

BOARD MINUTES

September 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 in the Board Room of the New Addition. Superintendent Drea O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present: Jeff Branson, Shane Flowers, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort

Members excused: Julie Hinkle and Carl Openshaw

Superintendent – Drea O'Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, Elementary School Principal – Autumn Arlian, 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 Shane Rekdal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include August claims 132608 – 132680.

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 August claims 132608 – 132680, and the approval of the August regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

New teachers Alexandria Bohle, Sean Cox, Susan Fischer, Dancia Greenfield, Megan Logan, Loran Murphy, and Jamie Williams introduced themselves.

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

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

Building Project Update

Because Shepherd was considered a small issuer (under \$15 million) there are no additional reporting requirements to complete once the final funds are expended. As noted in the August meeting, there are approximately \$26,000.00 left in bond funds to spend.

ESSER/ARP Update

We have spent all ESSER II funds and ESSER III funds have to be spent by September 2024.

Final Reading of Policies 1005, 1006, 1007, 1009, 1110, 1400, 1650, 1700, 2050, 2132, 2140, 2158, 2167, and 2168

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve Policies 1005, 1006, 1007, 1009, 1110, 1400, 1650, 1700, 2050, 2132, 2140, 2158, 2167, and 2168.

The motion passed unanimously.

Replacement of Shop Heaters

The Board was presented with three updated quotes to replace the shop heaters. The first bid was from White's for \$43,056.00 and does not include electrical wiring. The next bid was from Empire for \$36,800.00 and does not include electrical wiring. The final bid was from Allied Controls for \$42,800.00 and includes electrical wiring.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve replacing the wood shop and mechanic shop heaters through Allied Controls.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Elementary

Salome Antonio – Custodian

Donna Olmstead - Paraprofessional

Athletics

Jessica Bullock – High School Volleyball Volunteer Coach

Kaiden Deveraux – High School Football Volunteer Coach

Alan Mocabee – High School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve hiring the employees as listed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve hiring the employees as listed.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

2023-2024 School Year

Elementary – 4

Middle School – 2

High School - 3

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the out-of-district students for the 2023-2024 school year.

A High School motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the out-of-district students for the 2023-2024 school year.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Policies 2154, 2160, 2160P, 2162, 2162P, 2163, 2163P, 2170, 2170P, 2332, 2450, 2600, 3110, 3120, 3121, 3121P, 3141, 3150, 3550, 4410, and 8301

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve Policies 2154, 2160, 2160P, 2162, 2162P, 2163, 2163P, 2170, 2170P, 2332, 2450, 2600, 3110, 3120, 3121, 3121P, 3141, 3150, 3550, 4410, and 8301 for the second reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 2420F

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve of the first and final ready of Policy 2420F.

The motion passed unanimously.

Yellowstone County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve Shepherd School District be a part of the Yellowstone County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team for the 23-24 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Safety Committee – The committee met prior to this board meeting. The committee is continuing to move forward with ways to successfully implement the staff conceal carry policy.
- Policy Committee –The committee met and will continue to meet and bring policies to the board that need to be reviewed.
- Negotiations Committee – This is a negotiation year and the SEA has submitted their request to negotiate.
- CTE Committee – The committee will meet prior to the November board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Administrators recapped their reports.

OPEN SESSION TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:00pm.