

**SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

REGULAR SESSION

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

April 13, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6 p.m. on April 13, 2023. Members in attendance were: President-Drexel Turpin, Vice President- Eva George, Secretary-Jerry Braun and Members-Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman. Staff in attendance were Superintendent Kindra Hovis, Principals Josh Mullis and Audrey Gibson, and Corporation Secretary Darla Holt. Patron in attendance was Michael McNabb.

The Minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting were approved with a 5-0 vote, with Jenell Hoffman making the motion and Annette Taylor seconding the motion.

There were no patron comments.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson congratulating several Elementary students who were inducted into the Shoals Elementary Beta Club for academic achievement. Several students were selected to participate in the National Beta Convention that will be held in Louisville, KY this June. Students enjoyed a visit from Celebrations Ice Cream Truck this past month.

The PBIS store is back up and running! Thank you to Mrs. Wellman-Covey for her commitment to this program. PBIS is a student reward program for positive behavior and character traits. Shoals Elementary celebrated our amazing paraprofessionals with a wonderful brunch for all staff. Our aides are vital to the success of our school and students. Thank you for all that you do.

Elementary Library Bookblast is currently wrapping up. Several students have earned rewards for raising funds to help support their personal and school libraries. Students have the opportunity to earn books for their personal use and classroom libraries. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to Mrs. Jennifer Guinn for organizing this fun reading event!

Field Trip Fun!! 2nd grade recently went to Crane, 3rd grade recently visited Paoli RockNBowl, 1st grade will be visiting the Wonderlab in Bloomington, 4th grade will be taking a trip to Jasper Skate Palace and Mrs. LeTourneau's room will be visiting the Indianapolis Zoo.

Preschool Registration was Friday April 14th for ages 3-5. ILEARN testing will begin next week for grades 3-5. NWEA testing will begin the first week of May.

The following staff were thanked by Mrs. Gibson: Administrative Assistant Day will be April 26th. Thank you on behalf of the entire Elementary to Mrs. Pam Doane. She does so much for our

Elementary staff and students. We appreciate her dedication to our school and community. Thank you to our substitute teachers for dedicating their time to our school and students. We appreciate you. Thank you to Jill Holt for her service to our school and students. We wish her the best of luck on her new endeavors.

High School Principal Josh Mullis began his report recognizing the March Students of the Month. They were: 6th Grade-Elise Abel, 7th Grade-Braxton Mullis, 8th Grade-Brazelea Lents, 9th Grade-Keegan Bearden, 10th Grade-Hannah Cook, 11th Grade-Keaton Brett, and 12th Grade-Emily Riggle.

Our RECN Endorsement visit on March 10th went very well. We were recently notified that we will be endorsed as an Early College High School. Credit goes to Ms. Hovis for having the dream of bringing that to our school, Mrs. Hert for her efforts over the years and Ms. Hawkins for leading the charge this year to make sure we all stayed on track and got us across the finish line. Last but not least to our teachers for providing our students with the opportunity to earn dual credits. On March 13th some of our students competed in a drone competition held at Loogootee. Junior Carson Shaw came away with 1st Place honors in the piloting competition. Also on March 13th we had a Dodgeball Tourney that fielded 8 student teams and 1 adult team. We appreciate the students for participating and the adults who attended and helped with this event.

March 14th was the Beta Club inductions for the Middle and High School students. Thank you to all of our sponsors who put in so many hours to make sure our students have the support and help they need to accomplish all they do.

Also in March, we had different convocations each day to present positive messages to the students about making the right choices and believing in themselves.

Over Spring Break, Indiana State Representative Larry Bucshon visited the school farm. We appreciate him taking the time to visit and seeing the great things we have at our school.

We had a great crowd for Freshmen Orientation. Most of the students left with a really good understanding of what their schedule will look like their freshman year.

Additional events going on throughout March and April were 8th Grade students' field trip to the art museum at Indiana University. Thank you to Miss Troutman for organizing and coordinating this opportunity for the students. The Junior Class put on the annual prom. *Cloud Nine* was a fantastic evening and everything went very smoothly with Prom and Post Prom, which was held at the Paoli Rock-n-Bowl. A group of seniors and their sponsors Mrs. Tina Rue, Miss Erin Cage, and Mr. Wesley Stephenson went to the Indiana Statehouse. Thank you to their sponsors for providing that opportunity for them. A banquet for the two robotics teams that are about to embark on their world and national tournaments. Thanks to Carla's Catering for providing the meal for those in

attendance. Also, thank you to Jerry Braun for being the guest speaker for the students. The Senior Robotics had a hog roast sale, which sold out in an hour and forty-minutes as well as a Mommy and Me dance to raise money for their upcoming competition in Houston.

Also, several of our Biology 1 and Engineering students participate in the Crane Science Fair. Thanks to Miss Boyd and Miss Hawkins for preparing and taking our students to this event. We will have our Jug Rox Make a Difference Day as it was rescheduled from last week due to the wet conditions from the previous day. It is always great to see our students giving back to the community.

Following the principals' reports, for Old Business was the recommendation to approve the SRO Memorandum of Understanding. Motion to approve was led by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote. Also under Old Business was the recommendation to approve the COSMOS Student and Teacher Agreement. Motion to pass was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote.

