

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

REGULAR SESSION

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

**January 14th, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm on January 14th, 2021. Members in attendance were President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Secretary Jenell Hoffman, and Members Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, Austin Malone, and Shannon Wagoner. No patrons were present.

Reorganization of Board of School Trustees

Board President, Drexel Turpin, opened the floor for nominations of Officers. Jerry Braun made a motion that Drexel Turpin remain Board President for the 2021 year. The Motion was seconded by Jenell Hoffman. Approval was given with a vote of 4-0-1 with Drexel Turpin abstaining.

Jenell Hoffman made a motion that Eva George remain Vice President for the 2021 year. The Motion was seconded by Jerry Braun. Approval was given with a vote of 4-0-1 with Eva George abstaining.

Samantha Boyd made a motion that Jenell Hoffman remain Secretary for the 2021 year. The Motion was seconded by Eva George. Approval was given with a vote of 4-0-1 with Jenell Hoffman abstaining.

Drexel Turpin called for a motion to appoint all members to the Board of Finance. Jenell Hoffman made a motion to appoint all members to the Board of Finance and Eva George seconded. The motion passed 5 – 0.

A motion was made by Jerry Braun to continue meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm through 2021. A second was given by Eva George and motion passed 5 – 0.

Jenell Hoffman motioned to keep the rate of regular meetings at \$109 and executive/special sessions at \$60 for the 2021 year. A second was given by Samantha Boyd and motion passed 5 – 0.

The new year called for the reappointment of school treasurers. A motion was made by Jerry Braun to reappoint the following treasurers: Lisa Elliott, Corporation Treasurer; Amanda Heckard, Corporation Deputy Treasurer; Deborah Howell, Jr/Sr. High ECA Treasurer; Pamela Doane, Elementary ECA Treasurer; Tammy Florio, Cafeteria Treasurer. A second was given by Drexel Turpin and the motion passed 5 – 0. A motion was then given by Eva George to re-bond the approved treasurers for the 2021 calendar year and include a temporary bond for Miranda Beaver. Samantha Boyd seconded this motion and the motion passed 5 – 0.

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Roush to the Vocational and Special Education Board. Jenell Hoffman motioned to accept this appointment and Eva George seconded. The motion passed 5 – 0.

President Turpin temporarily closed the regular meeting and convened the Board of Finance at 6:15 pm.

There was a review of the school's investments. Samantha Boyd made a motion that Drexel Turpin remain President of the Board of Finance for the 2021 year. The Motion was seconded by Eva George. Approval was given with a vote of 4-0-1 with Drexel Turpin abstaining. Eva George made a motion that Jenell Hoffman remain Secretary of the Board of Finance for the 2021 year. The Motion was seconded by Jerry Braun. Approval was given with a vote of 4-0-1 with Jenell Hoffman abstaining. President Turpin then closed the Board of Finance meeting and reopened the regular meeting at 6:18 pm.

The minutes of the Regular and Executive meeting on December 10th, 2020 were presented to the Board. Jenell Hoffman motioned to approve the minutes and was seconded by Eva George. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Comments for Patrons Concerning Items on the Agenda

No Comments.

Reports from Building Principals

Austin Malone, Jr. High Principal, welcomed back our students rejoining in-person learning! NWEA testing round 2 is finishing up. Cosmos, to help the high school, we are making a push in the Middle school to lay the groundwork of exposure to these new opportunities. Displayed in the Middle School Hallway will be large printed posters so the students will have a visual representation of what is to come. No Contact Agreements, Mrs. Hert did a talk with our 6th-grade students about the NCA's and the importance of social cooperation. End of last semester's fun day, we had a blast on the Friday before Christmas Break. There was a massive 35-question Kahoot during lunch, 17 random giveaways over the intercom, and 3 class cooperation riddles. We gave away nearly \$200 worth of fun stuff! Rox request is used multiple times weekly. With that, we are running low on items. Any donations

are greatly appreciated. Cass Counselors, we appreciate all your help, anyone interested in being a Cass Counselor please contact the office! A big thank you to Chris Boswell and [Reva Troutman](#) . They have been a tremendous help filling in for our teacher out on leave. Mathew Sullivan a huge shoutout for helping with our students also. Lorna Troutman and the anonymous donor for our Rox Request items, we cannot thank them enough.

