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THE CARDINAL REPORT

Serving students, parents and our community

Celebrating Local Veterans

Danielle Mikula, Superintendent



South Shore School District held our annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2025. Our school message to our local veterans is one grounded in connection and deep respect: *You are our heroes. We are grateful for your service, and we deeply appreciate your sacrifices and dedication to our country and to our community.*



Highlights from this year's ceremony included several student performances including *God Bless America*, *We Thank You Veterans*, a performance of the Preamble to the Constitution, student readings, and a video of personal testimonials from students to veterans. One of my favorite parts of the celebration was at the end, seeing four-year-olds through Seniors walk up to our veterans with artwork, handshakes, hugs, and

genuine exchanges thanking them for their service.

Our students were proud to present a donation for the Wounded Warrior Project in the amount of \$1,111.11. Our students raised this money through a "Penny War" between elementary and 7-12 students in the weeks leading up to Veterans Day.



Our students feel so proud that they were able to make a small difference for a worthy cause.



Thank you, once again, to all of the veterans in our community who have served our country. You set an excellent example for our youth. You make our work in schools possible. You make the American Dream possible. The South Shore School District honors you and your service.





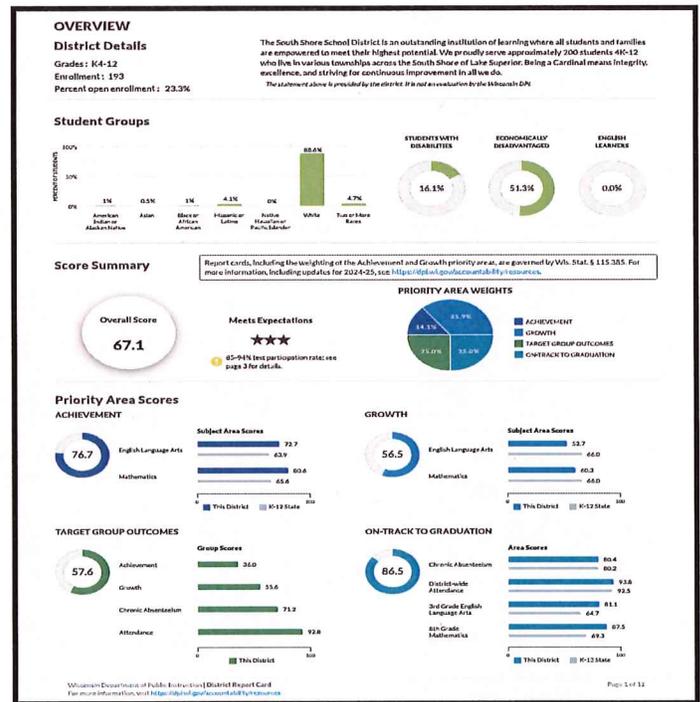
South Shore Celebrates Highest Achievement in Region

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

The State of Wisconsin released its annual report cards for every public district and school in the State of Wisconsin during the second week of November. We are proud to share that of all 17 school districts in the CESA 12 region, South Shore's student achievement scores are the highest. Congratulations to our students, teachers, and families on this outstanding accomplishment!

State report cards provide each district and school with an overall score as well as additional details about how that score was reached. Report cards are broken up into four areas: achievement, growth, target group outcomes, and on-track for graduation.

School district report cards cannot be compared to one another because they all are computed with different formulas. While all schools receive scores in the areas of achievement, growth, target group outcomes and on-track for graduation, each of



Accountability Rating Category	Accountability Score Range	
	Minimum	Maximum
Significantly Exceeds Expectations (5 stars)	84.0	100
Exceeds Expectations (4 stars)	71.0	83.9
Meets Expectations (3 stars)	60.0	70.9
Meets Few Expectations (2 stars)	49.0	59.9
Fails to Meet Expectations (1 star)	0	48.9

