

BOARD MINUTES

July 23, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees for Shepherd School District #37 was held Tuesday, July 23, 2024 in the Board Room of the New Addition. Chairman, Carl Openshaw, called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

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

Members excused: Jeff Branson and Shane Flowers

Staff present: Superintendent – Drea O’Donnell, Clerk – Kinsey Szillat, and Elementary Principal – Autumn Arlian

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources

Elementary

Jan Black – Elementary Teacher

Athletics

Tina Downing – Activities Director

Sven Jeuschede – 8th grade boys basketball coach

Sven Jeuschede – 7th grade girls basketball coach

Blake Barthuly – volunteer softball coach

Substitutes

Emily Dunleavy – Daycare/Elementary sub

Carolyn Johnson – Bus sub

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Elementary Carpet

The carpet in two elementary classrooms needs replaced. ESSER III funds can be used as well as Fund 182 if necessary.

An Elementary motion was made by Shane Rekdal, seconded by Julie Hinkle, to approve the installation of new carpet in room E172 and E174 with Carpet One.

The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Jason Hubbard with Langlas was present at the meeting to explain the proposed work. The Board discussed where the fault lies with these issues and believe it was a design flaw. The design company used was Collaborative Design.

The Board decided to table this issue until August 1st. Collaborative Design will be contacted prior to August 1st to determine next steps. A meeting will be scheduled for August 1st to vote on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Time of adjournment: 7:06pm