



IOLA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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SHAC Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2026 at 4 pm in the High School Cafeteria

Meeting Preparation and Agenda Review

Mrs. Sajewski greeted Mrs. Hoke and confirmed her presence in the meeting. No specific topics or questions were raised by either participant during the brief interaction. The meeting with a plan to review agenda items.

Character First Program Progress Update

Mrs. Sajewski discussed the Character First program's progress, noting that Mrs. Jackson, the elementary counselor, supports moving the program forward to board approval. While Mrs. Jackson could not be present, she did contact Mrs. Sajewski to ask that she record her vote as a "Yes" vote. Nurse Elliott shared updates on emergency response protocols, with the next step being to practice the secondary campus protocol with the emergency response team. Mrs. Sajewski reviewed parent and staff feedback on the Character First curriculum, which included support from an elementary parent and mixed reactions from a secondary parent and staff member. The concerns being when the character lessons would be delivered and lessening out-of-class time.

Character Trait Education Implementation

The meeting focused on implementing character trait education at the school. Mrs. Sajewski discussed concerns about modeling character traits by staff, implementation logistics, and minimizing class time disruption. She suggested using PE or health classes as potential venues for character lessons, referencing Normandy's successful model of incorporating movement-based learning. The group voted to recommend the proposal to the school board for approval at the May 18th meeting, with a 5-0 majority in favor.

Next steps

Mrs. Sajewski

- Prepare and send out the meeting recording and minutes.
- Address any questions that arise after the meeting and coordinate with Mrs. Stautz regarding questions from others.
- Present the recommendation for the Character First program to the school board for the May 18th board meeting.

Mrs. Stautz

- Contact Erin Moore at Normangee to learn how they implement character lessons during PE and how that is working for their campus.

**Vote to recommend Character First to the Iola ISD school board
May 6, 2026**

Name	Role	Yes Vote	No Vote	Abstain	Not Present
	Member- Elem.Parent				
Jorie Kerl	Member- Elem. Parent				
	Member-JH Parent				
Celina McKown	Member- JH Parent				
Jamie Scheiner	Member- HS Parent				
Christy Journey	Member- HS Parent				
Meagan Van Dyck	Member- Parent				
Hayley Hoke	Member- Parent	✓			
	Member- Parent				
	Member- Parent				
Brandy Brantley	Member- Parent				
	Member- JH Teacher				
Saundra Elliott	Member- Nurse				
Linda Evans	Member- Director of Child Nutrition				
Kristin Sajewski	Member- Director of Special Programs	✓			
Brian Fowler	Member- HS Principal	✓			
Jeff Dyer	Superintendent				
Hollie Guilneau	Elementary Principal				
Mandi Jackson	Co-Chair Elementary Counselor	✓ (previously contacted)			
Jeanne Stautzenberger	HS Counselor	✓			
Totals		5	0	0	

**2025-26 SHAC Members Attendance
May 6, 2026**

Name	Role	Initials
Kayla Dunlap	Member- Elem.Parent	
Jorie Kerl	Member- Elem. Parent	
Mollie Burnside	Member-JH Parent	
Celina McKown	Member- JH Parent	
Jamie Scheiner	Member- HS Parent	
Christy Jurney	Member- HS Parent	
Meagan Van Dyck	Member- Parent	
Hayley Hoke	Member- Parent	<i>JS 200 N</i>
	Member- Parent	
	Member- Parent	
Brandy Brantley	Member- Parent	
	Member- JH Teacher	
Saundra Elliott	Member- Nurse	
Linda Evans	Member- Director of Child Nutrition	
Kristin Sajewski	Member- Director of Special Programs	<i>KS</i>
Brian Fowler	Member- HS Principal	<i>BF</i>
Jeff Dyer	Superintendent	
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