

BOARD MINUTES

March 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, March 18, 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: Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Justin Peterson, Austin Schlosser, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Shane Flowers and Shane Rekdal.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Austin Schlosser, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include February claims 134656 – 134724.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include February claims 134656– 134724, and the approval of the February regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrators recapped their reports.

INFORMATIONAL

1. Building Use Requests
2. Water
3. Nurse's Report
4. Resignations –
Austin Ketchem – Head High School Wrestling Coach
Paige Atkinson – Lunch Accountant
5. Missing Children
6. Milligan School Data
7. Milligan School Data – Staff Surveys
8. Title I Audit Completion
9. Special Education Audit Completion

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Hailey Copinga-Sanders – Elementary Teacher *Pending background check
Hailey Copinga-Sanders – Head High School Volleyball Coach *Pending background check
Amanda Stene – Elementary/Middle School Teacher *Pending background check
Tina Downing – SPED Teacher
Luke Knaff – Head High School Wrestling Coach
Spencer Dalke – Assistant Middle School Football Coach *Pending background check
Josh Greenfield – Custodian
Kathryn O'Donnell – Summer Daycare
Boden Rupe – Summer maintenance
Elementary Teacher rehires as attached
Middle School Teacher rehires as attached
High School Teacher rehires as attached
Substitute List as attached

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve hiring the employees and substitutes as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Resolution – Non Voted Levies

An Elementary motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the non-voted levies resolution, including all budgeted funds.

A High School motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the non-voted levies resolution, including all budgeted funds.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Mill Levy Election

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Austin Schlosser, to not run an additional mill levy for the Elementary General Fund in May.

A High School motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to not run an additional mill levy for the High School General Fund in May.

Both motions passed unanimously.

2026-2027 High School Curriculum Guide

A High School/Joint was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the 2026-2027 High School Curriculum Guide.

The motion passed unanimously.

Daycare 2026-2027

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the daycare handbook, calendar, and budget for 2026-2027.

The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Renewal of Certified Staff

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Austin Schlosser, to non-renew the contract for Daniel Hansen for the upcoming school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 6:54pm.