

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

**REGULAR SESSION  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**7900 HWY 50  
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

**February 11, 2026**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Board Minutes**

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. on February 11, 2026. 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, Principals Audrey Gibson and Carol Eubank, Amy Money, Matthew Poole, Kari Goodman, Tiffany Wittmer, Traci LeTourneau, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Patrons in attendance were Etta Franklin, Jeff Jones, Audra P. Deckard, and Kelly LeTourneau.

The Cafeteria Director, Amy Money, began the meeting with updates on food service and the cafeteria budget. A decision will need to be made soon on whether the school remains in the CEP program or goes back to families paying for meals. Some ideas to raise funds were also discussed.

Ethan Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting from January 8, 2026, seconded by Eva George. The minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no comments from patrons.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began her report by stating that Shoals Elementary was proud to serve as the first stop for the ROI MoMEntum Microelectronics Mobile. Ms. Christin Johnson, K-12 Outreach Coordinator, provided engaging, hands-on sessions that introduced our students to real-world skills, exciting career pathways, and the growing opportunities within rural advanced manufacturing and technology. It was an incredible experience that broadened our students' understanding of future possibilities right here in Southern Indiana.

Our Kindergarten team has been actively preparing for Kindergarten Round Up, scheduled for Friday, March 6th, at Shoals Elementary. We look forward to welcoming our future Jug Rox families and showcasing the vibrant learning environments that make our school special.

As the winter sports season comes to a close, we extend our sincere thanks to our coaches, parents, and student-athletes. We are proud of the character and teamwork displayed by our young Jug Rox.

Hoosiers for the Humane Society was an overwhelming success! Through the leadership of Mrs. Dant's 3rd-grade class, Shoals Elementary students and families donated over 3,000 pounds of pet

food and supplies for the Martin County Humane Society. This initiative demonstrated the power of student leadership and community service.

Synchronous learning at the elementary level was successful. Attendance across grade levels was strong, and our teachers delivered three full hours of live instruction. We appreciate the flexibility and commitment of both staff and families in making these days productive and meaningful.

Our 2nd and 3rd-grade students and teachers are preparing for the upcoming IREAD assessment, which will take place in March. Instruction remains focused and intentional as we support students in building strong foundational literacy skills.

Middle School Principal Carol Eubank began her report by expressing her appreciation to the Middle School Staff for their continued flexibility in meeting our students' needs during a week of synchronous learning and a 2-hour delay schedule! She periodically entered Google Meets throughout the week, and our students and teachers were rocking it. We had 96% attendance for the week of synchronous learning! A special thanks to Daniel Turpen and Christina Gardner for their continued flexibility coming in early for early drop-offs on two-hour delay schedules, and staying late to support study tables for students in need before the midterm week. We reduced the number of students with an F from 35 to 25 in 5 days.

Shoals Middle School participated in the National Kindness Event on Thursday, Feb.5 Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Harder now have 17 Presidential Fitness Award recipients across two testing rounds. This aligns with our program's focus on long-term growth, effort, and personal improvement. Our latest achievers are: Noah Turpin, Rachel Sanders, Levi Douglas, Myson Wright, Gunner Gibson, Sofia Boyd, Lyla Sexton, Lynlee Lents, Wyatt Benefiel, Braydon Douglas, Carson Hodges, Easton Newland, and Nova Purdue.

Beta Club Parents hosted a middle school dance on Friday, Feb. 13

Our 8th graders will participate in Reality Store on Friday, Feb. 20. They will also have the opportunity to visit each of our Pathway teachers to learn more about the opportunities available to them as they plan their high school schedules.

Our teachers will be participating in professional development on Friday, February 27. They will also review literacy standards and classroom best practices to continue improving their reading and writing. We will also be poring over student data to facilitate student schedules next year as we navigate new course requirements and placement for the 26-27 school year.

Upcoming events are: February 20: 8th-grade Reality Store FT, February 27: E-Learning Day for PD, March 11-13: Regional Beta Competition, March 16-20: SPRING BREAK!

Mrs. Eubank read High School Principal Kindra Hovis' report. Congratulations to our Jug Rox Robotix team for advancing to the state championship. They were one of four who advanced from

the qualifying event that Shoals hosted this last weekend. A total of twenty-nine teams were competing. They also won the Robot Design award.

Shout-out to our students and staff for making the most of synchronous learning. Overall attendance was pretty good. Allison and I enjoyed calling students to get them out of bed and online! We celebrated National Kindness Week last week, school-wide. A big thanks to Erin Cage & Megan Hawkins for planning dress-up days and various activities each day to celebrate the event.

At the end of this month, we will be celebrating National FFA Week. Mrs. Overton has planned dress-up days and activities for both the middle and high school buildings, with the big event being "Drive Your Tractor to School Day." We look forward to promoting agriculture in our community. Additionally, Megan & Ben's ag classes are hosting their annual farmers' appreciation breakfast on February 19th to honor all our local farmers. We invite all farmers to enjoy breakfast provided by our ag & construction trade students. The breakfast is at 9:00 am.

Ms. Hovis is currently planning a "Rise Above Week" to be held the week of March 9th-13th. This week will focus on empowering middle and high school students to make healthy, informed choices and build strong futures. Throughout the week, they will hear from various guest speakers who will deliver presentations focused on substance abuse prevention, the real effects of vaping, the dangers of drinking & driving, and mental health awareness. This initiative will also address peer pressure, stress, decision-making, and everyday challenges that preteens and teens face. We aim to provide our students with education and positive coping strategies so they can RISE ABOVE negative influences. We hope to send students off on spring break with a positive mindset.