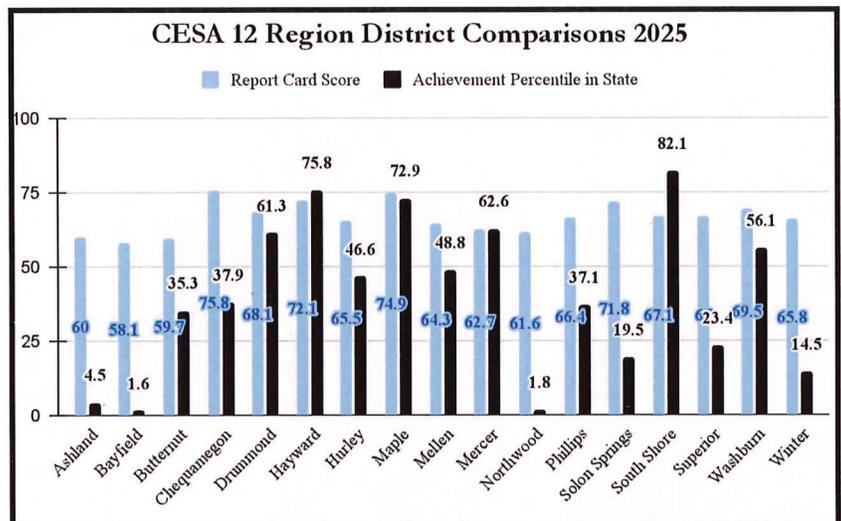
these areas are weighed differently depending on the school. Schools with a high percentage of students who are identified as economically disadvantaged have a higher percentage of their report card score based on student growth. At South Shore, growth scores are weighted significantly higher than achievement scores.

What is South Shore's Score?

This year, the South Shore School District met expectations on its state report card, with a score of 67.1. This is an increase from the previous year's score of 65.9. The elementary school exceeded expectations with a score of 76.6, and the Jr./Sr. High met expectations with a score of 63.4. Full versions of the District's report cards with further details on the scores can be found <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>.

What are the Highlights?

Our achievement as a district is higher than 82.1% of districts in the state of Wisconsin, and the highest of surrounding schools in our area. Students



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at South Shore Jr./Sr. High School continue to score in the top 5% of the state for achievement. South Shore Elementary students scored higher than 78.2% of students in the state for achievement. The visual on page 2 (bottom right) represents the outcomes of districts in our region. The light blue line and number represents the Report Card Score, and the black line and number represents student achievement percentile in the state of Wisconsin. We are proud of our results, and we commend our students, staff and parents for the collective efforts to reach for excellence!

Next Steps for South Shore

Our growth scores and attendance continue to be the two areas where we are prioritizing improvements. As a district, our report card score of 67.1 “Meets Expectations.” While our achievement is high, due to Wisconsin’s Variable Weighting System achievement only accounts for 14.1% of our school’s final score. Student attendance accounts for 20%. During the 2024-2025 school year, South Shore’s District-Wide attendance rate of 92.5% remained below the state attendance rate (93.8%) and below the goal of 95% attendance. We need your help with this! Please continue to support your child with coming to school every day. If they are home ill, please



work with your child’s teacher so that your child is able to make up any learning opportunities that they may have missed.

Student growth scores are another factor that significantly impacts our school’s report card scores. Our students ARE growing as readers, writers and mathematicians. However, state report card growth scores are based on student’s growth in comparison to other students across the state. In the past two years, the state has made some significant changes to state tests, which have positively impacted student achievement scores across the state. We have observed that as some of the state tests have changed

over the past few years, our students' growth does not appear to be as significant as the growth across the state. South Shore has historically had high achievement, which may be impacting these scores.

With that being said, we do not want to lose sight of the importance of student growth. As a school, we have a goal this year that is focused on supporting students with meeting or exceeding their reading growth, which we monitor with our nationally normed district screeners. We are excited about the work our teachers are continuing to engage in around supporting students with building their reading skills specifically through applying the science of reading and working on reading skills across content areas. Our mission at South Shore states that we exist “to provide a rigorous, relevant, high-quality, positive learning environment to foster success in every student,” and our staff is dedicated to making this a reality for every South Shore student.

All school and district report cards can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with more resources that explain the report cards.

