

BOARD MINUTES

November 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Wednesday, November 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, Julie Hinkle, Carl Openshaw, Justin Peterson, Shane Rekdal, and Shayne Vandivort

Members excused: Shane Flowers

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 Jeff Branson, to approve the Elementary business claims and accounts, to include October claims 132740 – 132804.

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 October claims 132740 – 132804, and the approval of the October regular meeting minutes.

Both motions passed unanimously.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

INFORMATIONAL

- 1) Building use requests: As posted in the agenda.
- 2) Water Report
- 3) Nurse’s Report
- 4) Resignations:
 - Jason Latimer – Head MS Football Coach
 - Laura Dumas – Head Cross Country Coach

- Erin Jimison – Assistant Cross Country Coach
- 5) Missing Children
 - 6) Milligan School Data: Scorecards will continue to be updated each month.

No Action

OLD BUSINESS

ESSER II Update

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Jeff Branson, to approve the expenditures of ESSER II as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Middle School

Karina Kuzo – Paraprofessional

Transportation

Michelle Erickson – Sub bus driver **Pending background check

Substitute list as attached.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Out-of-District Students

None.

Change of December Meeting

A High School/Joint motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to change the board meeting in December to Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 PM.

The motion passed unanimously.

Final Reading – Policies 3550F2 and 3550F3

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve of the first and final reading of Policies 3550F2 and 3550F3.

The motion passed unanimously.

Shepherd School Land Sale

Following Montana law, a resolution regarding the land sale was placed in the Yellowstone County News for two consecutive weeks. The 14-day comment period has expired with only one question received and no opposition. All expenses of the land sale are the responsibility of the party purchasing the land. The money realized from the sale of the land must be credited to either the debt service fund, building fund, or multi-district agreement fund, at the discretion of the trustees.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Julie Hinkle, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to deposit the funds acquired by the sale of the land into the Multi-District Agreement 182 fund.

The motion passed unanimously.

Equipment Surplus

The District has an old Octane Fitness Lateralx Machine that is no longer used in the weight room. The District would like to sell this machine as excess equipment.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Justin Peterson, seconded by Shayne Vandivort, to approve selling the Octane Fitness Lateralx Machine as excess equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

Rural Behavioral Health

Rural Behavioral Health Institute (RBHI) provides mental health professionals to see students needing same-day care, provides resources, and helps students access appropriate aftercare. RBHI also provides resources and educational guides for schools.

A High School/Joint motion was made by Jeff Branson, seconded by Shane Rekdal, to approve the MOU with Rural Behavioral Health Institute.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bobcat 3650 UTV

The District has a Bobcat that is used for maintenance. The Bobcat has been having various mechanical issues over the past couple of months. In order to repair the Bobcat we have been quoted \$8,382.00. This Bobcat was purchased in 2014 for \$22,000.00. The Board needs to decide whether or not to have it repaired or to purchase a new one. If a new one is purchased we will likely also have to purchase all new attachments.

The Board has requested more information be brought back regarding the full purchase price of a new Bobcat including any new attachments before a decision will be made.

No action taken.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Safety Committee – The committee did not meet this month.
- Policy Committee –The committee 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 met prior to this 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.