

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

REGULAR SESSION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

May 27, 2026

5:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2026. The meeting was moved to the cafeteria due to a lack of air conditioning in the High School library. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, and members Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones were in attendance. There was a large group of staff and community members in attendance.

Eva George moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting from April 9, 2026, seconded by Ethan Jones. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Superintendent Lanham began the meeting by stating that there is no plan to close the farm, eliminate the welding program, or disrupt the construction trades classroom. She also shared that throughout the school year, she has expressed the need to provide all students with credentials that will give them a leg up on other local job candidates. During the meeting, she also shared information on the guiding principles that drive district decisions, including graduation requirements and the credentials of value, the new IDOE accountability model, and academic performance data.

Chad Blacklock, a financial advisor, explained where school funding comes from and provided data showing attendance and revenue trends from the past few years to the present.

Brian Harmon with Harmon Financial Consulting, the district's budgeting consultant, also addressed the room regarding student enrollment and revenue.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson began her report by thanking each and every one of you for showing up this evening to support our teachers, students, and our school. I would also like to recognize a friendly face at Shoals Elementary over the past few years. Every Tuesday, Mr. Whorral has generously donated his time, supplies, and talent to teach art to our first and second-grade students. On behalf of the Shoals Elementary team, thank you for investing in our kids and school.

Thank you as well to the River Rat Retirement Readers Book Club for donating pencils for every Kindergarten through 5th-grade teacher and their classrooms. Small acts of kindness like that truly make a difference. She also thanked the local businesses and individuals who showered our teachers with support during Teacher Appreciation Week, including Bauer Family Coffee Shop,

Hawkins Health, Kathryn Tredway, and Be Sweet. Your kindness and support mean a great deal to our staff.

Mrs. Gibson also shared that May at an elementary school is best described as organized chaos. The students are excited and counting down the days until summer break; the teachers are feeling that excitement too, but at the same time, we all try to hold on to those final special moments that make elementary school so memorable. This May was filled with so many opportunities and experiences for our students. We celebrated events such as the 5th Grade Wax Museum, the 4th Grade Mother's Day Tea, awards programs, preschool graduation, Field Day, and even a foam party. Students enjoyed nature hikes, farm visits, STEM field trips, author visits, classroom glow and camp-themed parties, survival day activities, and visits from DNR officers. Some of our youngest students even watched baby chicks hatch right inside their classrooms. We were also very proud of the 15 Shoals Elementary students who participated in the Special Track and Field Event.

As we close another school year, Mrs. Gibson simply wanted to say thank you to our teachers, classroom aides, and the Elementary office staff who continue to show up every single day for our students. Your care, patience, support, and dedication are what make Shoals Elementary special.

Middle School Principal Carol Eubank updated the room on events that happened in May. Several Junior Beta students assisted with repairing the sensory sidewalk at the element on Jug Rox Make a Difference Day. The Middle School Student Council beautified the outdoor classroom with planter boxes, and the Intro to Ag students cleared a trail at Hindoston Falls. Mrs. Eubank commended the students and staff for completing ILearn testing in English, Math, and Science, as well as the IReady End-of-Year assessments in Math and English. Students participated in PBIS on May 14 and enjoyed an afternoon of inflatable fun and games outside. Several teachers in the Middle School will be attending Professional Development days throughout the Summer.

Mrs. Eubank also spoke on behalf of Megan Hawkins, the Early College Coordinator. She shared academic data for the class of 2026, which shows that approximately 400 college credits will have been earned during their high school career. Approximately \$115,000 was saved by taking college courses in high school. The senior with the most college credits earned 45 credits, which is one and one-half years of college already completed. Five seniors will receive the Indiana College Core. Over 20 percent of seniors earned 15 or more college credits, and 50 percent took at least one college course.

Several community members addressed the board with concerns about rumored class and pathway closures and about Special Education programs regarding inclusion. Some members spoke on personal experiences within the school system. Several patrons felt they were not getting answers to questions.

The first item under new business was the approval of Personnel to receive an Early College Summit stipend for their attendance: Tina Rue, Kallie Fuhrman, and Erin Cage. Also approved were the following resignations: Aubrey Baker, Ashley Montgomery, Emily Gist, and Ruby

Harder. Allison Taylor's rescinding of her acceptance of the Corporation Secretary position was approved, with Mrs. Taylor remaining as the High School Secretary/ECA treasurer.

