

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

REGULAR SESSION

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

June 11, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. on June 11, 2026, in the school cafeteria. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, and members Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones were in attendance. There was also a large group of staff and community members in attendance.

Ethan Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting from May 27, 2026, seconded by Eva George. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Danielle Cornett presented student data with state testing results and new testing requirements. She also announced that our Preschool staff and program are now PTQ Level 3, with state licensing and no deficiencies. Congratulations to the preschool staff for making this happen!

Superintendent Lanham presented financial updates for May. She also shared information about the district's policy on the "Bell-to-Bell" law (Senate Bill 78), which prohibits the use of wireless communication devices, including cell phones and smartwatches, during the entire school day.

Dr. Lanham read a report from High School Principal Kindra Hovis, who was unable to attend. Congratulations to our 46 graduates of Shoals High School. We are once again looking at a high graduation rate. Thank you to all who helped us push and support these young men and women to the finish line. It takes a village.

I was honored to present alongside Mrs. Tina Rue in Indianapolis last week, sharing our outside-the-box and student-centered approach to Early College programming. We highlighted the unique strategies and support systems we have implemented to maximize opportunities, enhance student success, and create the greatest possible impact for those we serve.

Thank you to Megan Hawkins for all her years of service to Shoals Community Schools. She always went above and beyond in everything that she did and often did extra behind the scenes. She will be missed tremendously.

The art department did a great job on the murals downtown. This was a great community partnership, and we thank those businesses for trusting our students to give them a "facelift."

We have 9 students who have completed all the necessary requirements to participate in Martin County's CEO program next year, led by Todd Baker. This program allows students to dive into their entrepreneurial skills and gives them firsthand experience of what it takes to be a business owner.

Thank you to our maintenance and summer cleaning crew for making our buildings look like new during the summer months. A lot of work goes into deep cleaning, which isn't easy during the hot summer months.

Thank you, Sarah Sexton, for starting her summer break, offering young people Red Cross child safety training that leads to certifications such as babysitting training and infant/child CPR/FA/AED. What a wonderful opportunity for our young people who may be interested in babysitting during their summer break!

The first item under new business was the acknowledgment of potential project and authorization of notice of hearings. Ethan Jones led the motion to acknowledge, with Lorna Troutman making the second motion. A vote of 5-0 to accept acknowledgment was made.

Personnel items approved were the separation of employment for the 2026-2027 school year for Lillian White, Courtney Taylor, and Hannah Smoot. The separation was approved with a 3-2 vote, with Annette Taylor and Ethan Jones voting against. Ethan Jones and Eva George led motions to approve the appointment of Molly Tharp as Corporation Secretary/Deputy Treasurer and a stipend request from Kindra Hovis. Motions passed unanimously.

Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve a service agreement with Harmon Consulting. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The following policies were approved: Wireless Devices Prohibition Policy, which is state-mandated; the Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety Policy; and the Authorization for Audio, Video, and Digital Recording Policy. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve, passing with a 5-0 vote. A Public Meeting Protocol policy had its First Reading.

The 2026-2027 proposed High School Handbook changes were approved with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions. The 2026-2027 Middle School Handbook had its First Reading.

A Groundskeeper Job Description was approved by the board with a 5-0 vote. Annette Taylor and Ethan Jones led the motions to approve.

A fundraiser for FFA to host a Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull at the Catfish Festival was approved. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motions. The vote was unanimous.

The board approved the bonding of the Corporation Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Cafeteria Treasurer, and Elementary and Jr/Sr High ECA Treasurers. Lorna Troutman led the motion, with Eva George making the second motion to approve; it passed 5-0.

A request was tabled for Reva Troutman's church youth group to tend the school garden. More information is needed.

A resolution to transfer amounts from the Education Fund to the Operation Fund on a biannual basis, and a resolution for a Rainy Day Fund transfer to the Cafeteria Fund were both approved with a 5-0 vote, with Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman leading the motions.

A facility usage request was approved for the Shoals Summer League to use the Athletic Field on June 27 and 28 for a Youth All-Star Tournament. Ethan Jones and Eva George led the motions to approve, passing 5-0.

Student fees for the 2026-2027 school year were approved with a 5-0 vote. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions to approve.

A Memorandum of Understanding with Bedford North Lawrence Career Center was approved unanimously. Eva George and Lorna Troutman moved to approve.

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

The Leave Accounting for May was approved. Ethan Jones and Eva George led the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

Tina Rue, a Shoals High School teacher, addressed the board and the community with Early College updates. She also stressed the importance of ensuring that all students have the opportunity to participate in these activities and classes, regardless of their plans after graduation.

Community members addressed the board with questions and concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. To view the full meeting, visit our school website at shoals.k12.in.us

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 9 at 6:00 p.m.