 pm
- October 27, 2025 - Annual Meeting following adjournment of Budget Hearing
- October 27, 2025 - Special Board Meeting following Adjournment of the Annual Meeting

Meeting Closing
10.1 Adjournment
Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

First Lutheran Church Again Provides Meals to Students Before Home Basketball Games

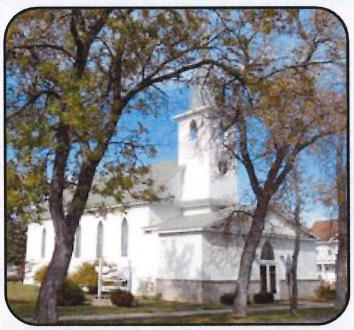
Basketball season is right around the corner! The First Lutheran in Port Wing will again be offering meals to all students of South Shore beginning November 24, 2025. Meals will start at 3:30 p.m. and go until 5:30 p.m. for each varsity boys and girls home games.

It is our pleasure to do this for the students of South Shore. We hope they enjoy coming as much as we enjoy having them.

We are only able to provide meals through the generous support of our South Shore community. Thank you everyone who has provided food, money, and their time! We hope you will continue to do so.

If you would like to donate food (chicken, roast, round steak or any cuts of meat), brownie mixes, peanut butter, large bags of frozen tater tots, cream soups, canned vegetables (corn and beans) macaroni, onions, potatoes, lasagna noodles, desserts or money. If you would like to help prepare or serve a meal, please contact Joyce Olson at 715-774-3636, Carla Bainbridge at 715-774-3245, or Beth Carlson at 715-774-3606.

Meals will not be served on early release or non-school days.



The Afterschool Program will not be held on October 16th & October 17th

South Shore School District

Notice of Budget Hearing

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law
Wisconsin Statutes 65.90 and 120.11

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the South Shore School District which includes the towns of Bell, Clover, Port Wing, Orienta, Oulu and Tripp that the Budget Hearing will be held at the South Shore Jr-Sr High School, 9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI, in the commons, on the 27th day of October 2025 at 6 pm. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection by contacting the District Office at 715-774-3500 ext. 610 during regular school hours.

Members of the public may attend in person or through ZOOM by contacting the office and requesting the link. All public participants' phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting.

It is anticipated that more than one-half of the district school board members will attend this meeting.

Dated this 10th day of October 2025.
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

South Shore School District

Notice for District Annual Meeting

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law
Wisconsin Statutes 65.90 and 120.11

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the South Shore School District which includes the towns of Bell, Clover, Port Wing, Orienta, Oulu and Tripp that the Annual Meeting of said District for the transaction of business will be held at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, 9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI, in the Commons, on the 27th day of October 2025 following adjournment of the Budget Hearing. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection by contacting the District Office at 715-774-3500 ext. 610 during regular school hours.

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Dated this 10th day of October 2025.
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

South Shore School District
Budget Hearing Agenda

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Monday, October 27, 2025
6 pm. ~ Jr-Sr High School Commons

1. Call Meeting to Order
   1.01 Call to Order
2. Proof of Publication
   2.01 Proof of Publication
3. Election of a Chairperson
   3.01 Election of a Chairperson
4. Appoint Acting Clerk
   4.01 Appoint Acting Clerk
5. Presentation 2025-26 Budgets
   5.01 Presentation of the 2025-26 Budget
6. Adjournment
   6.01 Adjournment

Special Note:

No official action is taken at the proposed budget hearing.

South Shore School District
Board of Education Special Meeting Agenda
In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A **Special Meeting** of the **Board of Education** will be held in the **Commons** at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI 54865 **immediately following adjournment** of the Annual Meeting on **Monday, October 27, 2025.**

1. Call to Order
   1.01 Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   2.10 Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
   3.01 Approval of Agenda
4. New Business:
   4.01 Discuss/Consider Levy and Final Adoption of 2025-26 Budget
5. Adjournment
   5.01 Adjournment

Memorial Blood Drive
December 16, 2025

Contact Jodi Truchon to schedule an appointment

715-774-3500 ext. 617

South Shore School District
Annual Meeting Agenda

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Monday, October 27, 2025
following adjournment of Budget Hearing
Jr-Sr High School Commons

