

BOARD MINUTES

March 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 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 February claims 132161 - 132243.

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 February claims 132161 – 132243 and the approval of the February regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public spoke in support of allowing 8th grade participation in High School sports. Individuals who spoke included coaches and parents. They requested the Board to reconsider the decision that was made last year to not allow 8th grade participation.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water Report
- 3) Nurse’s Report
- 4) Resignations:
Monty Harrison – Speech Drama & Debate Assistant Coach
- 5) Missing Children

- 6) Presentation of E3 App:
The Administrators demonstrated the school's new emergency app that is now being used by all staff.

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

Building Update

None.

ARP/ESSER Update

The school would like to purchase new desks for the Elementary and Middle School as well as a carpet cleaning extractor with the use of ESSER II funds.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the purchase of 40 elementary desks, 10 middle school desks, and a carpet cleaning extractor through the use of ESSER II funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

Final 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 Jeff Branson, seconded by Justin Peterson, 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, and 8210 for the final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

New Hires

Zac Rupe – Volunteer High School Football Coach

Sarah Teter – Volunteer High School Track Coach

Darcy Mayes – Part-time kitchen staff

Rehire Recommendations

Certified Teacher rehires as attached

Sub list as attached

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve hiring the certified employees for the 2023-2024 school year, and the employees and substitutes for the current year as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

High School – 1

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Bus Route 2022-2023

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the change in the 2022-2023 bus route and accept the 90-day approval as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution – Non Voted Levies

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the non-voted levies resolution as required by SB307.

A High School motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the non-voted levies resolution as required by SB307.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Mill Levy Election

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to not run an additional mill levy for the Elementary General Fund in May.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Justin Peterson, to not run an additional mill levy for the High School General Fund in May.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Personnel Issue – Possible Closed Session

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Insurance Committee – The insurance committee will meet on April 3rd with Tamarack Insurance and April 17th with JPT to discuss options. The committee will make a decision on the 17th and it will be presented at the next 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.

At 7:50pm the Board Chair moved the meeting to executive session for the Personnel Issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Issue

The Board resumed open session at 7:55pm.

An Elementary motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the District to pay the district portion of the employee's health insurance through June 30, 2023 and extend her FMLA through the end of the school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:56pm.