Shannon Wagoner, Elementary Principal, first wanted to thank the students and staff for the Pink Party Celebration. They are all amazing and wonderful. Our digital fab lab training will be provided in February for our Lead Teachers. The students and Mrs. McNabb will be creating a small project for the COSMOS team to handout. Professional development for teaching teams, certified and non-certified, will be coming up. Reading recovery, 3rd grade is making outstanding progress. Upcoming events, Officer Larry Gibson will be bringing in his K-9 for pet visits. Also, we are looking at a lot of opportunities for virtual field trips for our students this semester. Shoutout and Thank you to Catherine (Cat) Hovis for coordinating the letters to Santa and being an honorary Elf. Every SES student received 1 item that was on their wish list. It was so magical and thank you for making this happen. She and her mother, Sandra, are a huge asset to our school and community.

Kindra Hovis, High School Principal, wanted to congratulate Alyssa Howell for winning the Martin County Lilly Scholarship. She has worked so hard for this and in everything she does. Congratulations to Ty Downy, for being accepted and receiving the University of Montana Academic Achievement Scholarship. Ty will be studying Wildlife Biology. Shoutout to Austin Gilbert and Wyatt Asbell for working to get their Eagle Scout Badge. The computer Science students came back from Christmas break and designed their very own webpage. We are very excited to welcome 4 new students this semester. Freshman Thursday School is going great. COSMOS update, the team has been busy preparing for the joint board meeting which is at the end of this month. Upcoming events, we will have an active shooter drill on Friday, January 15th. NWEA testing is the week of January 25th. COSMOS joint board meeting will be on January 26th at 5:00 pm at Orleans. To Bryson Abel and his family, we offer our condolences on the loss of his brother, Bart. A continued thanks to our teachers and all staff members for being flexible during this pandemic and working hard for our students. Spa donation, thank you, we will be using the money for a spring fling for the students.

Old Business

The Superintendent recommended a policy change to allow department heads the ability to approve 12-month non-cert employees the ability to take off the day before or the day after a holiday and still receive their holiday pay. A motion was made by Samantha Boyd and a second was made by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Personnel Recommendations:

H.S. Principal recommended Kim Bridges and Madison Burkhead as substitutes. A motion was made by Jerry Braun and a second was made by Samantha Boyd. The motion passed 5-0.

H.S. Principal recommended the following as homebound instructors for this semester. Terra Boyd, Mimi Hawkins, Megan Hawkins , and Stacey Fox. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman and a second was made by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

Cafeteria Manager recommended Donna Bateman as Substitute. A motion was made by Jerry Braun and a second was made by Jenell Hoffman. The motion passed 5-0.

2021-2022 School Calendar:

Superintendent presented the new calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman and a second was made by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

FMLA:

Danielle Cornett requested FMLA beginning April 12th and returning September 7th. A motion was made by Samantha Boyd and a second was made by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

Anthem Vision Update:

Anthem vision rate increase was presented. A motion was made by Jerry Braun and a second was made by Jenell Hoffman. The motion passed 5-0.

Transfer of Appropriation Balances:

Superintendent presented the Transfer of Appropriation Balances. A motion was made by Samantha Boyd and a second was made by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

Crisis Prevention Training:

Superintendent recommended a stipend for Terra Boyd to cover training for our special education teachers. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman and a second was made by Jerry Braun. The motion passed 5-0.

Bus Crossing List:

All students on the list will be crossing a highway when either getting on or off the school bus in the coming year. The list needed to be approved for the state. A motion was made by Samantha Boyd and a second was made by Jerry Braun. The motion passed 5-0.

MOU:

Extension of the U.S. FFCRA Leaves provisions. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman and a second was made by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

Items after 4:00 on Friday

FMLA:

Miranda Albright requested FMLA beginning Jan 5th and ending January 27th. A motion was made by Samantha Boyd and a second was made by Jerry Braun. The motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Roush reminded the board of the joint COSMOS board meeting on January 26th at 5:00 pm in Orleans. She thanked Hoosier Uplands for the \$10,000 grant to finish our community walking trail and showed off the trophies that were awarded to the elementary robotics team. She wished condolences to the Bart Abel and Marilyn Jones families. She congratulated Mrs. Wagoner on her last chemo treatment and thanked Amanda Heckard, Tammy Cooper, and Miranda Beaver for their help in the central office while the treasurer was out.

Leave of Accounting

A motion to approve the Leave of Accounting for December 2020 was given by Samantha Boyd and was seconded by Eva George. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Claims

A motion to pay all claims was given by Jerry Braun and was seconded by Jenell Hoffman. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Adjournment

Before adjourning, the Board wanted to apologize for the music that was played before the Lighthouse Christian Academy game. They hoped it did not offend anyone. It was addressed immediately and the situation was rectified. Also, to offer their deepest condolences to Bryson Abel and his family as well as the Family of Marilyn Jones.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

