

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

REGULAR SESSION

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
11741 IRONTON ROAD
SHOALS, INDIANA 47581**

January 12, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm on January 12, 2023. Members in attendance were President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President, Eva George, Secretary Jerry Braun, Members Annette Taylor and Jenell Hoffman. Staff in attendance were Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis, Audrey Gibson, and Darla Holt. The patrons in attendance were: John Zeigler, Etta Franklin, Lorna Troutman and Michael McNabb.

The first call to business was the reorganization of Board of School Trustees. Drexel Turpin was nominated by Jerry Braun for President. Motion was seconded by Annette Taylor. The motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote with Drexel Turpin abstaining. Nominations for Eva George as Vice President were made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, motion passing with a 4-0-1 vote with Eva George abstaining. Nomination for Jerry Braun as Secretary was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman. Motion passing with a 4-0-1 with Jerry Braun abstaining.

The next order of business was for the Board of Finance. Motion was made by Annette Taylor to appoint all members as Board of Finance. Motion was seconded by Jerry Braun. It was passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to set meeting date and time for regular meetings during 2023 was made by Jerry Braun and seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 5-0 vote. Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution for Board Member pay at \$109 for regular meetings and \$60 for special and executive meetings was motioned by Jenell Hoffman and seconded by Jerry Braun. It passed with a 5-0 vote.

Appointment of Treasurers for 2023 was led with a motion by Annette Taylor and seconded by Eva George. It passed with a 5-0 vote. The following were appointed: Kendra Wright- Corporation Treasurer, Darla Holt-Corporation Deputy Treasurer, Allison Taylor-Jr/Sr High ECA Treasurer, Pamela Doane-Elementary ECA Treasurer, and Tammy Cooper-Cafeteria Treasurer.

Motion to approve the bonding of the previously appointed Treasurers for the 2023 calendar year was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Conflict of Interest Statements were discussed. Investments were reviewed.

Nomination for Drexel Turpin as President of the board of Finance was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote. Nomination of Jerry Braun as Secretary of Board of Finance was led by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting on December 8, 2022 was motioned by Annette Taylor and seconded by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

The only patron to comment was Lorna Troutman who gave an update on the Rox Stars Robotics team. They will be traveling to New Jersey May, 13, 2023 to compete in Nationals. They will be selling concessions this weekend at the Shoals American Legion Youth Gun Shooting event to raise money for expenses. They will also be traveling to WestGate for an FTC tournament February 11, 2023.

There were no other comments from patrons.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson presenting her Elementary report on several of the fun events for the end of the semester. Students enjoyed special guests, pizza party lunch, canvas painting, storytime and more! Grades K-5 completed NWEA testing for the MOY ELA/MATH.

Thank you to Elementary Teachers Christin Johnson, Ashton Berry, Amanda Turpin, Kenady Bratton, and Superintendent Kindra Hovis for helping organize the Angel Tree program for our students. Thank you to all the community members and businesses that donated items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Roxstars Robotics Team is advancing to Nationals.

More grade levels will be utilizing the ROCK LAB on a weekly basis during the 2nd semester.

RTI and ACR Meetings are being held. Thank you to teachers, staff, and parents for their collaboration to help meet the needs of each student.

The 100th Day of School will be Tuesday, January 17th, with many classes celebrating.

Second graders will have a special guest speaker on Friday, January 20th. Everett Lau from WTHI Channel 10 will be discussing the weather.

January Student of the Month Winners are Kenna Bearden, Kinzlee Holt, Sophia Neideffer, Colt Rutledge, Ava Roach, Autumn Albright, Lyla Sexton, Kennedy Coulter, Rachel Sanders, Noah Turpin, August Weitkamp Levi Jordan, Josie Church, Case Gibson, and Braylee Witt.

High School Principal, Josh Mullis began his report recognizing the December students of the month. They were 9th- Brooklyn Greene, 10th- Olivia Harker, 11th- Taylor Turpin, and 12th- Chase Crowder. They enjoyed lunch from Fay's Pizza.

