

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

REGULAR SESSION

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

**7900 HWY 50
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board meeting was called to order at 6:09 P.M. on September 10, 2026, in the High School Library. President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Annette Taylor, member Lorna Troutman, and new member Angela Cook were in attendance. Elementary principal Audrey Gibson, Middle and High School principal Carol Eubank, community members, and several staff members also attended.

Superintendent Lanham presented an informative budget hearing. No attendees offered comments or questions.

Annette Taylor led the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting from August 13, 2026, seconded by Lorna Troutman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Lanham gave a financial update and played a short informative video from IASBO explaining school funding. Currently, 554 K-12 students are enrolled at Shoals Community School Corporation.

Patrons offered no comments on agenda items.

Elementary Principal Audrey Gibson gave a presentation highlighting the Elementary School. Teachers Mimi Weeks-Hawkins and Kenady Bratton, along with school Psychologists Myrna Greene, joined Mrs. Gibson in presenting the slideshow. The presentation included several positive updates regarding WIN (What I Need) groups, i-Ready, improvement plans, Title 1 tutoring, and ParentSquare. The presenters shared encouraging information about intervention progress and the continued social-emotional support provided to Elementary students and families.

School Psychologist Myrna Greene and Social Worker Kelley Wellman-Covey presented information regarding the possibility of acquiring a therapy dog for Shoals Community School Corporation. Bear, a one-year-old rescued Miniature Golden Doodle, was introduced as the potential therapy dog. Myrna and Kelley presented an informative slideshow highlighting the positive effects a therapy dog can have on students and the school environment. Following board approval, Kelley would acquire Bear and begin the proper training for therapy dogs and their handlers.

Under new business, the board approved personnel changes for the 2026-2027 school year. The board approved Christina Gardner to move from a substitute position to Middle School Aide. The board approved new staff and volunteers, including Garry and Mary Smith as Cafeteria Volunteers. Annette Taylor and Angela Cook led the motions. The motions passed 5-0.

Policies for Approval included the Custodial Chemical and Equipment Security Policy and the Substitute Teacher Compensation Policy. Lorna Troutman and Eva George led the motions. The motions passed 5-0.

Trip Requests included: High School Business and Culinary students to attend Food Truck Friday in Bloomington on Sept. 25, 2026 with Mrs. Sexton & Mrs. Sanders, Rox Catering/Culinary to facilitate this year's Farm Fair located at the Martin County Community Building on October 6, 2026, 2nd Grade to Marengo Cave November 5, 2026, Elementary Beta to Evansville, IN. on November 12, 2026 for the Elementary State Beta Convention, Senior Beta to Evansville, IN. on November 13, 2026 for the Senior State Beta Convention, CEO Program with Todd Baker to travel to various locations throughout the school year, Grades 11 & 12 to the COSMOS Tri-County College Fair on September 18, 2026, 1st Grade to Wonderlab Bloomington, IN. October 23, 2026, 8th Grade to Martin County Manufacturing Day, September 23, 2026, High School Culinary to Vincennes University to tour Culinary program September 15, 2026, 3rd Grade to Lark Ranch October 8, 2026, Grades 11 & 12 to the Lawrence County Skilled Trades Showcase located at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds October 1, 2026, 8th Grade Junior Achievement to Evansville Mall November 4, 2026. Eva George and Lorna Troutman made the motions to approve, passing 5-0.

Fundraiser approvals included: High School Athletics/Beta to sell concessions at the Harlem Wizards game on October 23, 2026; Shoals BETA to host a 5K on October 10th during the Shoals Harvest Festival; and the Athletic Fall Festival, hosted by the Athletic Boosters, on October 31, 2026. Annette Taylor and Angela Cook made the motions to approve, passing 5-0

Facility Usage approvals included: Mystery Drama Fundraiser, November 20-22nd, 2026; Winter Band Concert, located in the main gym on December 14, 2026; Rox Catering Grand Opening, located in the High School Library, September 12, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. Lorna Troutman led the motion to approve, seconded by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

Under Athletic Requests, the Board approved a request from the Shoals Winter Guard to establish regular dance clinics and guard practices.

The first dance clinic would be held on the first Monday after School Board approval. It would be open to all students in grades 6-12 interested in learning dance, developing their skills, and potentially joining the Winter Guard program. Dance clinics would then be held every other Monday.

On alternate Mondays, the Shoals Winter Guard would hold regular guard practices using equipment, giving students opportunities to develop their skills safely and consistently.

Regular Winter Guard practices would also be held every Thursday from 5:45-7:30 P.M.

Approval of Coaches included: Middle School Softball, Tony Graber, Head Coach; High School Softball, Mike Jones, Head Coach; Tony Graber, Assistant Coach; High School Baseball, Eli Burkhart, Head Coach; High School Track, Head Coach: Reva Troutman (Girls), Daniel Turpen (Boys); 6th Grade Volleyball Coach: Mia Smith. Annette Taylor and Angela Cook led the motion to approve; the motion passed 4-0-1 with Lorna Troutman abstaining.

Under Miscellaneous, the board approved the “Look Out For Left Out” bullying prevention presentation for students in grades K-8, scheduled for September 28th. The board also approved “The Get Schooled Tour,” a virtual bullying prevention event to be held during the school day, with students participating using Chromebooks. Eva George and Lorna Troutman led the motions. The motions passed 5-0.

Documents from Outside Agencies included the Lost River Career Cooperative Agreement and the Borgman Maintenance and Safety Inspection. Lorna Troutman and Annette Taylor led the motions. The motions passed 5-0.

Items after 4:00 on Friday under Personnel included Jennifer Wadsworth, approved to serve as Special Education Aide/Mid-Day Bus Driver. The board also recognized the resignation of Food Service Worker Carrie Tolbert.

The board approved Mike Cooper to start a morning open gym program for basketball players. Annette Taylor and Eva George moved to approve it, and it passed 5-0.

The Board also accepted the resignation of High School Basketball Coach Kyle Turpin and approved Mike Cooper and Kyle Turpin as volunteer coaches for boys’ basketball. Annette Taylor and Eva George led the motion. The motions passed 4-0-1 with Drexel Turpin abstaining.

Trip Requests included: Dean Troutman to take High School students to tour ME Academy at Westgate, September 29, 2026. Kathy Overton to take High School FFA students to Paoli for the FFA District 12 kickoff, September 22, 2026. High School Culinary to tour French Lick Resort restaurant facilities on October 20, 2026. Angela Cook and Lorna Troutman led the motion to approve, and it passed 5-0.

The Board approved a fundraiser for the Culinary classes to sell pizza, rolls, and donuts, with Eva George and Lorna Troutman leading the motion; it passed 5-0.

Under Miscellaneous, the Board approved the voiding of Jr./Sr. High School ECA checks. The Board also approved continuing to acquire and train a therapy dog for Shoals Community School. Eva George led the motion, with Lorna Troutman seconding. The motion passed 5-0.

The Financial Reports and the Leave Accounting Report for July and August 2026 were approved. Lorna Troutman and Angela Cook moved to approve them, and the motion passed unanimously.

Annette Taylor and Lorna Troutman moved to approve claims, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M. To view the full meeting, visit our website at shoals.k12.in.us

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 8th at 6:00 P.M.