

BOARD MINUTES

December 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in the Board Room of the New Addition. Chairman, Carl Openshaw, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jeff Branson, Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Justin Peterson and Shane Rekdal.

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, Elementary Principal – Autumn Arlian, Middle School Principal – Rich Hash, High School Principal – KJ Poepping, AD – Tina Downing, and Transportation Director – Bobby Trotter were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include November claims 133690 – 133740.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include November claims 133690 – 133740, and the approval of the November regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. and Mrs. Stahl were in attendance to discuss the girls basketball program. They expressed concerns that the number of girls participating in the program is decreasing as well as concerns with 8th graders playing while high school student(s) are being cut. Mrs. Stahl would like everyone to take a look at the program and try to figure out why fewer girls are participating each year and what can be done to encourage more girls to participate in the future.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrators recapped their reports.

INFORMATIONAL

1. Building Use Request
2. Water Report
3. Nurse's Report
4. Resignations:
 - Craig McKinney – Middle School Teacher
 - Patsy Phillips – Elementary Librarian
 - Kisha Murdock – Assistant Cross Country Coach
5. Missing Children
6. Milligan Data
7. Election Contract

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Athletics

KJ Poepping – Assistant Golf Coach

Paul Martin – Basketball and softball volunteer *Pending background check

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve hiring the employees and substitutes as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Out of District Students

None.

Trustees Call for an Election

A resolution calling for a Trustee Election and possible mill levy to operate and maintain the general funds was reviewed. The resolution does not have to state a dollar value for the mill levies at this time. As the resolution states, “any portion of the election that is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes the election administrator to cancel that portion of the election.” So, before the election is set by the County Election Department, another resolution will be needed to be approved. At that time, the Board will decide if they want to run a levy, and if so, the amount of the levy would need to be determined.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the resolution calling for an election.

A High School motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the resolution calling for an election.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Additional/Change in Bus Route 2024-2025

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the changes made to the 2024-2025 bus route as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mission/Vision Committee – was supposed to meet on December 18th before the regular board meeting, however the meeting was rescheduled for January.
- Policy Committee – will meet when contacted by MTSBA
- Negotiations Committee – will meet January 7th to begin looking at the salary schedules.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:10pm.