Fall Break for STUDENTS
No School the week of
Nov. 24th - Nov. 28th

The Afterschool Program
will not be held the week of
Nov. 24th - Nov. 28th



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

November 2025

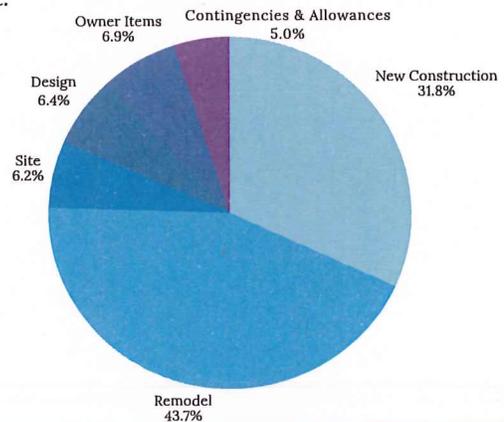


BID PROCESS COMPLETE

The Board of Education awarded bids for the building project at a special meeting on October 27. The board prioritized the best value while also working to support as much local involvement as possible. Now that all areas of work have been awarded, the Construction team will work on mobilizing, ordering materials and preparing for ground-breaking in June. Next steps at school include planning for furniture, signage and technology, which are all built in to the budget as owner items.

PROJECT BUDGET

The project included several alternates to allow room for flexibility if the bids came in high. Thankfully, the board has been able to accept all alternates while remaining within budget. Examples of alternates accepted include paving the bus parking, full lighting replacement, special education and art room upgrades, and updating all bathrooms. Electrical, plumbing, HVAC & controls, and site work are all key cost components of the project. Below is a visual of how all components of the work combine into the big picture project budget.



CONSTRUCTION PHASING PLAN



- The building project will begin in June of 2026, and phasing will continue through Summer of 2027.
- Alternate entrances will likely need to be utilized for the beginning of the 2026 school year.
- Work will continue while prioritizing student learning, efficiency and above all, safety.



November Cardinal Mindset

A FAMILY GUIDE TO THE NOVEMBER MINDSET

WE ARE CONNECTED

The We Are Connected Mindset encourages a sense of connectedness to others. It shows us that life is happier and more meaningful when we build good relationships. This mindset teaches students to be kind, work well with others, and appreciate friendships. It also helps them see that they're never truly alone—friends, family, teachers, and their community are always there to help. Research shows that students who have supportive relationships are healthier, both as they grow up and later in life.



PRACTICAL TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY

- **Model and Celebrate Kindness:** Show your child how to care about others and appreciate what makes them unique. Encourage and support your child to be kind and celebrate their compassion.
- **Build Community Connections:** Do activities together as a family, such as volunteering or going to community events to meet people. These shared experiences will show your child how to create strong relationships.
- **Inspire with Purpose:** Teach your child to build friendships by helping others—whether it's including someone in an activity at school or helping a sibling at home. By seeing how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference, children will feel proud and find purpose in their relationships.

MINDSET MATTERS

Here are ways we want to support your child:

- **Embrace Everyone:** Teaching your child to embrace everyone encourages acceptance and kindness, showing them the value of kindness and the unique qualities each person brings.
- **Maximize Positive Relationships:** Helping your child build and focus on positive relationships helps them feel supported and encourages a life full of trust and happiness.
- **Build Your Dream Team:** Encouraging your child to surround themselves with people who inspire and support them builds a foundation for personal and shared success.
- **Lead with Value:** Motivating your child to lead with value teaches them to help others and make a positive impact in their relationships.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

Use these questions to engage in a conversation with your child/children.

- What's one thing you admire about a friend, family member, or teacher? How could you let them know how much you appreciate them?
- What are some ways you can support someone who feels left out?

Portraits of Hope



This fall, our 6th– 12th grade art students are partnering with the Chequamegon Humane Association (CHA) for an inspiring project called Portraits of Hope. Students are combining creativity with compassion to support a local cause that cares for animals in need.

CHA staff visited the school to share how their nonprofit organization serves Bayfield and Ashland Counties through animal rescue, care, and adoption. They brought along three puppies and three kittens to meet the students! After learning about pet care and the importance of adoption, students will each create an original 8"x10" portrait of a shelter cat or dog using their choice of material.