1. Call Meeting to Order
   1.01 Call to Order
2. Proof of Publication
   2.01 Proof of Publication
3. Election of a Chairperson
   3.01 Election of a Chairperson
4. Appoint Acting Clerk
   4.01 Appoint Acting Clerk
5. Treasurer's Reading of the Financial Report
   5.01 Reading of the Financial Report
6. 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
   6.01 Reading of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
7. District Highlights
   7.01 District Highlights
8. New Business: Vote on Resolutions
   8.1 Adoption of Tax Levy
   8.2 Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property
   8.3 Salaries of Board Members
   8.4 Reimbursement of Board Member Expenses
   8.5 Authorizing Transportation of Students
   8.6 Short-term Borrowing
   8.7 Authorize Fund 80 Levy
   8.8 Authorize Legal Proceedings
9. Establishment of Next Annual Meeting
   9.01 Set Date for 2026 Annual Meeting
10. Other Business Allowed by State Statutes
11. Adjournment
    11.01 Adjournment

Substitutes Needed

The South Shore School District is seeking individuals willing to substitute for regular personnel in the following areas: teaching staff, office staff, teacher aides, cooks, and custodians.

PARA FOR ALL THE LITTLE REASONS

For more information, please call Diana Reijo, Administrative Assistant, 715-774-3159 or email dreijo@sshore.k12.wi.us.

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GENERAL FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	5,720,962.86	6,425,638.91	6,967,112.65
Ending Fund Balance	6,425,638.91	6,967,112.65	6,967,112.65
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	4,045,451.46	4,204,064.66	4,218,002 .00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	394,357.00	436,408.00	424,284.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	0.00	2,249.22	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	701,781.65	705,487.39	646,415.34
Federal Sources (Source 700)	233,560.86	139,543.67	112,087.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	37,625.66	83,253.40	3,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	5,412,776.63	5,571,006.34	5,403,788.34
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	1,717,187.94	1,829,995.38	1,838,017.33
Support Services (Function 200 000)	2,014,536.81	2,147,943.34	2,348,660.48
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	976,375.83	1,051,593.88	1,217,110.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,708,100.58	5,029,532.60	5,403,788.34

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	70,889.21	72,853.25	73,480.42
Ending Fund Balance	72,853.25	73,480.42	73,480.42
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	670,626.37	651,283.94	600,999.16
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	668,662.33	650,656.77	600,999.16

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	1,105,072.06
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	1,105,072.06	724,138.06
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	1,405,582.43	976,138.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	300,510.37	1,357,072.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	11,362,749.08
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	11,362,749.08	8,162,749.08
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	12,044,945.08	2,800,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	682,196.00	6,000,000.00

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FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	16,161.40	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**172,511.86**	**209,237.47**	**226,417.37**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**118,673.26**	**209,237.47**	**226,417.37**

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	34,363.19	40,079.65	54,547.43
Ending Fund Balance	**40,079.65**	**54,547.43**	**67,128.57**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**44,230.00**	**42,865.00**	**40,000.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**38,513.54**	**28,397.22**	**27,418.86**

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	5,603,949.71	6,900,530.43	13,615,695.73
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	361,720.56	445,964.52	510,696.53
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	**5,242,229.15**	**6,454,565.91**	**13,104,999.20**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE – NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		**23.13%**	**103.03%**

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Levy Summary	Audited 2023-24	Unaudited 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
General Fund	$3,740,146	$3,935,357	$4,117,002
Referendum Debt Service Fund	$0	$1,007,681	$976,138
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	$0	$0	$0
Capital Expansion Fund	$0	$0	$0
Community Service Fund	$40,000	$40,000	$40,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	$0	$0	$0
Other Levy	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	**$3,780,146**	**$4,983,038**	**$5,133,140**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		31.82%	3.01%

South Shore School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
South Shore Jr-Sr High School Commons
Monday, October 29, 2024~ 6:12 p.m. – 6:39 p.m.
(Approve at October 27, 2025 Annual Meeting)

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 29, 2024, in the commons at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI. The meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Call to Order
President Clyde Clauson called the 2024 District annual meeting to order on October 28, 2024 at 6:12pm at South Shore Jr-Sr High School.

Proof of Publication
Proof of publication was accomplished through a District-wide mailing of *The Cardinal Report,* with notices posted at the South Shore Elementary School, school website, Cornucopia, Herbster, and Port Wing Post offices, Security State Bank and The Store on October 10, 2023.

