

BOARD MINUTES

October 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, October 16, 2024 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, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort.

Members excused: Carl Openshaw

Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, Elementary Principal – Autumn Arlian, Middle School Principal – Rich Hash, High School Principal – KJ Poepping, and Transportation Director – Bobby Trotter were present for the entire meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include September claims 133492 – 133552.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Justin Peterson to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include September claims 133492 – 133552, and the approval of the August regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

ADMINISTRATION

The administrators recapped their reports.

INFORMATIONAL

1. Building Use Request
2. Nurse’s Report
3. Hometown Hero Lunch:
We will be offering a free lunch to our hometown heroes on November 11th.
Veterans, EMS, Fire Dept, and Police Depts are invited.

4. Resignations:
None.
5. Missing Children
6. Water Report
7. Fire Alarm and Safety Inspections – Daycare
8. Milligan Data

OLD BUSINESS

MTDEQ Issues Update

All work has been completed for the MT DEQ issues. A letter was received from the DEQ stating the significant deficiency compliance schedule was closed as of September 20, 2024. The District is still working with Langlas to determine the billing for the work completed.

No action.

Final Reading of Policies 1000, 4000, 6000

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve policies 1000, 4000, and 6000 series for the final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Middle School

Skylar Stutts – Paraprofessional

Athletics

Rawley Butler – HS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve hiring the employees as listed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution to Declare School Buses Unsuitable for District Purposes with Identified Method of Disposal or Sale Consistent with Policy 7251 and Section 20-6-604, MCA.

The district would like to sell 2 yellow buses that were replaced this fall.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Flowers, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the resolution to declare the buses surplus property of the district as stated in Policy 7251 and MCA 20-6-604.

The motion passed unanimously.

Second Reading of Policies 2000 and 7000

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve for the second reading of Policy Series 2000 and 7000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Early Literacy Program

The home-based intervention program is designed to foster parental engagement and develop early literacy skills in students at risk of not being proficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade. The program is through OPI and Waterford.

Shepherd would like to offer the home-based early literacy program to students in K-2. The program information was provided to 10 of the lowest reading level students in each grade Kindergarten through 2nd. The program has zero cost to the district or the families who choose to enroll. As of October 16th 5 of those families had enrolled in the program with Waterford.

An Elementary motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve Shepherd Elementary using a Home-Based Early Literacy Program through OPI/Waterford.

The motion passed unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- School Year Committee – Committee will meet October 29th at 6:00pm.
- Policy Committee – The Policy Committee will meet November 12th at 5:30pm.
- Negotiations Committee – Not currently meeting with the SEA. If the SEA asks to negotiate, this is a negotiation year.
- CTE Committee – The CTE Committee will meet November 18th at 6:00pm.
- Mission/Vision Committee – The Mission/Vision Committee will need to meet before negotiations start sometime in December

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 6:55pm.