

BOARD MINUTES

November 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, November 20, 2024 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, Elementary 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 Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Flowers, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include October claims 133553 – 133689.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shayne Vandivort, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the High School business claims and accounts, to include October claims 133553 – 133689, and the approval of the October 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. Resignations:
 - Sven Jeuschede – 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - Sven Jeuschede – 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

- Heather Ekness – Cross Country Head Coach
4. Missing Children
 5. Water Report
 6. Milligan Data
 7. Yellowstone Academy Tuition Rates

OLD BUSINESS

MTDEQ Issues Update

During the October regular board meeting it was discussed that the board would like additional information from Langlas and if any or all of the cost of the work performed would be covered by Langlas. Correspondence was received from Jason Hubbard with Langlas offering to reduce the \$37,696 invoiced amount by \$2,705 with the understanding that if the reduced amount is paid Langlas will not carry a warranty for any of the work completed.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Jeff Branson, to pay Langlas the reduced amount if a warranty is offered.

The motion passed with six “yes” votes – Jeff Branson, Shane Flowers, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Justin Peterson, and Shane Rekdal, and one “no” vote – Shayne Vandivort.

6th Grade Football Review

Matt Viren, the head Middle School football coach, presented to the Board on the first season of 6th grade football. Mr. Viren stated the season went very well overall. There were nine 6th graders who participated with 4 of those starting at some point during the season. Seven of the 6th graders played in every game. There were a few injuries during the season as well. Mr. Viren looks forward to the upcoming seasons with 6th graders participating.

No action.

Final Reading of Policies 2000 and 7000

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve policies for the final reading of series 2000 and 7000.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Athletics

Darcy Stracke – Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Darcy Stracke – 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Levi Sorge – Volunteer Wrestling Coach

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

The motion passed unanimously.

MTSUIP Multi-District Agreement

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Justin Peterson, to approve the MTSUIP Multi-District Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Shepherd Professional Development Plan

A professional development plan is a part of the state's Phase 2 accreditation requirements.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve the Shepherd School's Professional Development Plan as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Shepherd Mentorship and Induction Program Plan

A mentorship and induction program plan is a part of the state's accreditation requirements.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the Shepherd School's Mentorship and Induction Program Plan as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Shepherd Evaluation Program Plan

An evaluation program plan is a part of the state's accreditation requirements.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve Shepherd School's Evaluation Program Plan as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

SEA Intent to Negotiate

The Shepherd Education Association has submitted an intent to negotiate by the December 1st deadline.

No action.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- School Year Committee – The School Year Committee met in October and November to discuss moving to a 4-day school week. The entire staff was surveyed. It was decided to not move forward with pursuing a 4-day school week.
- Policy Committee – The Policy Committee meeting has been postponed to a later date.
- Negotiations Committee – Not currently meeting with the SEA but will plan to after the legislative session.
- CTE Committee – The CTE Committee met on November 18, 2024.
- Mission/Vision Committee – The Mission/Vision Committee will meet at 5:30 prior to the board meeting in December.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:51pm.