

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

SPECIAL SESSION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

December 29, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on December 29, 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, Matthew Poole, Traci LeTourneau, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Community members in attendance were Kacey Jones, Jeff Jones, Mike Jones, Morgan Jones, and Nikki Butler.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and approve additional appropriations for the Education Fund.

Superintendent Lanham began with a presentation that gave an overview of which expenditures can be paid from each fund. This meeting was specifically to discuss additional appropriations related to the education fund. After her presentation, Annette Taylor clarified the amount that would be transferred at this time. Several board members provided input, noting that enrollment accounts for a significant share of the state funding our school receives. Clarification was provided on the importance of transferring funds from the education fund to the operations fund, which is essential at this time, given the long-term impact of SB1 on the operations fund. The next student count is in February 2026. After reviewing the facts presented regarding expenditures from the past two years, a board member also noted that the school will receive less funding in 2026 than in 2024.

Jeff Jones raised concerns and asked the board questions about the work related to the CTE facilities investment approved at the May 2025 board meeting. His concern is that our facility updates are lagging behind those of other area districts. The board responded with information on the current bond and its potential plan to proceed with a facilities update and expansion. The board is determined to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Nikki Butler addressed the board, asking whether an additional full-time Special Education Teaching Assistant would be considered following the program evaluation.

After no further questions or comments, the board unanimously approved the additional appropriations, with Ethan Jones leading the motion and Lorna Troutman seconding.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 8, 2026, at 6 p.m.