

BOARD MINUTES

February 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, February 22, 2023 in the Board Room of the New Addition. Vice Chair, Julie Hinkle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jeff Branson, Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort

Members excused: Carl Openshaw and Justin Peterson

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 Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include January claims 132089-132160.

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 January claims 132089 – 132160 and the approval of the January regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public spoke in support of the school’s coaches and athletic programs, specifically the boys basketball program. The continued theme throughout each comment was the valuable life lessons students learn through Shepherd’s athletic programs.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water Report
- 3) Nurse’s Report
- 4) Resignations:
Wendy Ruggles – Middle School Art Teacher
Gary Scott – Route Driver
- 5) Missing Children

- 6) Spring ANB Count
- 7) Election Contract: Yellowstone County's new election administrator has put together a contract for all the school districts in the county to clearly define what the county is responsible for and what the school district is responsible for during a school election.
- 8) Bus Inspections

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update

None.

COVID Update

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Lorna Brennan – Support Staff/Print Room Aide as a .6 FTE
Sven Jeuschede – Middle School Science
Janessa Fisk – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
Caitlin Kessler – Middle School Assistant Track Coach
Blake Barthuly – Head Middle School Football Coach
Wayne Butler – Route Driver

Sub list as attached

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve hiring the employees, coaches, rehire and substitutes list as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

High School – 1

A High School motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the out-of-district student for the 2022-2023 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Policies 1410, 1420, 1421, 1421P, 1425, 1430, 1440, 1450, 1450P, 1455, 1511, 1513, 1515, 1521, 1522, 1610, 1620, 1620P, 1620-P2, 1621, 1630, 1640, 1710P, 8210

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve policies 1410, 1420, 1421, 1421P, 1425, 1430, 1440, 1450, 1450P, 1455, 1511, 1513, 1515, 1521, 1522, 1610, 1620, 1620P, 1620-P2, 1621, 1630, 1640, 1710P, 8210 for the second reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Bus Route

An additional bus route was added last year for a student who returned to school during the semester and only attends a half day. This route is to change when he arrives each day.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the change in the 2022-2023 bus route and accept the 90-day approval as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bus Purchase

Mr. Trotter presented bids from Thomas (I State) for two new buses. Bluebird (Hartley's Bus Co) is not bidding on buses this year. He recommended purchasing the two buses from I State to keep us in rotation.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the purchase of 2 buses from Thomas (I State) as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Declaration of Surplus Property

Buckley and Lindsey Reynolds have requested to purchase a parcel of land from the District. The Reynolds' drain field is on the land they are wanting to purchase and it has been deemed unsuitable for school purposes.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve that the School District Property is unsuitable for the purposes of the School District, and the Board intends to sell the School District Property to Buckley and Lindsey Reynolds for \$19,736.00 per acre resulting in a sales price of \$7,500.00. Buckley and Lindsey Reynolds will also be responsible for the total overall cost of the sale including fees and notices required in the process.

The motion passed unanimously.

Principal Rehires and Administration Salaries

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shane Flowers, 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 staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

A High School motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson, 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 staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Insurance Committee – The insurance committee will meet with groups in April to get new quotes for the upcoming school year. We will then decide on a company and packages for employees for the April board meeting.
- Policy Committee – The policy committee met prior to this meeting and will continue to meet and bring policies to the Board that need to be reviewed.
- Negotiations Committee – The negotiations committee will not meet this spring.
- Safety Committee – The safety committee will meet again this spring to discuss moving into next year.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators recapped their reports.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:50 pm.