The project will culminate in a community art show and fundraiser at South Shore school on December 2nd at 5:30 pm in the commons. Each art piece will be sold with all proceeds benefiting the animals at CHA. CHA will bring a few adoptable pets to greet guests!

Through this meaningful project, students will expand on their artmaking practice, learn about nonprofit community service, and discover how their creativity can make a positive impact on the community.



Memorial Blood Drive
December 16, 2025
Contact Jodi Truchon to schedule
an appointment
715-774-3500 ext. 617


Save the Date
South Shore High School
Alumni All Class Reunion
June 27, 2026 ~ Herbster Gym
Stay tuned for more information and updates.

All-Conference Band

The NWMA (Northwestern Wisconsin Music Association) is an organization of music teachers from this upper Midwest area who collaborate to bring excellent opportunities to our students.

We coordinated our High School All-Conference Band Event, where around 70 High School Instrumentalists gathered to rehearse music and perform a concert in the evening. Seven students from South Shore participated, and the concert was incredible. We are so proud of all the student musicians!

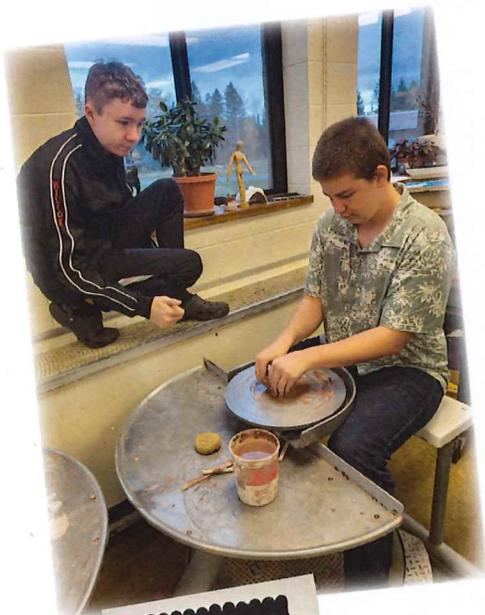


From Dragon Eyes to Tic Tac Toe: A Creative Quarter in Review

8th grade art students wrapped up their first quarter with a whirlwind of creativity and fun.

They spun clay on the pottery wheel, glazed their creations, made candles, drew cartoon characters, designed graffiti fences, sculpted dragon eyes, and even crafted tic tac toe boards out of clay.

It was a colorful and imaginative quarter full of hands-on projects and artistic adventure!





Growing together!

PE students have been practicing their teamwork and sportsmanship skills. One step at a time, they are exploring the joys and challenges of playing together.



CTE Students Building Custom Keepsake Boxes



Our 7th grade CTE students wrapped up the 1st quarter by building custom keepsake boxes!

Students learned valuable woodworking skills, including how to cut dados to create strong rabbet joints. They added a personal touch by using the laser engraver to design and etch the tops of their boxes.

This great project combined craftsmanship, creativity, and technology, resulting in items the students will use and cherish for years to come.



South Shore School Music Department Presents

Winter Music Events

Winter Concerts and Arts Showcase Tuesday, December 9 at South Shore School

2pm Elementary (4K-6)

6pm HS/MS (7-12)

Doors open 15 minutes before start time

Live Streamed on our YouTube channel
@SouthShoreSchoolDistrict

CAROLING AROUND PORT WING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 3:30-5PM

Caroling at the Congregate Meal

In Cornucopia: Tuesday, December 16

In Port Wing: TBA

**PEP BAND AT HS HOME BASKETBALL GAMES
(EXCEPT ON DOUBLE HEADERS)
ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY
WELCOME TO JOIN!**

NOTICE OF ELECTION School Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the South Shore School District on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, the following offices are to be elected. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27th, 2026.

Office	Incumbent
Town of Bell	Justine Broderson
Town of Oulu	K. Terry Burhans
Town of Port Wing	Rebecca Kavajecz

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement (Form EB-I) and a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EB-162) must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 in the District Office of the South Shore School District, located in the South Shore Elementary Building, in Port Wing, Wisconsin (mailing address, Post Office Box 40, Port Wing, WI 54865).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if a primary is necessary, the primary shall be held on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026.

