

BOARD MINUTES

November 9, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, November 9, 2022 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, 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 October claims 131881-131944.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include October claims 131881 – 131944 and the approval of the October regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water Report
- 3) Nurse’s Report
- 4) Resignations: None.
- 5) Missing Children
- 6) Certificate of Excellence:
Shepherd School District was awarded a recognition of exceptional policy efforts to reduce and prevent tobacco use as a part of the Montana Tobacco Free School of Excellence Initiative.

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update

All punch list items have been completed. The only outstanding items are either warranty items or design issues. Warranty items will continue to be fixed by Langlas as they come up. Design issues will have to be dealt with by Collaborative. Langlas requested final payment as all punch list items are done. The Board agreed to pay any remaining amounts due to Langlas at this time.

COVID Update

None.

Final Reading of Policies 3143, 8205 and 8210

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve Policies 3143, 8205 and 8210 for the final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

New Hires

Elizabeth Martin – Custodian

Steven Heppner – Custodian

Ivey Peterson – Piano Accompanist

Elizabeth Clark – Student Worker

Class Sponsor

Christina Warren – HS Class of 2025 Advisor

Athletics

Luke Knaff – MSWR Volunteer Coach

Nathan Ellestad – MSWR Volunteer Coach

Jared Pankratz – MSWR Volunteer Coach

Sub list as attached

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Jeff Branson to approve hiring the employees, volunteers and substitutes as attached.

The motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

None.

Final Reading – Policies 3431F and 3612F

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the final readings of Policies 3431F and 3612F.

The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on FY24 Dues Revenue Estimate

Due to MTSBA not having a quorum at their annual meeting, the annual dues increase must be approved by each individual district's Board. The increase aligns with the District's increase in annual spending and will be approximately \$408 more from the previous year.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the MTSBA proposed dues increase for FY24 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Shepherd School Land Sale

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Insurance Committee – The insurance committee will likely begin meeting in November to discuss looking into a new health insurance provider. JPT has been contacted and we are waiting for a response.

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: 7:05 pm.