

BOARD MINUTES

January 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in the Board Room of the New Addition. Board Chair, Carl Openshaw, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, Austin Schlosser, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: None.

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, Elementary Principal – Autumn Arlian, Middle School Principal – Rich Hash, High School Principal – KJ Poepping, and Transportation Director – Bobby Trotter were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include December claims 134528 – 134584.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include December claims 134528– 134584, and the approval of the December regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

One thank you letter was provided to the Board from staff members.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrators recapped their reports.

INFORMATIONAL

1. Building Use Requests
2. Nurse's Report
3. Water
4. Resignations –
 - Autumn Arlian – Elementary Principal
 - Darcy Stracke – 5th/6th grade boys basketball coach
 - Kamber Kelly – Head High School volleyball coach
 - Amanda Camposan – Assistant cross country coach
 - Matt Viren – Head Middle School football coach
 - Taylor Cunningham-Jeuschede- Middle School PE Teacher
 - Sven Jeuschede – Middle School Science Teacher
 - Jason Latimer – Assistant Middle School football coach
 - Donald Schlotter – Assistant Middle School football coach
 - Kevin Cumber – Maintenance/Grounds Keeper & Water/Boiler Manager
5. Missing Children
6. Bus Inspections
7. Milligan School Data

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Joseph Cook – 5th/6th grade boys basketball coach
Christal Ewen – Kitchen helper *Pending background check
Substitute List as attached

A High School/Joint motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve hiring the employees and substitutes as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Out of District Students

None.

PLC Conference

The administration would like to attend the National PLC Conference in July with a group of teachers and administrators. These conferences help our staff improve, which in turn improves student learning. The conference would be paid for with District funds as well as Schoolwide Title funds.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve a group of teachers and administrators to attend the National PLC conference in July 2026 with the use of District funds and Schoolwide Title funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bus Route 10 Change

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the changes to bus route 10.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine Academy

The Sunshine Academy has requested to renew their contract with the District in order to operate an after school and summer program on campus for the 2026-2027 school year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the Sunshine Academy to hold an after school and summer program at Shepherd for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation – Possible Closed Session

The Board Chair moved this item to the end of the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy Committee – The policy committee met right before the board meeting to discuss policy updates.

At 6:53pm the Board Chair moved the meeting to executive session for the Superintendent Evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board resumed open session at 7:04pm.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to renew Mrs. O'Donnell's 255 day contract for 2 years with the same pay raise given to staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:05pm.