A description of the school district and township boundaries, and other information regarding the School Board Election, may be obtained from Danielle Mikula, Superintendent, in the main office of the School District, telephone: 715-774-3167.

No later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 26th, 2025 prescribed for filing declarations of candidacy the incumbent shall file written notification with the school district clerk if the incumbent is not a candidate for reelection to his or her office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Given under my hand, this 14th day of November 2025.

Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk
South Shore Board of Education

Upcoming events...

Nov. 18 - MS Boys Basketball vs Bayfield at Home

Nov. 19 - Regular Board Meeting

Nov. 20 - Varsity Girls Basketball at Spooner

MS Boys Basketball vs Washburn at Home

Nov. 24 - In-Service - No Students

Girls Basketball vs Flambeau at Home

Nov. 26 - Nov. 28 - Fall Break - No School

Dec. 1 - MS Boys Basketball vs LCO at Home

Dec. 2 - Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball vs Frederic at Home

Dec. 3 - Finance & Operations Committee Meeting

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Dec. 4 - MS Boys Basketball at Ashland

Varsity Boys Basketball at Northwood

Dec. 5 - Varsity Boys Basketball at Mercer

Girls Basketball at Mercer

Dec. 8 - Boys & Girls Basketball vs Solon Springs at Home

Winter Concerts - Elementary 2pm & 7-12- 6pm



**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, November 19, 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, November 19, 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 - October 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and October 27, 2025 Special Board Meeting
 - 5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget Report (Ending October 2025)
 - 5.03 Approve Personnel Report
6. Committee Report/s
 - 6.1 Teaching & Learning
 - 6.2 Finance & Operations
7. New Business
 - 7.01 PMA Finance & Investment Plan Presentation
 - 7.02 Strategic Planning Update: Consider Approving Vision, Mission Commitments
 - 7.03 Quarter Check-In: Fall Screening and Q1 Grades Update
 - 7.04 District Report Card Presentation

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- 7.05 Board Development Tool
8. Administrative & Other Reports
 - 8.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report
 - 8.02 Superintendent's Report8.
9. Upcoming Dates
 - 9.01 Upcoming Dates
10. Closed Session - The Board will Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c), as Specified
- 10.1 Superintendent Evaluation 19.85(1)(c) Superintendent Goals and Mutual Expectations Quarter check-In
11. Meeting Closing
 - 11.01 Adjournment

**• Board of Education •
School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held Wednesday, October 22, 2025
(Minutes to be approved at the 11-19-25 Board meeting)**

A Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, October 22, 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 5:00pm.

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 / HIGHLIGHTS
 - 2.01 We Are South Shore
None
 - 2.02 ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT DONATIONS
None.
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 (ending September 2025)
 - Approval of Bills and Budget (ending September 2025) General fund 99036-99163 and payroll/direct deposit

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on 900015149-900015226 and 3954 through 3964 for payment

5.03 Approve Personnel Report

- Head Girls Basketball Coach: Jodi Truchon
- Assistant Girls Basketball Coach: Mackenzie Correl

Motion by Hoefling, second by Coy to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Broderson, Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: James Stemwedel. Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.01 Review bid Information for Building Project

Ryan from Market & Johnson and Tim from HSR shared information about the bids that came in. We are now in the validation phase prior to bids being awarded. Ryan provided an overview of the bidding process, walked us through their recommendations and answered questions. We will be able to do everything in our final plan, including the alternates.

6.02 2nd Grade Class Enrollment Update and Instructional Plan

The 2nd grade was split into two classes due to size, needs and space. To accommodate, high school Math moved to the library and 2nd grade moved to former math room. So far it is going great. Ms. Tracy Olson will teach the new class through December when Ms. Abby Lahti will take over under the direction of Ms. McKnight.

6.03 2025-26 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting

Reviewed materials for Annual Meeting.

