

BOARD MINUTES

June 18, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Monday, July 21, 2025 in the Board Room of the New Addition. Vice Chair, Julie Hinkle, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Julie Hinkle, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, Austin Schlosser, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Shane Flowers and Carl Openshaw.

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell and Clerk – Kinsey Szillat were present for the entire meeting.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Contract

A one year and three year audit contract were presented to the Board for consideration.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the contract with Wipfli LLP as the auditor for the Shepherd School District for one year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Hail Damage

There are a few hail damaged areas that need to be addressed prior to school starting. Contracts over \$80,000.00 typically need to go through the routine bidding process. However, there is an exception that reads, “Except for the district needs that must be met because of an unforeseen emergency is defined in 20-3-322(6).” Mont. Code Ann. Sec. 20-9-204(3)(a). An unforeseen emergency is defined as an “impairment of school district property that affects the health and safety of the trustees, students, or district employees or the educational functions of the district.” Mont. Code Ann. 20-3-322(6).

The damage that needs to be address prior to school starting includes repairs to the daycare, the 5th grade classrooms in the Elementary, and the high school classrooms.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Austin Schlosser, to approve the district moving forward with repairs to the daycare, the 5th grade classrooms, and the high school classrooms to get school started on time as a result of an unforeseen emergency caused by a hailstorm on June 16, 2025. We will allow the Superintendent to move forward with the process in conjunction with the insurance company's approval of cost proposals over \$10,000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

Intercom System Renewal

The intercom system in the schools needs to be updated. A quote for a one year, three year, and five year renewal were presented to the Board for discussion.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the renewal of our intercom system software for a 5 year period.

The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 12:10pm.