Prior to holiday break we were notified that 4 of our Junior students were recognized by the Indiana Principals Association as being Rising Stars for their high academic achievement. Those recognized were Luke Troutman, Gracie Brett, Taylor Turpin, and Anna Stoll. Senior Lydia Cook was nominated by the Indiana Principals Association as an Academic All-Star for her high academic achievement. Senior Logan Davis was selected to be the 2022-2023 Lilly Scholarship Award recipient for Martin County. This is the 5th consecutive year that a Shoals student has been the recipient of this scholarship. This recognition would not be possible without strong well-rounded students. Mr Mullis gave a shout out to our School Counselor for her help in preparing these students.

Junior Robotics team, the Roxstars, were one of 6 teams from the state of Indiana to be selected to compete in a national competition. Therefore, they are going to Jersey City, New Jersey May 11-14. Team Members include: Bentley Smith, Tritt Rutledge, Kyle Wininger, Ian French, Abbi Rollins, Jonathan Kreidler, Emmalynn McNabb, Jaxon Mullis, Remi Lake, and Mason Lake. Coaches are Dean and Lorna Troutman. We are actively fundraising to help defray the cost for the students' participation at the national level. This is the first Shoals Robotics team to advance this far.

Christmas morning we welcomed new piglets to the school farm as they are the grand piglets to our original momma Sally.

Our new Family and Consumer Science teacher Mrs. Sarah Knepp has hit the ground running and she is going to be an amazing asset to our school and students. The culinary students and Mrs. Knepp made biscuits and gravy for the staff today. The sausage in the gravy came from our own school farm. It is wonderful to see Miss Hawkins, Mr. Kent, and Mrs. Knepp working together to bring the lessons full circle.

January 9th of this week the 8th grade students participated in the Commitment to Graduate program with our Jostens' representative Brandon Frick.

The Mayor's Youth Council students recently had their meeting at Loogootee High School. The students meet once a month and alternate sites between Loogootee and Shoals. The goal this year is to look into ways to raise money to help the Martin County Ambulance Service. We hope to meet next month with the leaders of the ambulance service to see what we can do to help them.

We are hoping to get the construction work on the Rox Center, or Counseling Center up and going soon. We have had to do some rearranging of classes and class locations as a result but I appreciate everyone's efforts to work together on this for the betterment of our kids and school.

Some Shoals students joined together today to send up prayers for Hagen Knepp. Mr. Matt Sullivan helped lead them in this moment. Middle School and High School Term 2/Semester 1 Report Cards went out today.

The first item under new business was Personnel recommendations with Interim Elementary Principal, Audrey Gibson, recommending Pamela McCarty as Special Education teacher/resource room (K-5) for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. A

motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jerry Braun, approved with a 5-0 vote.

Athletic Department recommendations for the following for the 2022-2023 Spring season are as follows: Wes Rincker-Varsity Baseball Coach, Caleb Rincker - Varsity Assistant Coach, Kent Hall - JV Baseball Coach, Reva Troutman - Varsity Girls Track Coach, Rhonda Sanders - JV Girls Track Coach & Varsity Girls Assistant Track Coach, Eric Rasico - Varsity Boys Track Coach, April Sutton - Middle School Girls Track Coach, Christin Johnson - Middle School Boys Track Coach, Jeff Jones - Varsity Softball Coach, Jim Potts - Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, and Rebecca Rollins as volunteer Volleyball coach. Motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis recommends the approval of the resignation of Shannon Wagoner effective December 9, 2022. Motion was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis recommends approval to move Audrey Gibson from the Middle School Principal to serve as interim Elementary principal until May 19, 2023 or the last day of the school year. Motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis recommends approval of Josh Mullis to serve as interim Middle School principal in addition to High School principal until May 19, 2023 or the last day of the school year. Motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis recommends approval of the following SRO substitutes: Jonathan Wells, Larry Gibson, Ryan Hawkins, Jarod Lents, Dylan Erwin, Josh Harmon and Kyle Long. Motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor passing with a 5-0 vote.