Election of a Chairperson
Motion by Hoefling second by Broderson to nominate Clyde Clauson as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion by Stemwedel, second by Coy to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Clyde Clauson. Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands. Clyde Clauson was elected chairman.

Appoint Acting Clerk
Clyde Clauson, Chair appointed Rebecca Kavajecz as clerk.

Treasurer's Reading of Financial Report
James Stemwedel, School Board treasurer, read the financial report.

Reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
Motion by Coy, second by Diana Reijo to suspend the reading of the October 23, 2023 annual meeting minutes. Show of hands: Yes: 12 No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by Broderson, second by Stemwedel to approve the minutes as presented. Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

District Highlights
Dani Mikula, Superintendent, outlined our District Highlights..

New Business
Vote on Resolutions
8.01 Adoption of Tax Levy
Motion by Stemwedel, second by Hoefling to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore, Townships of Bell, Clover, Orienta, Oulu, Port Wing, and Tripp; assembled in Annual District Meeting on

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the 28th day of October, 2024, a tax levy in the amount of

With Referendum $4,943,038

OR

Without Referendum $3,935,357

and the School District Clerk is hereby directed to extend said levy to the several Townships of said District as affected in accordance with proportionate valuation of said municipality as provided by Wisconsin Law in relation to the total equalized valuation for all areas of the South Shore School District.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property
Motion by Burhans, second by Coy to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore shall not sell or dispose, except to a taxing body, or cause to be destroyed any School District property, real or personal, with a possible value of $2,000 shall be deemed sufficient notice for the purpose of the competitive sale.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Salaries of Board Members
Motion by Burhans, second by Broderson to set the 2024-25 board salaries as follows: Regular Board Meeting - $150 per regular meeting – paid quarterly Committee, special, other (non-regular meetings) $50 per meeting – paid quarterly, Mileage Reimbursement - $ IRS approved rate for travel outside the district.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Resolution to Reimburse Board Member's Expenses
Motion by Kavajecz, second by Hoefling to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of school board members when traveling outside of the School District in performance of duties.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Authorizing Transportation of Students
Motion by Burhans second by Stemwedel to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to provide transportation of all students residing in the District as required by said laws; to purchase, operate and maintain transportation vehicles; to purchase liability insurance for such vehicles; and to finance contracts for the use and services of such vehicles.

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Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Short-Term Borrowing
Motion by Coy, second by Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Aids, as well as the taxes levied for the School District of South Shore will not be available until the latter part of the 2024-2025 school year, and WHEREAS it will be necessary for the School District to borrow funds as necessary for the expenses until such aids and taxes are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Shore School Board et al, be authorized to borrow money up to its legal limit for the purpose of paying immediate and current expenses of operation of our schools during the 2024-2025 school year.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Authorize fund 80 Levy
Motion by Hoefling, second by Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize the District Board of Education to continue to levy $40,000 for the Fund 80 Community Service Fund.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Authorize Legal Proceedings
Motion by Kavajecz, second by Coy to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore that the School Board is directed to provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the School District is interested.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Establishment of Next Annual Meeting
Motion by Stemwedel, second by Broderson to adopt the following resolution:

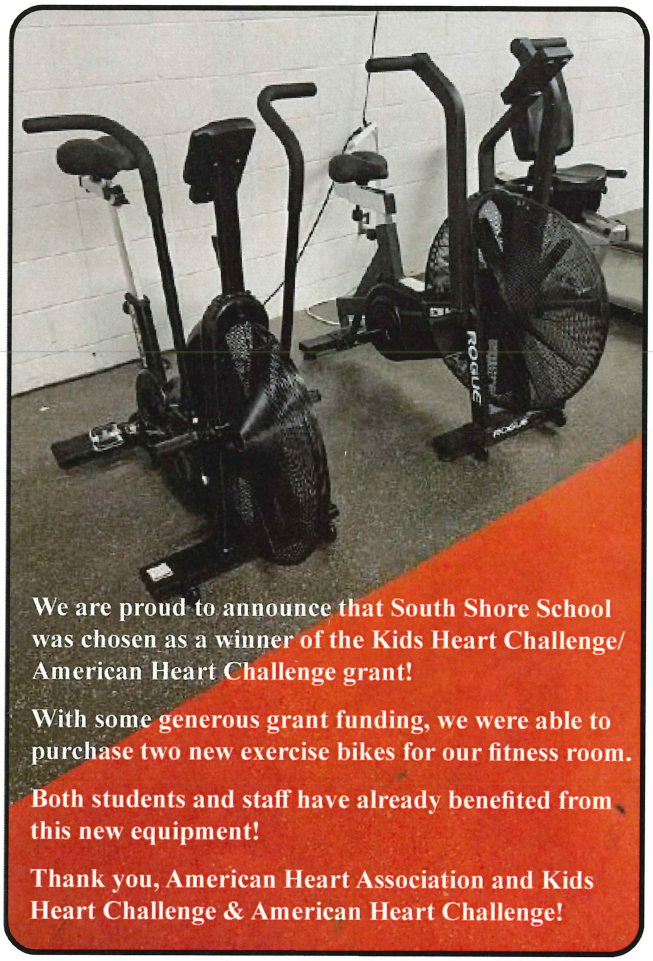
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to establish Monday, October 27, 2025, as the annual meeting date.

