

BOARD MINUTES

August 1, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Thursday, August 1, 2024 electronically via Google Meet. Chairman, Carl Openshaw, called the meeting to order at 12:02pm.

Members present: Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort

Members excused: Jeff Branson

Staff present: Superintendent – Drea O'Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, and Middle School Principal – Rich Hash

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

OLD BUSINESS

MT DEQ

In November 2023 Shepherd School District received a letter from the DEQ regarding Ground Water Rule; Significant Determination Notification. The letter included seven deficiencies. All but two items have been corrected. The remaining items include replacement of the above-ground fire sprinkler pipe from the domestic holding tanks to the fire pump and providing a backflow prevention for the irrigation system. The work was quoted by Langlas with a cost of \$37,696.00. The DEQ has indicated school cannot begin until these items have been corrected.

A letter was sent on July 24th to Collaborative Design explaining the DEQ deficiencies and the design flaws causing the deficiencies. It was asked that Collaborative Design pay in full for the work to be completed by September 3, 2024.

Collaborative Design responded that they will not pay for any work to be completed as they do not believe the deficiencies are at the fault of the design team. The full response is attached to the agenda item.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve Langlas fixing the remaining two issues with the DEQ and continue to work with attorneys on the financial responsibility of Collaborative Design.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 12:06pm