The first item under new business was personnel recommendations. A motion to approve the hiring of Aiden Smith for second shift custodian, Bryson Abel for Middle School Principal beginning July 1, 2023 and Lori Martin to serve as temporary teacher for Jill Holt April 28-May 22, 2023 was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Eva George. It was approved with a 5-0 vote. Recommendation to approve the following as summer school teachers: Aimee Harder, Kallie Fuhrman, Brian Smith, Kari Goodman, Mimi Hawkins, Tina Sullivan, Ashton Berry, Megan Hawkins and Ben Kent. Motion to approve was made by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing unanimously. Recommendation to approve the following as substitute teachers: Robert Fisher, Becky Riggins, Floyd "Lonnie Hawkins" (also as substitute bus driver), and Caleb Sanders. Motion to approve was made by Jerry Braun, with Jenell Hoffman making a second. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Also under personnel was the approval of the resignation of Jill Holt. Motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, with Eva George making the second motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The board thanked Mrs. Holt for her years of service and wished her the best with her future endeavors. The retirement of Vicki Wininger was approved 5-0 with Jenell Hoffman leading the motion and Annette Taylor seconding the motion. The board also thanked Mrs. Wininger for her years of service to the students and the school. The athletic department recommended the approval of Mary Rasico as volunteer track coach. Eva George led the motion to approve, Jenell Hoffman seconded the motion, passing with a 5-0 vote. Motion to approve Lexus Knepp as substitute teacher was led by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing 5-0.

Mylon Albright and Loren Albright were approved as substitute bus drivers. Annette Taylor made the motion with Jenell Hoffman seconding it. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to change the Developmental Preschool hours for the 2023-2024 school year to 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Motion made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Fundraiser requests were the Varsity Baseball team to sell discount cards March 20- April 16 to purchase various baseball equipment and the Class of 2024 to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts and coffee, April 4-17 for their Senior trip and Graduation ceremony, was approved with a 5-0 vote. Motion to approve was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor.

Request for FTL Seniors Robotics to host a Mommy and Me Nerf War/Dance April 7-8, 2023 to help finance their trip to Houston, Texas, and Middle School Beta for a bake sale on April 8 to help with expenses at the National Convention. Motion to approve was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Request to approve the Class of 2025 to sell BBQ items through Oink, Inc-Jasper April 10-24th, 2023 to help fund prom, graduation and senior trip. Softball program to sell mattresses November 19, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing unanimously.

The following field trips were approved with a 5-0 vote. Jerry Braun led the motion with Eva George making the second motion: High School students to Westgate Science Fair in Crane, IN April 12, grades 9-11 to SC Draperies in Shoals to work on the building mural, April 3, and the 3rd grade to Paoli Rock N Bowl on April 12, 2023. Additional Field trips approved were the Senior Academic Team to Southridge High school, April 18th for the Senior academic Team Area Meet, the Middle School/High School band to Castle High School in Newburg, IN April 22 for the ISSMA HS Organizational Contest, and grades 9-11 to Ivy Tech-Bloomington April 26 for a college visit. Motion to approve was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing unanimously.

Additional Field trips approved were the COSMOS Special Track and Field Meet for grades 9-10 on April 28 at Mitchell High School, and the Junior Academic Team for grades 6-8 on April 29 to Central Middle School for the Jr. Academic Team Area Meet. Motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing 5-0.

Class of 2023 Seniors' Day Trip to Indianapolis on May 3, 4th grade field trip to Jasper Skate Palace on May 15, 2023 and an Advisory Class to Shoals Christian Church April 11, 2023 to help the Red Cross set up for the Blood Drive. All were approved with Eva George leading the motion, and Jenell Hoffman seconding it, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Art Class to SC Draperies April 10-May 19 as class time allows to work on the mural. Eva George made the motion to approve with Jerry Braun, seconding it, passing 5-0 vote.

Christin Johnson approved to begin a Run Club for Elementary students to promote the running programs. Dates for the club are April 26, May 3, 10, and 17. Motion was led by Jenell Hoffman, with Jerry Braun making a second, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Other new business was the approval of the NLCC Agreement. Motion to approve was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis began her report by stating that the grand march and prom went well and all kids made it home safe and sound. Ms. Hovis was honored to attend an event on Thursday, April 13th in French Lick where the Shoals Jug Rox Robotix team leaders, Dean & Lorna Troutman, received the 2023 STEM Innovation Award, presented by

Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc. ROI represents 11 counties in the Indiana Uplands region, so receiving this award was quite an honor. Several students will be out and about in the Shoals community on Friday, April 14th completing community service projects for Jug Rox Make A Difference Day. This is the fifth year that the school has held this event. The Rox Counseling Center has come a long way under the direction of Mr. Ben Kent and his advanced construction trade students. The goal is to have the center completed by the start of next school year. On March 27th, the school received news that Shoals High School received designation as an endorsed Early College High School. This has been a 6-year process to become endorsed and will offer our students the Indiana College Core certificate and eventually an Associate's degree which can transfer between Indiana public colleges and universities. Superintendent Hovis wanted to thank Carla's Catering for donating the meal at the recent robotics banquet, Jerry Braun for being the guest speaker, and Allison Taylor for organizing and decorating the event. The banquet was held to honor the two advancing robotic teams who are moving forward to national and world competitions. Ms. Hovis also thanked bus drivers, Eva & Paul George, John Gore, Beth Hembree, Jennifer Wadsworth, and Mary Beth Brett for altering their bus routes to accommodate the Hwy 450 road closure. This closure has resulted in different pickup and dropoff times and alternate routes for drivers and students. She thanked Mrs. Vicky Wininger for her years of service serving as a Kindergarten aide and wished her the best of luck in retirement, as well as Jill Holt for her years of service as a teacher at Shoals Community School Corporation. Administrative Assistant day is coming up on April 26th and the administrators have a fun day planned for the assistants who assist them in day to day tasks. The administrators would be lost without Pam Doane, Allison Taylor, Amy Money, and Darla Holt. Ms. Hovis closed with wishing the Jug Rox Robotix team the best of luck and safe travels as they leave Sunday, April 16th for Houston, Texas to compete in the world championship.

Approval of the Leave Accounting Reports for March 2023 was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Approval to pay claims was led with a motion by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6 p.m.