High School Volleyball requested to hold an elementary Club program called Junior Volleyball League (JVL) or Elementary Elite, March-April. It would include grades K-2 and 3-4. Each group would practice one night per week. After two weeks, a game will be held on Saturday at 9 am for K-2, with a game following at 10 for grades 3-4. Motion to approve was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George and passing with a 5-0 vote.

Fundraiser Request to sell discount cards from local businesses, January 13-February 28, 2023. A motion was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Annette Taylor and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Field trips approved were the pep band traveling to the Orleans Pep Band Invitational on January 21, 2023, and the Varsity Girls' Basketball team to go to an IU Girl's game in January-the date is to be determined. A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman and passed with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis recommended the approval of the 2023-2024 school calendar amendment to correct the number of teacher work days. A motion was made by Annette Taylor and seconded by Jenell Hoffman with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis also requested the approval of the updated bus rental policy which was the second reading. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 4-0-1 vote, with Eva George abstaining.

Superintendent Hovis requested the Transfer of Appropriation Balances. Motion to approve was made by Eva George with Annette Taylor seconding the motion, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve the cancellation of outstanding checks was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing 5-0.

Superintendent recommends the approval of Beth Hembree to receive a \$5/day increase for the 2023-2024 school year in regard to operating the corporation owned bus route. Motion to approve was made by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman. It passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion for a \$5/hour pay increase for the substitute nurse effective immediately was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve Myrna Greene to receive a stipend from Title 1 for serving as Title 1 coordinator was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve the leasing of chromebooks for the 2023-2024 school year was led by Eva Goege, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote.

The following field trips were approved with a motion led by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George and passing with a 5-0 vote, Megan Hawkins taking various clubs to the Indiana Statehouse for Indiana 4-H Day on February 7, 2023, Megan Hawkins taking students to various locations in the community for JugRox Make a Difference Day on April 12, 2023, and Megan Hawkins taking the Robotics Clubs to Loogootee, Indiana for a Drone Competition on March 13, 2023.

Recommendation for DeAnna Smith as substitute teacher and Kristy Day for the Elementary Resource aide were led with a motion to approve by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis began her report by wishing the FTC robotics team good luck as they participate in the Southern Indiana League meet this Saturday at Shoals. She also wanted to congratulate the Rox Stars team for winning the Motivate Award and being 1 of 6 teams at the state tournament to advance to nationals. They will be traveling to New Jersey in May. She stated that the coaches vs cancer game is Saturday, January 21st and all proceeds will go to the Katie Sanders & Katie Hoffman family as they are both currently battling cancer. On January 25th, Ms. Hovis will be attending an Indiana Association of Public School Superintendent winter seminar in Indianapolis in regard to legislative updates for the new year.

Superintendent Hovis stated that she would love to be able to bring the current social worker from the Samaritan Center on full-time for the students and that she has applied

for a comprehensive counseling grant in hopes of doing this. If a social worker was brought on full-time, then the school district would have a fully functioning tiered system of support in counseling for all students K-12. Ms. Hovis noted a compliment that was received from another superintendent in regard to Coach Juan Asbury and how he handled an athletic event the previous week at another school corporation. She closed with thanking everyone who has assisted in some way over the last several weeks in order to ensure that the school year continues to run smoothly.

Approval of the Financial Reports for December 2022 by the Elementary and Jr/Sr High, and the Corporation Appropriation Transfer Report for 2022 motion was made by Eva George and seconded by Jerry Braun, passing 5-0.

Approval of the Leave Accounting Reports for November and December 2022 was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing with a 5-0 vote.

A motion to pay claims was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Annette Taylor, and passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm. *The next Regular Board Meeting will be February 9, 2023.*