6.04 Start College Now/Early College Credit

Motion by Burhans, second by Stemwedel to approve the applications for Early College Credit and Start College Now for the seven students who applied for the Spring 2026 semester.” AND move to authorize administration to approve or disapprove any additional applications. Roll call vote: Yes: Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz, and Stemwedel. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Broderson. Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

6.05 Strategic Plan Progress Updates

Principal Simpson and Superintendent Mikula gave an update on progress on the current Strategic Plan. Strategic Planning for the next five years will start this Friday, October 24. Twenty people across stakeholder groups plan to attend.

6.06 Playground Surface Replacement

Motion by Burhans, second by Kavajecz to approve the Playground surface Replacement for Spring, amended by Stemwedel second by Burhans to delete "for Spring". Roll call vote: Yes: Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz, and Stemwedel. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Broderson. Motion carried by roll call voice vote to accept the amendment. Motion by Stemwedel second by Burhans to approve the Playground surface Replacement. Roll call vote: Yes: Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz, and Stemwedel. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Broderson. Motion carried by roll call voice vote.

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7. ADMINISTRATIVE & OTHER REPORTS

7.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report

- Met last night.
- Approved agency goals for 2025-26 school year
- Approved staff evaluation process

Oral report given on youth apprenticeship program - 175 students completed program. 141 are currently enrolled.

7.02 Superintendent's Report

- Parent-Teacher conferences last week were well attended
- Thank you to the PTO for hosting the Harvest Dinner
- Staff In-service was held last week
- Planning is happening for Veterans Day Assembly, including a nation speaker and student fundraiser for Wounded Warrior project. The assembly on November 11 will be open to the public.

8. UPCOMING DATES

8.01 Upcoming Dates

- October 24, 2025 - Strategic Planning 8am
- October 25, 2025 - Strategic Planning 8am
- October 27, 2025 - Budget Hearing at 6pm
- October 27, 2025 - Annual Meeting following adjournment of Budget Hearing
- October 27, 2025 - Special Board Meeting following adjournment of the Annual Meeting
- November 5, 2025 - Teaching & Learning 4:30pm
- November 5, 2025 - Finance & Operations 5:30 pm
- November 19, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting 5:30pm

9. MEETING CLOSING

9.01 Adjournment

Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz



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Special School Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held Monday, October 27, 2025

(Minutes to be approved at the 11-19-25 Board meeting)

1. WELCOME

1.01 - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Clauson at 6:50pm Roll Call: Present: Justine Broderson, K. Terry Burhans, Clyde Clauson, Merlyn Coy, Mark Hoefling, Rebecca Kavajecz. James Stemwedel. Also, present, Danielle Mikula, Superintendent. Absent: None.

2. - NEW BUSINESS

2.01 - 2025-26 Levy and Final Adoption

Motion by Stemwedel second by Burhans to adopt the tax levy of \$5,178,086 plus \$40,000 for Fund 80 Community Fund, and adopt the 2025-2026 final budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2.02 - Approval of Bid Awards for Building Project

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Motion by Burhans second by Coy to award Northern Interstate the Earthworks bid for the building project as presented. Yes: 6, No: 1. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Coy second by Broderon to award Dairyland Fence the Fences and Gates bid for the building project as presented. Roll call vote: Yes: Broderon, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz, Stemwedel. No: None. Burhans: Abstain. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Motion by Hoefling second by Stemwedel to approve the bid tabulation form for the building project as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. - MEETING CLOSING

3.01 - Adjournment

Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz



• Board of Education •
Budget Hearing Minutes
Meeting Held Monday, October 27, 2025

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, 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. CALL TO ORDER

School Board President Clyde Clauson called the 2025 Budget Hearing to order on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6pm at South Shore Jr-Sr High School.

2. 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, and Security State Bank and The Store on October 10, 2025.

3. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Stemwedel, second by Coy to nominate Clyde Clauson as chairman. Motion by Eddie Burhans, second by Marge Lahti to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Clyde Clauson. Motion carried by voice vote. Clyde Clauson was elected chairman.

4. APPOINT ACTING CLERK

Clyde Clauson, Chair appointed Rebecca Kavajecz as clerk.