Show of hands: Yes: 12. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Other Business Allowed by State Statutes
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk



We are proud to announce that South Shore School was chosen as a winner of the Kids Heart Challenge/ American Heart Challenge grant!

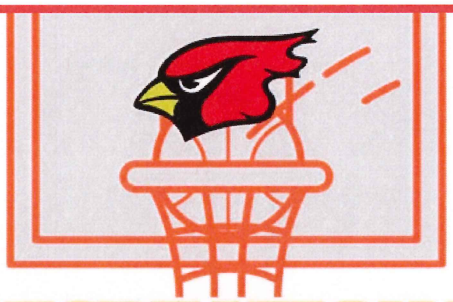
With some generous grant funding, we were able to purchase two new exercise bikes for our fitness room.

Both students and staff have already benefited from this new equipment!

Thank you, American Heart Association and Kids Heart Challenge & American Heart Challenge!

Moments like these make our school feel like one big family. A high school helper shared story time with a 4K friend - proving that a good book and a caring connection can bridge any age gap.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th



RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL

WHEN:

SUNDAYS 4:00-5:30 PM

10/12 through 11/16

WHERE:

SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL GYM(S)

WHO:

Open to South Shore Students (Grades 7-12) and adult community members who are interested in wholesome recreation and **improving their basketball skills**. These informal pick-up game sessions are voluntary and not connected to the school athletic teams.

Get your game on: Recreational basketball starts soon!

- Sundays, 10/12 - 11/16
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- South Shore School Gym(s)
- Students in grades 7–12 and adult community members are invited to join in for some friendly, informal pick-up games at the South Shore School gym.

It's a great chance to get active, have fun, and improve your basketball skills in a relaxed, welcoming environment. These sessions are open to everyone and not connected to school athletic teams.

EARLY RELEASE

October 16th - 1pm &

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

2-4pm & 5-8pm

IN-SERVICE FOR STAFF

October 17th

No School for Students

South Shore PTO Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Jr-Sr High Library

5:30 p.m.

As always, PTO meetings are open to parents, teachers, guardians, friends and family.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You're Invited to the South Shore PTO

Harvest Dinner

Thursday, October 16, 2025

4:00-7:00 p.m.

at South Shore School

MENU

Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Squash, Corn, Beans, Rolls, Dessert, and Beverages

