

BOARD MINUTES

June 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, June 17, 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: Josette Barthule, Tenille Bomar, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Austin Schlosser, and Taner Sorge.

Members excused: Justin Peterson.

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, Middle School Principal – Rich Hash, High School Principal – KJ Poepping, High School Activities Director – Tina Downing, and Middle School Activities Director – HaiLeigh Davis were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Josette Barthule, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include May claims 134841 – 134904.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Austin Schlosser, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include May claims 134841– 134904, and the approval of the May regular meeting minutes and May special 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 –
Beth Campbell – Assistant Cook
5. Missing Children
6. Milligan School Data
7. Election Contract

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Kitchen

Heather Lear – Full-time Assistant Cook

Julie Hummer – Part-time Kitchen Helper *Pending background check

Athletics

Andrew Bailey – Volunteer Girls Flag Football Coach

Robbie Lindsay – Volunteer Girls Flag Football Coach

Coach List As Attached

A High School/Joint motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve hiring the employees and coaches as listed.

The motion passed with four “yes” votes – Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Austin Schlosser, and Taner Sorge, one “no” vote – Tenille Bomar, and one “abstention” due to nepotism/conflict of interest as husband being hired as a coach – Josette Barthule.

2026-2027 Out of District Students

Middle School Denial List

MS18

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Josette Barthule, to deny the out of district student MS18 for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Property/Liability and Work Comp Insurance Renewals

A High School/Joint was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Taner Sorge, to approve the renewal of the school's property/liability and work comp coverages through MSGIA for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

MTSBA Dues and Trustee Insurance

A High School/Joint motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Josette Barthule, to approve the MTSBA Dues and Trustee Insurance for 2026-2027.

The motion passed unanimously.

MHSA Membership Dues, Catastrophic Liability, and Concussion Insurance

A High School/Joint motion was made by Taner Sorge, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the MHSA Dues, Concussion and Catastrophic Insurance for 2026-2027.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOU with Yellowstone County for SRO for 2026-2027

Shepherd School District's share of the cost of the attached agreement is \$39,510.00.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Josette Barthule, to approve the MOU with Yellowstone County for an SRO for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

YBGR Contract for CSCT

A High School/Joint motion was made by Josette Barthule, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve continuing the contract with Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch CSCT Program for 2026-2027.

The motion passed unanimously.

K-8 Math Curriculum Purchase

A High School/Joint motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Josette Barthule, to approve the purchase of the additional math programs from Go Math/Into Math with the use of Elementary SRSA funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

Carpet Replacement Rooms E155, E164, E165 and Vinyl E197

Two quotes were presented to the Board to replace carpet in three Elementary classrooms and vinyl in one Elementary classroom.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Josette Barthule, to approve replacing carpet in rooms E155, E164, E165, and adding vinyl to room E197 through Fischer Flooring.

The motion passed unanimously.

High School Handbook

A High School motion was made by Taner Sorge, seconded by Tenille Bomar, to approve the amendments to the High School Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Coach and Advisor Handbook

It was discussed to remove the wording “not prior to 6:00am” on page 8 of the Coach and Advisor Handbook under Travel Arrangements number 1.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Taner Sorge, to approve the amendments made to the Coach and Advisor Handbook with the changes discussed for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Medicine and Performance (AMP) Contract

A High School/Joint motion was made by Josette Barthule, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the contract with Athletic Medicine and Performance (AMP) for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Spending of June Funds

An Elementary motion was made by Austin Schlosser, seconded by Josette Barthule, to transfer any monies available at the end of June to the multidistrict agreement fund.

A High School motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Tenille Bomar, to transfer any monies available at the end of June to the multidistrict agreement fund.

Both motions passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletic Committee – met prior to the Board meeting. An update was provided.

Policy Committee – will need to meet during the last two weeks of July.

New standing committee lists with members attached to agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:23pm.