5. PRESENTATION OF 2025-26 BUDGET

Dani Mikula, Superintendent, presented an overview and explanation of the proposed budget and levy for the 2025-2026 school year.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Terry Burhans to adjourn the hearing. Public Hearing adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz



• Board of Education •
Annual Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held Monday, October 27, 2025
(Minutes to be approved at the 10-26-26 annual meeting)

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 27, 2025, 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. CALL TO ORDER

President Clyde Clauson called the 2025 District annual meeting to order on October 27, 2025 at 6:27pm at South Shore Jr-Sr High School.

2. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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3. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Marge Lahti second by Justine Broderon to nominate Clyde Clauson as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion by Terry Burhans, second by Merlyn Coy close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Clyde Clauson. Show of hands: Yes: 25. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands. Clyde Clauson was elected chairman.

4. APPOINT ACTING CLERK

Clyde Clauson, Chair appointed Rebecca Kavajecz as clerk.

5. TREASURER'S READING OF FINANCIAL REPORT

James Stemwedel, School Board treasurer read the financial report.

6. READING OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Rebecca Kavajecz, second by Mark Hoefling to suspend the reading of the October 28, 2024 annual meeting minutes as everyone in attendance had a copy. Show of hands: Yes: 15 No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Justine Broderon to approve the minutes as presented. Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

7. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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Dani Mikula, Superintendent outlined our District Highlights.

8. NEW BUSINESS - VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

8.01 Adoption of Tax Levy

Motion by Mark Hoefling, second by Terry Burhans 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 the 27th day of October, 2025, a tax levy in the amount of \$5,178,086 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: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.02 Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property

Motion by Marge Lahti, second by Mindy Mueller 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 or more, without first having the property appraised and after appraisal the offering of such property at a Public Competitive Sale. Also, a Class Two Notice published in the local newspaper(s) shall be deemed sufficient notice for the purpose of the Competitive Sale. Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.03 Salaries of Board Members

Motion by Merlyn Coy, second by Mark Hoefling to set the 2025-26 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: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.04 Resolution to Reimburse Board Member's Expenses

Motion by Mindy Mueller, second by Diana Reijo 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: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.05 Authorizing Transportation of Students

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Motion by James Stemwedel second by Justine Broderson 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. Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.06 Short-Term Borrowing

Motion by Mindy Mueller, second by Eddie 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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year. Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.07 Authorize fund 80 Levy

Motion by Mark Hoefling, second by Justine Broderson 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: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

8.08 Authorize Legal Proceedings

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Merlyn 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: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

Motion by Rebecca Kavajecz, second by Marge Lahti to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to establish Monday, October 26, 2026, as the annual meeting date. Show of hands: Yes: 15. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

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10. OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY STATE STATUTES
None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eddie Burhans to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

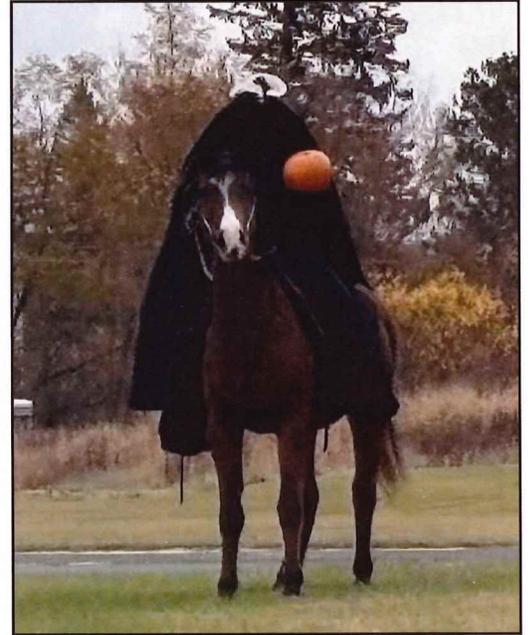
Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk



A Spooky Surprise!

Students got an extra thrill this Halloween with a guest appearance by the Headless Horseman!

For 3rd-6th graders, who recently attended a performance of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, the surprise brought the classic tale to life



South Shore

PTO Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 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**

Halloween Memories in Progress!

This year, our student council organized fun afternoon rotations for our elementary students.