Ethan Jones led the motions to approve, with Eva George making the second motion; the motions passed 5-0. Additional personnel approvals were made for coaches for the 2026-2027 school year. They are: Jeff Gee as a volunteer coach for the Boys' Varsity Soccer team, Clint Hoffman as a volunteer Assistant Middle School Soccer/Youth development coach, Rebecca Rollins as Assistant HS Volleyball coach and Varsity Cheer coach, Andy Purdue as Varsity Girls' Soccer Assistant and Middle School Girls' Head Soccer coach, Kathy Overton as Varsity Cross Country coach and Reva Troutman as volunteer Middle School Girls Soccer Assistant. Personnel for summer cleaning approved were Kyle Wininger, Mason Baugh, Saben Holt, and Daniel Turpen. A Mutual Separation of Employment with Jill Jones was also approved. Ethan Jones led the motions, with Annette Taylor making the second motion. Motions passed with a 4-0 vote. Separation of

Employment for three teaching assistants and Stipend request for Kindra Hovis were tabled for further review. One additional personnel approval was the resignation of Megan Hawkins. We wish Megan the best of luck in her new adventure. Also approved under the same motion was the disposal of the 6th-grade National Geographic teacher books and workbooks, as they are outdated and do not align with State standards. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

Trip requests approved were for the High School Robotix to Lexington, Kentucky, May 28-30, for the F.I.R.S.T. Challenge, and the Middle School Baseball team to Jasper, June 19, to watch the Dubois County Bombers. Ethan Jones and Annette Taylor moved to approve; the motion passed 3-0-1, with Lorna Troutman abstaining. Eva George had stepped out of the room for a moment, so she was unable to vote.

Facility usage requests approved were: Junior High Baseball to use the ball fields on April 27; the Lost River Fire Department to use the parking on May 9th; and the High School Boys' Basketball program to use both gyms for a Summer Shoot-Out on June 22-23. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions to approve, passing 5-0. Additional usages approved were the High School Boys' Basketball program to use both gyms on July 3 for the 3-on-3 Catfish Tournament, a potential 4-H fundraiser with the Wizards on October 30, Senior Beta Club to host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on November 3, and permission to allow Julia Harper to park a Family Health Center vehicle in the employee parking lot over the summer. The district will not be responsible for any damages that may be incurred due to the vehicle being on campus, and the Catfish Festival steering committee to use the school facilities for the Queen Contest in the event of rain. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman moved to approve, and the motion passed 5-0.

Upcoming events approved were the High School Volleyball team to attend a camp in Bloomington, June 23-25, and to participate in a Bloomington League along with a scrimmage in July at LCA and Orleans. Rox on the Run summer conditioning was also approved. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Fundraisers approved were the JugRox Robotix to host a spaghetti Summer May 16th, High School Volleyball team to hold car washes during June, the Class of 2029 to hold a Merkely Meat fundraiser September 29-October 13, the Athletic Booster Club to host the annual Fall Festival on October 24 and the Class of 2027 to paint their parking spots July 31-August 14 with a \$25 fee per

spot and with prior approval of the artwork. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Annette seconding. Motions were passed with a 4-0-1 vote, with Lorna Troutman abstaining.

The First Readings were held for the 2026-2027 proposed High School Handbook Changes, Wireless Devices Prohibition Policy, which is state-mandated, a Groundskeeper Job Description, Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy, and Authorization for Audio, Video, and Digital Recording Policy.

Memoranda of Understanding were approved with Vincennes University College of Health Science and Human Performance, and with Parent Square Communication Contract and launch.

Miscellaneous items approved were the non-certified pay scale beginning rates and the Elementary and Jr/Sr High ECA treasurers to obtain a credit card for club use, to be used only with prior approval by the supervisor. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions to approve, which passed unanimously.

For information only: The state has approved the previously board-approved waiver days (2-hour delay days) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Approval to pay Claims passed with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions.

Annette Taylor read a letter of appreciation from our foreign exchange student. She also read thank-you notes from the Rose Bauernfiend family and April and David Sutton.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. To view the full meeting, visit our school website at shoals.k12.in.us

The next regular public meeting will be on June 11, 2026.