

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

REGULAR SESSION

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

July 9, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on July 9, 2026, in the school cafeteria. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, and members Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones were in attendance. Secretary Annette Taylor was absent. There was also a large group of staff and community members in attendance.

The First Preliminary Determination Hearing was discussed, along with a few public comments. This discussion included a possible list of building projects as well as an explanation of the funding for the projects.

Ethan Jones motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting from June 11, 2026, seconded by Lorna Troutman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Superintendent Lanham presented financial updates for June. She also congratulated Reva Troutman for receiving the National Beta Sponsor of the Year award. Reva was one of three chosen! Shout outs for Braxton Mullis placing 3rd in Spelling, Luke Fischer, Josiah Sullivan, Alexis Greene, Sophie Sanders, Eyan Hovis, and Mason McShane placing 8th in Musicology, and Piper Treadway placing 4th in poetry.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson gave her July update. Mrs. Gibson mentioned several of our Elementary Beta members represented Shoals at the National Beta Convention in Nashville, Tennessee this June. We are proud of these students for their hard work and for representing our school so well. A group of nine elementary teachers recently attended Computer Science professional development in Bloomington, Indiana. We appreciate their commitment to learning and bringing new opportunities back to our students. Curriculum mapping sessions are also underway for our primary and intermediate grade-level teachers as they work together to prepare for another successful school year. A special thank you goes to our maintenance and custodial teams for the countless hours they spend behind the scenes all summer long. Their hard work helps ensure our building is clean, safe, and ready to welcome students back in August.

It has been great seeing so many Shoals Elementary students and families out and about at the annual Shoals Catfish Festival. This week, many of our students will also be showcasing their hard work through their 4-H projects at the Martin County 4-H Fair. We wish all of our 4-H participants the very best! We hope everyone continues to enjoy a fun, safe, and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back at Shoals Elementary soon!

Principal Carol Eubank gave her July update along with Kara Schmidt from Team Peace. Kara gave a presentation on what Team Peace is along with how they plan to implement the program in the Middle School. Mrs. Eubank thanked Kelley Wellman Covey for taking the lead to write the Be For Others Grant. Shoals Middle School was awarded \$14,500 to help us help our students by joining Team Peace. The mission of Team Peace is to support schools and families in integrating trauma responsive practices into their daily routines and relationships, by providing accessible nervous system education and resilience-building tools to youth and adults. Kelley Wellman-Covey, Diana Turpin, Brittney Bushey, Myrna Greene, and Mrs. Eubank will attend their first workshop with the Team Peace trainers on July 27 & 28. The workshop is titled Resilience and Regulation. They will be rolling out the Neuroscience and Resilience tools in Middle School Health and PE for all 6th and 7th grade students. The Middle School Math teachers attended the state provided PD on June 3rd and 4th, including Mr. Emerick, Mrs. Sutton, Miss Troutman, Mrs. Esch, and Mrs. Cornette. While there our math teachers clarified how the fall WIN classes would look in terms of curriculum, practices, and student & teacher scheduling. The Early College Leadership Team met on June 17 to establish new leadership and ensure we are prepared to keep our Early College endorsement for the coming school year. Mrs. Cornette, Mrs. Fuhman, Mrs. Rue, and Mrs. Cage will take the lead on all things Early College. They will meet again on July 23.

Under new business were resignations from Kayla Tedrow, Ethan Adams, Rainell Cushman, and Ben Kent. Rebecca Rollins resigned from JV Volleyball and Varsity Cheer Coach. Approval of coaches were Abbey Fuhman as JV Volleyball coach and Aimee Harder as 6th Grade volunteer Volleyball coach. Contract updates for Eli Burkhart and Audrey Gibson were also approved. Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones led the motions. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote.

The public meeting protocols were approved with Eva George and Ethan Jones leading the motions. The motions were approved with a 4-0 vote.

The Middle School Handbook revisions were approved with Eva George and Lorna Troutman leading the motions. The motions were approved with a 4-0 vote.

The High School Volleyball Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser was approved with a 4-0 vote with Ethan Jones and Eva George leading the motions.

Several athletic requests were approved. All games at all levels to have an entrance fee of \$6.00 and the corporation to continue to pay for gas for the away games, with the athletic department to pay for the drivers. LCVC requested approval for a parent meeting on October 25th. Tryouts on November 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Practices November 29th - March 28th, on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ; LCVC Tournament February 14, 2027 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Volunteers for the Girls' Basketball program are Amy Money, Alyssa Taylor, Taylor Turpin, and Ava Perry. Amy Money as a volunteer Cross Country coach for Middle School and High School. Approval to host a JBL camp, with the date to be determined. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motions. The motions passed with a 4-0 vote.

Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motion to approve Reva Troutman's youth group tending the school garden over the summer. The motion passed with a 3-0-1 vote with Lorna Troutman abstaining.

Superintendent Lanham explained the COSMOS Strategic draft plan.

Documents approved were the Child Procurement Plan 2026-2027, update to the Public Employee Retirement Fund in the non-certified handbook, and the Homestead Credit Resolution. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions. The motions were approved with a 4-0 vote.

Additional resignations of Kindra Hovis, Scott Carr, and Christina Gardner were approved. The board thanked them for their years of service here at Shoals Community School. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions. The motions were approved with a 4-0 vote.

2026-2027 Certified Contracts were Dean Troutman for the Engineering Design Teacher, pending acquisition of a Workplace Specialists License. Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0-1 vote with Lorna Troutman abstaining. Carol Eubank for Middle School and High School Principal, and Jeff Gee for Dean of Students passed with a 4-0 vote with Ethan Jones and Eva George leading the motions.

2026-2027 Non-Certified employment approvals pending personnel documents and background checks. Aubrey Crecelius for Kindergarten long term sub maternity leave, Darcy Soke as fulltime 1:1 Special Education Aide, Amber Harder as Elementary Intermediate Classroom Aide, Kristen (Walter) Damon as Elementary Primary Classroom Aide, Bailey Davis as Middle School Administrative Assistant, Kimberly Bridges to be the paraprofessional in the High School, Kaden Leonard for part time custodian, Lydia Cook for Elementary STEM Aide. Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

2026-2027 Approval of substitutes were; Melissa Grogan, Jennifer Bridges, Kristy Day, Terri Dye, Etta Franklin, Cliff Goodman, Emma Holt, Joyce Jones, Abbey Lindsey, Gerald Montgomery, Denise Sanders, Tim Sanders, Kellie Shaw, Matthew Sullivan, SonBlossom Summerton, Lisa Taylor, Kemily Wininger, Darla Holt, and Linda Evans-Dillon. The motions were approved with a 4-0 vote with Eva George and Ethan Jones leading the motions.

Ethan Jones and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve the Teacher License Renewal letter for Melanie Hawins, Scott Carr, and James Emerick. Approval of current salaries to remain unchanged pending the completion and approval of teacher negotiations in the fall. Approval of Darla Holt sick leave reimbursement. The motions passed with a 4-0 vote.

Eva George and Ethan Jones led the motion for the alternate application for free and reduced eligibility. As well as the registration and Meet the Teacher flyers. Motions passed with a 4-0 vote.

Superintendent Lanham and the board discussed the FEMA storm shelter as well as answered questions from community members.

The Financial Reports and The Leave Accounting Report for June 2026 were approved. Ethan Jones and Eva George led the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

Lorna Troutman and Ethan Jones led the motion for approval of claims, passing unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. To view the full meeting, visit our school website at shoals.k12.in.us

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 13th at 6:00 p.m.