Freshmen orientation is right around the corner and will be held on March 5th at 6:00 pm. Families will receive information on the new graduation requirements, pathway opportunities, and our early college program. SAT testing is on March 4th, and ALL Juniors must participate. Shout-out to Danielle for making contact to ensure students and parents are aware of this requirement. A ready test will be given on February 19th.

The first item under new business was the approval of the following coaches: Softball-Michael Jones as High School Head coach, Brooklyn Jones as JV coach, Tony Graber as Jr. High Head coach, and the following as volunteers-HS Jim Potts, Sydney Davis, and Tony Graber, with Theresa Ray as Jr. High volunteer; Baseball coach is Cody Bauer as Middle School Head coach and Josh Fuartado as Boys' Varsity Track coach. Also approved were the resignation of Larry Jones from his custodial position, effective January 22, 2026, and approval to hire Michael Wininger as a substitute custodian. Lorna Troutman moved to approve, with Eva George seconding. Motions passed unanimously. Additional personnel approved were: Danniell Smoot as substitute teacher, Hannah Smoot to move from classroom aide to substitute, Martin Evans as substitute custodian, Christina Gardner as a volunteer with Middle School track, Allison Taylor as Corporation Secretary/ECA & Deputy Treasurer effective June 1, 2026, and Sonja Pruitt as full-time 2nd shift custodian, and the termination of Amanda Wilson effective February 6, 2026. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed 5-0. An additional vote was held to award Traci LeTourneau an additional stipend for her DHH involvement. It passed with a 3-2

vote, with Lorna Troutman and Eva George voting against. They also explained why they voted against.

The following fundraisers were approved unanimously, with Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman leading the motions to approve: Elementary Beta for a "Pay the Date Calendar" event and to sell Easter minis, High School Track and Field to sell T-shirts, High School Girls' Basketball to sell Merkley Meats, Gir Scouts to set up a cookie book, at a Boys' Varsity game, and the High School nutrition program to host a Super Bowl Chili cook-off. An additional fundraiser approved was for the Junior Beta Parents to host a Sweetheart dance. Ethan Jones and Eva George led the motions to approve, passing 5-0.

Approved trip requests were for the FFA to Petersburg, the Engineering students to IU, High School Academic Bowl to North Knox, Jr. Beta to Gatlinburg, TN, Senior English class to IU Southeast, High School Academic team for Academic Bowl, Middle School Academic Team to Academic bowl, and 1st grade to Crane Westgate Academy. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve, passing 5-0. Additional trips approved were the Health Care class to Harvest Health, the Girls' Softball team to an IU softball game, High School Biology 2 class to various Martin County cemeteries, and FFA to the District X FFA event at Perry Central. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

Opening the Mowing Bids was tabled.

Other items on the agenda included Sports physicals by Daviess Martin Medical on April 2, the ERS Wireless proposal, the E-Rate equipment purchase, the Shoals Early Rox handbook, and the Early Rox Open House for families on March 24. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed 5-0. Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for March 6, and the Elementary Spring Music Program is on May 15. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motions to be approved, passing unanimously. Also, the Summer League Board members were approved to use the High School lobby for Summer League TeeBall, Baseball, and Softball sign-ups on February 21st and 28th. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

Resolutions approved were the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) Stipend payments and the 1003 Flexibility Waiver Resoultion for the 2026-2027 School Calendar Year. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed 5-0

Facility Usages and events approved were the SPA Spring Home Show in the gyms, to be held on March 7, and Hoosier Uplands hosting an Open House in the cafeteria on March 10. Ethan Jones and Eva George led the motions to approve, which passed 4-0-1, with Lorna Troutman abstaining.

Elementary Science Fair and STEM night for March 11, to be held in the Auxiliary gym, and the annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt for April 4, to be held in front of the school, were approved by a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions to approve.

Items presented to the board that did not require a vote at this time included updates to the stage, the FEMA certificate of Substantial Completion, and a Preschool Interest form.

Technology updates to the new FEMA structure totaling \$20,594.24 were approved, with Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman making the motions; the motion passed 5-0.

A Job Description for Paraprofessionals in Life Skills Classroom was approved with a unanimous vote. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve.

The contract/proposal with ERS Wireless for radio communication updates and repairs was approved with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motions to approve.

Superintendent Lanham began her report by updating the community on the financial status of the education and operations funds and sharing the consistent enrollment number of 564.

Dr. Lanham continued the conversation by sharing information that school will be in session on Monday, February 16th. She also shared that the Indiana Department of Education has approved our request for a weather waiver day following the severe winter weather a couple of weeks ago. The waiver was made possible by Governor Braun's emergency declaration regarding the snowstorm. What that means is we will no longer have to make up the snow day scheduled in May.

Dr. Lanham thanked staff, students, and families for their patience and participation in synchronous learning during the winter weather. Everyone did a fantastic job, and many students were excited to engage in the online learning platform. Hopefully, the winter weather is over for the year.

Dr. Lanham also gave a shout-out to the Robotics Team and coaches for putting together a successful robotics competition that drew 29 teams from around the state. It was a great experience as an educator to watch so many students from around the state enjoying our campus. Also, congratulations to the team. They advanced to the state competition. Go JugRox.

January Leave Accounting was approved with a 5-0 vote. Ethan Jones and Eva George led the motions. Approval to pay Claims passed with a 5-0 vote. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2026, at 6 p.m.