

BOARD MINUTES

April 15, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, April 15, 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 – Autmn Arlian, 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 Shane Rekdal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include March claims 134725 – 134782.

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 March claims 134725– 134782, and the approval of the March 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 –
Cindy Burns – Elementary Teacher
Robin McCaffree – 5/6 Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Julie Buehler – Middle School Paraprofessional
Rawley Butler – Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach
5. Missing Children
6. Milligan School Data
7. Milligan School Data – Student Surveys

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Daycare

Cindy Todd – Daycare Director
Jennifer Weinberger – Daycare Aide

Kitchen

Amanda Stahl – Head Cook
Beth Campbell – Assistant Cook
Heather Lear – Assistant Cook

District Hires

Jeff Armstrong – IT Manager
Craig McKinney – IT-Infinite Campus/NWEA
Thomas Sieler – Maintenance
Jessica Newton – Lunch Accountant
Allie Walker – Adult Ed Coordinator

Middle School

Greg Bonner – Middle School Computer/Business Teacher

Athletics

Lindsey Martin – 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Gus Wenz – Volunteer High School Track Coach
Hope Mikkelson – Volunteer Middle School Track Coach
Robert Lewis-Walker – Volunteer High School Track Coach
Robin McCaffree – 7/8 Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Loretta Michels – Assistant Cross Country Coach

Custodian

Barbara Schultz – District/HS Custodian

Elementary Classified Staff Rehires as attached

Middle School Classified Staff Rehires as attached

High School Classified Staff Rehires as attached

Substitute List as attached

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

The motion passed unanimously.

2026-2027 Out of District Students

Elementary student list as attached

Middle School student list as attached

High School student list as attached

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the out of district students for the 2026-2027 school year as attached.

A High School motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Austin Schlosser, to approve the out of district students for the 2026-2027 school year as attached.

A High School motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to deny the out of district students HS20 and HS21 for the 2026-2027 school year as attached.

All motions passed unanimously.

2025-2026 Out of District Students

Elementary Approval List

E76

E77

High School Approval List

HS25

HS26

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the out of district students for the 2025-2026 school year as listed.

A High School motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the out of district students for the 2025-2026 school year as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Audit Contract

It was recommended to approve the audit contract with Wipfli LLP for three years.

A High School/Joint was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the three year contract with Wipfli LLP as the auditor for the Shepherd School District.

The motion passed unanimously.

Job Corps Memorandum of Understanding

A High School motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to enter into an agreement with the Job Corps for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming Memorandum of Understanding

A High School/Joint motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to enter into an agreement with the DPHHS for the School-Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program.

The motion passed unanimously.

2026-2027 Elementary and Middle School Handbooks

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the 2026-2027 Elementary and Middle School Handbooks.

The motion passed unanimously.

Contract with NWEA for MAPS Testing

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the NWEA contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Last Day of School – May 22nd

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to change the last day of school from a full day to an early release at 12:30.

The motion passed unanimously.

May Board Meeting

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Justin Peterson, to change the May board meeting to Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

Elementary Reading Program

An Elementary motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the reading materials through American Reading Company for the elementary reading program.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Athletic Committee met prior to the board meeting. No update given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:02pm.