Pumpkin Painting ~ Crafts ~ Dancing and Movement

We love making fun memories together, and are in awe of our older students being such positive role models for the littles.





Please consider donating
GIFT CARDS

The South Shore Wellness Team is accepting gift cards to distribute to help children and families in our district fund meals at their homes over the Fall Break from School.

We are accepting any amount on a gift card, and will distribute them based on the needs and requests of the families in an anonymous way.

Please bring gift cards to either of the South Shore School Offices.

Local or Generic Gift Cards are most ideal.
WE ARE ALSO PLANNING A WINTER HOLIDAY FOOD & BASKET DRIVE. STAY TUNED IN FOR DETAILS LEADING TO DECEMBER 11 COLLECTION DATE.



A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
THE SOUTH SHORE
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

HORS D'OEUVRES, CASH BAR WITH WINE, BEER & NA, 50/50 DRAWING, RAFFLE PRIZES & SILENT AUCTION, COMPLIMENTARY MOCKTAIL, MUSIC BROUGHT TO YOU BY SOUTH SHORE ALUMNI MARK AND PAUL EHLERS.

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

TICKETS \$30 AT DOOR
INCLUDES TASTINGS + 1 GLASS OF WINE/BEER/NA + HORS D'OEUVRES.
OPTION TO ORDER BOTTLES OF WINE

21+ EVENT
NA WINE/BEER/MOCKTAIL AVAILABLE
SEMI-FORMAL
IF ABLE TO, PLEASE RSVP ON FACEBOOK EVENT

PAW PRINTS FUNDRAISER

Join us to support animal welfare while promoting **student creativity**. Come see the display of South Shore student artwork of shelter animals. Purchase artwork or donate to the cause.



ARTWORK CREATED BY SOUTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIA

DECEMBER 2ND, 2025, 5:30-7:30 PM

SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL COMMONS:
9135 SCHOOL RD, POR WING, WI 54865

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
CHEQUAMEGON HUMANE ASSOCIATION

THIS PROJECT IS IN COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH SHORE ART DEPARTMENT AND THE CHEQUAMEGON HUMANE ASSOCIATION
www.chaadopt.org



Holiday Food Drive

The South Shore Wellness team is partnering up with the South Shore Lions Club to collect food donations. We will be making holiday food baskets to share with our community members.

Items to donate

- Pie Crust & Pie Filling/Cake Mix
- Flavored Gelatin
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Granulated Sugar
- Small Bag of Flour
- Drink Mix/Juice
- Boxed Stuffing or Potatoes
- Gravy mix
- Canned Yams
- Canned Vegetables
- Hawaiian Buns
- Olives, Pickles, etc.
- Paper products or Decor
- Gift Cards

Food collection will take place at the Boys Basketball game on Dec. 11

SOUTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL
9135 School Road
Port Wing, WI 54865
5:45-8:15 PM

DECEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MSBBB vs LCO at Home	2 PTO Meeting Varsity BBB & GBB vs Frederic at Home - NC	3 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Finance & Operations Committee Meeting	4 MSBBB at Ashland MS Varsity BBB at Northwood	5 Varsity BBB at Mercer Varsity GBB at Mercer	6
7	8 BBB vs Solon Springs at Home GBB vs Solon Springs at Home	9 Elementary Concert 2pm Jr-Sr High Concert 6pm	10 Regular Board Meeting	11 BBB vs Bayfield at Home MSBBB at Bayfield	12 GBB vs Bayfield at Home	13
14	15 BBB at Washburn	16 GBB at Washburn Memorial Blood Drive	17	18 BBB vs Butternut at Home	19 GBB vs Butternut at Home Varsity BBB at Webster	20
21	22 Varsity BBB & GBB at Bruce	23	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27
28	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	1 JAN Winter Break	2 JAN Staff Development Day No Students Varsity BBB at Spooner Varsity GBB at Webster	3 JAN

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DISTRICT MISSION:

“TO PROVIDE A RIGOROUS, RELEVANT, HIGH-QUALITY, POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO FOSTER SUCCESS IN EVERY STUDENT.”