

BOARD MINUTES

January 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, January 15, 2025 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, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: None.

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 Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include December claims 133741 – 133798.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include December claims 133741 – 133798, and the approval of the December regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrators recapped their reports.

INFORMATIONAL

1. Building Use Request
2. Nurse’s Report
3. Water Report
4. Resignations:
Grace Reynolds – Kitchen Helper

- Faith Russell – Kitchen Helper
Kaiden Deveraux – Assistant High School Football Coach
5. Missing Children
 6. Milligan Data

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Athletics

Whitney Knaff – Middle School Volunteer Track Coach
Kaiden Deveraux – High School Volunteer Football Coach
Joshua Dirks – Assistant High School Football Coach *Pending background check

Elementary

Amanda Camposan – Elementary SPED teacher beginning in March *Pending background check

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Out of District Students

A High School motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the out of district student for the 2024-2025 school year as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

2025-2026 School Calendar

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

February Board Meeting Change

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve moving the February board meeting to February 12, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

PLC Conference

The administration would like to attend the National PLC conference in July with a group of teachers and administrators. These conferences help our staff improve, which in turn improves student learning. The conference would be paid for with District funds as well as Schoolwide Title funds.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve a group of teachers and administrators to attend the National PLC conference in July 2025 with the use of District funds and Schoolwide Title funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

2023-2024 District Audit Report

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the 2023-2024 Audit Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation – Possible Closed Session

The Board Chair moved this item to the end of the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Safety Committee – The safety committee will meet in the spring.
- Policy Committee – The policy committee met prior to the board meeting to discuss two policies. MTSBA is still working on our policies and has not set up the next meeting.
- Negotiations Committee – The negotiation committee is not currently meeting with the SEA but will start meeting this spring. The committee will meet once the STARS Act is introduced as a bill in the legislature.
- Athletic Committee – The athletic committee met last week. The committee brought changes to Policy 4315 to the policy committee for review.

At 6:49pm the Board Chair moved the meeting to executive session for the Superintendent Evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Superintendent Evaluation

The Board resumed open session at 7:33pm.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to renew Mrs. O'Donnell's 255 day contract for 2 years with the same pay raise given to staff after negotiations are finalized.

The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:35pm.