

BOARD MINUTES

February 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Chairman, Carl Openshaw called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Members excused: Shane Rekdal.

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Janice Ripley, Clerk in Training – Kinsey Szillat, Elem. Principal – Autumn Arlian, MS 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 Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include January claims 131245 - 131318.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include January claims 131245 - 131318 and the approval of the January regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Gabby Heggem presented her speech that won her the State B Speech and Drama Championship. Gabby is a National Qualifier and will represent Shepherd in Kentucky later this year.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water Report
- 3) Nurse’s Report
- 4) Resignations:
Cindy Todd – 4th Grade Math
Brandon Arlian – Elementary/MS PE

- 5) Missing Children
- 6) Spring ANB Count
- 7) Rental of the Old Administration Building

The individual is no longer interested in taking on the daycare for the district. More information to come if this will move forward from the district side. A Co-Op is interested in renting 3 upstairs rooms for \$1,000.00 per month.

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update

The vaporizer for the propane line is working as expected. There is currently a temporary fence around the vaporizer, and the next step is adding a chain link fence. The new system in the water treatment plant went down and is now back on the original system until the new one can be fixed.

COVID Update

None.

Final Reading of Policies 3300, 5122P, 8450 and 8450P

A High School/Joint motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the final reading of policies as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Todd Rose – Head Golf Coach
Tyler Gilfeather – Asst. HS Wrestling Coach
Sub list as attached

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the out-of-district student for the 2021-2022 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bus Purchase 2022

Mr. Trotter presented bids from Thomas (I State) and Bluebird (Hartley's Bus Co) for two new buses. He is looking to purchase one Front Engine (FE) and one Rear Engine (RE). He discussed the costs and maintenance issues with both companies. He recommended the two buses from I State.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the purchases of two buses from I State at \$164,900 for the FE and \$139,953 for the RE, for a total of \$304,853.

The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Bus Route

An additional bus route was added for a student who returned to school at the start of the semester and only attends half day. The additional route is to take him home each day after lunch.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the additional 2021-2022 bus route as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

MS Library Requirement Variance

It was recommended to approve the 3-year MS Library requirement variance with the state to not have an extra .5 librarian position. Approving the variance will keep the MS in compliance for accreditation.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the MS Library requirement variance with the State.

The motion passed unanimously.

Appoint District Clerk

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Carl Parker, to appoint Kinsey Szillat as District Clerk starting March 1, 2022.

The motion passed unanimously.

Elementary Heat Pump

A heat pump in the old first grade, now music/GT/media room, is not working. The heat pump was not replaced during the original construction. There is enough money in the bond to purchase a new pump.

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to purchase a heat pump for the elementary building to replace heat pump 191 from Allied Controls.

The motion passed unanimously.

MHSA Proposals

Mrs. Downing presented two MHSA Proposals. The first proposal is to allow 8th grade students to participate in High School athletics. The second proposal is to add boys' baseball as a MHSA sanctioned High School sport.

Mrs. Goodell spoke in favor of allowing 8th grade students to participate and discussed the benefits this would provide to her Softball program. She also asked the Board to consider allowing this on a sport by sport and season by season basis.

The proposal to allow 8th graders to participate in High School athletics was tabled until further information can be provided to the Board.

A High School motion was made by Carl Parker, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to Not Approve the MHSA proposal of adding boys baseball as a MHSA sanctioned High School sport.

The motion passed unanimously.

Principal Rehires and Administration Salaries

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to rehire Mr. Richard Hash as the Middle School Principal and Mrs. Autumn Arlian as the Elementary Principal as well as provide the same % salary increase to the Middle School and Elementary Principals that the District provides to the certified teaching staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

A High School motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to rehire Mr. KJ Poepping as the High School Principal as well as provide the same % salary increase to the High School Principal that the District provides to the certified teaching staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

A High School/Joint motion as made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to provide the same % salary increase to the Superintendent that the District provides to the certified teach staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Negotiations Committee – The SEA asked the Board to negotiate this spring. This request was made after the December 1st deadline which is stated in their Collective Bargaining Agreement.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators recapped their reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

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None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 8:33pm.