

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

REGULAR SESSION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

AUGUST 13, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on August 13, 2026, in the High School Cafeteria. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, and member Lorna Troutman were in attendance. Elementary principal Audrey Gibson, Middle and High School principal Carol Eubank, community members, and a few staff members also attended.

The board discussed the Second Preliminary Determination Hearing. Kristin McClellan with Stifel Public Finance joined via Zoom to answer questions. The discussion included a possible list of building projects and an explanation of project funding.

The following motions were approved: Adopt Project Resolution; Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motions with a 4-0 vote. Adopt Preliminary Determination Resolution, Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions with a 4-0 vote. Adopt Reimbursement Resolution, Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motions with a 4-0 vote.

Eva George motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting from July 9, 2026, seconded by Lorna Troutman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Superintendent Lanham presented July financial updates. Dr. Lanham reported that student enrollment matches May levels. Dr. Lanham thanked all the teachers and teaching assistants for coming in this summer for professional development days and training. Dr. Lanham reported that the track is open to the public. Dr. Lanham also discussed the Resolution of the Reduction of an Appropriation in the 2026 Rainy Day Fund, which was reduced from \$600,000 to \$150,000.

Kathy Overton gave an update on the Agriculture program. Mrs. Overton spoke about bringing animals back to the farm: chickens, hogs, cats, and potentially sheep and goats. Mrs. Overton discussed adding cameras to the barn and ways we can use them for fun and educational learning opportunities. Kathy Overton and Cammie Sanders are currently overseeing the Agriculture program until Nora Howatt completes all of her licensing requirements. The Ag program currently has 36 students.

Kari Goodman and Sarah Sexton presented on the FEMA shelter. They discussed the shelter advisory team, safe room activation, occupant procedures, training opportunities, and volunteer

knowledge. The advisory board communicates and meets often to maintain a plan of action that aligns with FEMA standards and expectations.

Under new business, the board approved personnel changes for the 2026-2027 school year. Becky Riggins as STEAM Assistant. Alisha Bailey as High School English Teacher. Kimberly Cundiff as Library Assistant. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of new staff included Nora Howatt as the Agriculture teacher, pending successful completion of student teaching and Praxis. Justin Downey as the Welding Instructor pending workplace license. Arrametta Scheffler as Band Director and Edmentum instructor. Lydia Cook as Elementary Special Education Teacher pending completion of licensing process. Ellie Wininger, Natasha Butler, and Julia Harper as Teaching Aides. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Approved coaches included Daniel Turpen as Middle School Soccer coach. Heidi Hoffman and Allison Taylor as MS/HS volunteer Cross Country coaches. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of substitutes was Tommy Tomlinson, Justin Phillips, and Deanna Smith. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Resignations included Madeline Land, Diana French, and Renee Childress. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Under Policies for Approval was the Revised Policy for the FEMA shelter. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The shelter is now open.

Approval of the combined Middle School and High School Handbook. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Fundraiser approvals included High School and Middle School boys soccer team fan store through ME Screen Print and Embroidery. Shoals Elementary fundraiser through Zach Eichmiller. Shoals Drama Club to host a Mystery Dinner and Play on November 21st and 22nd in the Shoals High School. Shoals Beta Club to sell Jug Rox Christmas shirts. High School Lady Rox Soccer to sell Soccer shirts. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Under Miscellaneous approvals was the Unwanted Textbook Policy. Several outdated High School textbooks are located in the library. Students, parents, and community members may take what they want. If you are interested in the books, contact the High School office to make arrangements. Mrs. Eubank discussed the Team Peace Evaluation Research and the Student Survey. The survey will be posted for parent access 30 days before the survey begins. Additional approvals were the Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey, Online Course Policy, and the Home School and Athletics Policy. A COSMOS update was given, as Mitchell School will be leaving COSMOS next year. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Under Documents from Outside Agencies, included acknowledgment of Indiana Education Employment Relations Board Letter—contract for Virtual Speech Therapy Sessions, and Transportation Responsibility - Indiana Department of Child Services. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Items after 4:00 on Friday under Personnel included Reva Troutman and Kallie Fuhrman as Elementary, Middle, and High School Beta Sponsors. Kallie Fuhrman as High School Student Council Representative. Daniel Turpen as Pep Club Sponsor. Jonathan Holt to move from Concessions to IMPACT Club. Wesley Stephenson to resign from Chess Club. Danela McCarty and Genia Mitchell as Elementary Aides pending paperwork. Megan Benefiel and Octavia Dickenson as Winterguard coaches. Christina Gardner as a substitute. Charlene Breidenbaugh as a Resource Aide for Elementary grades 3-5. Eva George and Annette Taylor led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Under Sports, Malachi McNabb was included as a volunteer for Middle School and High School Soccer. Cody Bauer, Tony Taylor, and Seth Sorrells as Middle School Baseball coaches. Jace Erwin, Dylan Erwin, and Nick Gerkin as Middle School Baseball volunteers. Hallie Wyman resigned from 7th grade Volleyball coach. Aimee Harder resigned as 6th grade volleyball coach and stepped up as 7th grade Volleyball coach. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Under Miscellaneous included approval of the Wizard Game in the High School Gym on October 23rd, 2026—recommendations to advise the 2027 budget. Preschool professional development contract, participation in a National Study of Special Education Spending, a list of possible auction items from the storage barn, and Kratos Defense & Rocket Support Service, Ins. donated to the Robotics programs. Superintendent request to post Martin County Career Coach funded by ROI. Recognize Letter of Receipt regarding the resignation from the School Board of Education from Ethan Jones. Board members shared their appreciation for his work on the board. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Trip Request included Kathy Overton taking High School FFA students to Daviess County Fairgrounds for the FFA livestock skillathon on September 9th. It also included Kathy Overton taking grades 8-12 FFA students to the White River Antique Show on September 11th. Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman led the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Financial Reports and the Leave Accounting Report for July 2026 were approved. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions to approve, passing unanimously.

Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motion to approve claims, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. To view the full meeting, visit our school website at shoals.k12.in.us

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 6:00 p.m.