SUGGESTED DONATION

$12 Adults

$6 Students

$10 Seniors

Kids 5 and under Free

*Carryout Available

South Shore PTO - South Shore School

9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI

SSHS Choir Pops Concert

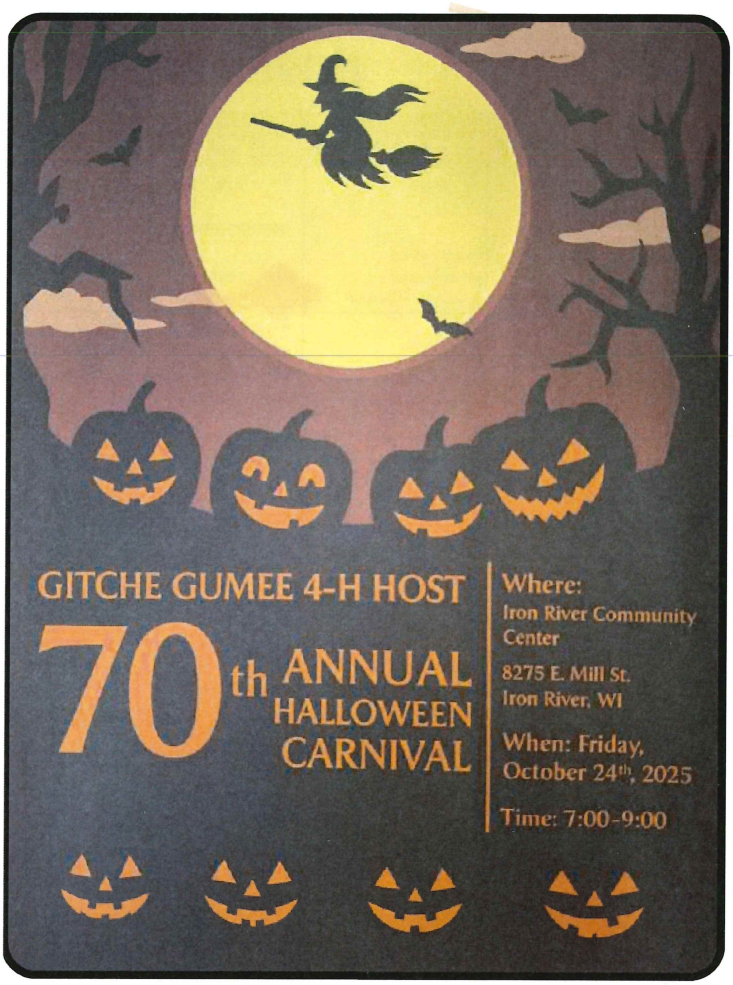
Friday 10.24.2025

5:30pm

South Shore School Stage

CONCESSIONS FUNDRAISER
DONATIONS APPRECIATED
FREE ADMISSION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



CORNUCOPIA TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY OCT 31ST 4-7PM
CORNUCOPIA COMMUNITY CENTER

TRUNK OR TREAT
SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Trunks will be lined up in the parking lot with a party inside. Free hot cocoa, coffee and popcorn. South Shore Fire Department and EMS will have a Fire Truck and Ambulance for kids to check out and bonfires to keep warm!

FREE CHEESE BURGER SLIDERS, HOTDOGS, POPCORN, COCOA, COFFEE & GAMES FOR KIDS IN COSTUMES.
PROVIDED BY SISKOWIT FARMHOUSE, CORNY COFFEE & CORNY FISH SHED.

FREE JELLO SHOTS FOR ADULTS WHO STOP IN TO PONCHO'S

Contests and prizes for best decorated trunks and costumes
Sign your trunk up at cornucopiabusiness@gmail.com

"October air, complete with dancing leaves and sighing wind..."
Jaime Allison Parker, 'The Delta Highway'

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 6, 2025

SOUTH SHORE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
6:00-9:00PM
CORNUCOPIA COMMUNITY CENTER
22615 COUNTY HWY C

MORE DETAILS & FACEBOOK EVENT TO COME!

NOVEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 October	27 October Budget Hearing Annual Meeting Special Board Meeting	28 October PICTURE RETAKE DAY MSBBB at Mellen	29 October	30 October MSBBB at LCO	31 October	1 Volleyball Sectional
2	3	4 1st Quarter Ends HS All-Conference at NHS MSBBB vs Drummond at Home PTO Meeting	5 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting Finance & Operations Committee Meeting	6 HS All-Conference Choir at NHS MSBBB at Butternut Volleyball - State	7 Volleyball - State	8 Volleyball - State
9	10	11 MSBBB vs Mellen at Home	12	13 MSBBB vs Ashland at Home	14	15 HS Show Choir Extravagangza at Washburn
16	17	18 MSBBB vs Bayfield at Home	19 Regular Board Meeting	20 Varsity GBB at Spooner MSBBB vs Washburn at Home	21	22
23	24 In-Service - No Students GBB vs Flambeau at Home	25 In-Service - No Students	26 Fall Break - No Students or Staff	27 Fall Break - No Students or Staff	28 Fall Break - No Students or Staff	29
30	1 December MSBBB vs LCO at Home	2 December PTO Meeting Varsity BBB & GBB vs Frederic at Home - NC	3 December Finance & Operations Committee Meeting Strategic Planning Committee Meeting	4 December MSBBB at Ashland MS Varsity BBB at Northwood - NC	5 December Varsity BBB at Mercer GBB at Mercer	6 December

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OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Mission:

"To provide a rigorous, relevant, high-quality, positive learning environment to foster success in every student."