

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

REGULAR SESSION

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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March 9, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Board Minutes

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6 p.m. on March 9, 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 Lorna Troutman.

The Minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting were approved with a 5-0 vote, with Eva George making the motion and Annette Taylor seconding the motion.

Comments from patrons were from Lorna Troutman with updates on the Robotics trips.

Building Principal reports began with Audrey Gibson presenting her Elementary report on several of the events during the past month. COSMOS Fab Lab Tour Guests were able to see our 4th grade class create simple machines using some of the lab equipment.

Elementary teachers participated in professional development. Mrs. Turpin, Mrs. Rollins, and Miss Bratton all visited Elberfeld Elementary, a Warrick County Elementary school to observe and collaborate with 3rd-5th grade teachers on IREAD prep, remediation, ELA and Math curriculum. Teachers are also collaborating amongst each other in house. Second grade students were working alongside HS Ag students to learn about Maple Syrup processing.

Family Fun Night was a huge success! We had over 50 families in attendance! Several teachers and staff created fun, engaging activities for students and their families for them to participate. Students and Staff attended the Varsity Boys basketball PEP session. We had several Elementary teachers showcase their potato sweeping and dancing skills! It was fun for all! Students participated in Read Across America week with fun activities and a reading challenge organized by Mrs. Guinn. There were also themed dress up days and awards for reaching reading goals.

Mrs. Gibson attended The Science of Reading Workshop in Jasper, hosted by Dr. Kelley Williams from Indiana University: High Focus is the theme on early intervention in primary grades. Importance of small class sizes in grades K-2, and the continuation of the teaching of reading throughout each grade level.

Kindergarten Roundup currently has 42 students enrolled to begin this Fall. SPA and Dover Hill Christian Church donated “brain food” for our 2nd and 3rd grade students for IREAD testing. IREAD and Cogat testing are underway!

Elementary students participated in a quarter drive for Kyndale Qualkenbush. Kyndale is a fourth grader and has recently gone through a major surgery.

On Tuesday March 14th Elementary Students will be inducted into BETA Club. On March 16th our second grade will be visiting Crane for a STEM field trip.

Thank you to Mr. Bill Whorrall for volunteering his time and artistry to our students. He works with our first grade classes to create some fun art projects!

Students will be treated with a surprise next week to kickoff Spring Break! An ice cream truck with tasty treats will be here! All students PK-5 will be able to enjoy the experience of selecting a treat from the truck. On April 3rd Bookblast will begin, April 4th State Representative Shane Lindauer will visit our campus, and on April 6th, which is Jug Rox Make A Difference Day, the Elementary will be planning onsite service projects.

High School Principal Josh Mullis began his report recognizing the High School students of the month: 9th grade- Olivia Wright, 10th grade- Ava Perry, 11th grade- Krisha Villanueva and 12th grade- Nicholas McCracken. Middle School students of the month were 6th grade- Jacelyn Erwin, 7th grade- Owen Turpin, and 8th grade- Jasmine Jones. All students were rewarded with pizza from Fay’s Pizza.

On February 10th, a large group of high school students went on a college visit to Lincoln Tech in Indianapolis to see what they have to offer. February 21st-24th was FFA Week with dress-up days and different activities. The highlight of the week was on Wednesday of that week in which the FFA put on a breakfast for the local farmers with over 50 farmers attending. All three departments of Agriculture, Construction, and Culinary contributed to providing the breakfast meal.

On February 22nd, Chase Butler, IT Director, and Mr. Mullis went to Louisville to check out some new bus cameras. It was amazing to see the new fish-eyed lens capabilities as well as to hear the stories of what they experience on their buses each and every day.

Congratulations to Junior, Hunter Spurgeon who received a gold medal for his flute performance at the state finals for ISSMA at North Central High School on February 25th. Also on February 25th, the High School robotics team won the State Championship at the

State Finals in West Lafayette. This advances the team onto the World Championships in Houston, Texas next month. Other trips the students went on this past month were the Agriculture and Construction students to Louisville for the Farm Machinery Show. PE teacher, Mr. Smith and Principal Mullis took a group of Advanced PE and Officiating class students to Indianapolis for a hockey game.

The Shoals Schools had a Pep Rally to prepare for the Sectional Boys' Basketball game. It was fun to see the kids excited and showing school spirit. The boys played well that night but Orleans won the game.

A group of high school girls and other female staff members participated in the Women Lead Conference in Jasper. On March 9th, the school kicked off our special school convocations prior to Spring Break by welcoming Ben Glenn from Indianapolis who gave the message to the kids to find their passion and push forward with their dreams. He then created an oil-based chalk drawing in less than 12 minutes. That was amazing! The drawing will be preserved, and placed behind a wooden frame with plexiglass. It will then be on display.

March 10th is the end of the 3rd Grading Period. We hope to have grades finalized and printed by next Thursday in time to go home before Spring Break. Also on the 10th the officials from RECN will be in attendance as we go through our last step to hopefully get endorsed as an Early College school.

Upcoming Events for the Middle School and High School are: March 11th the Jr. Robotics team is having a Daddy-Daughter dance. On March 13th there will be a Dodgeball Tournament for students in grades 6-12. March 14th will be Beta Night in which students from the past few years will be inducted into Beta. This has been on pause for a few years with Covid. Next week we will continue with our speakers: Monday- Scott Highberger with Behind the Wire Ministries, Tuesday- Forrest Turner, a local country music artist, Wednesday- Chris Bowers, and Thursday, will be the Medora Timberjacks

Principal Mullis concluded his report with 8th Grade Night (Freshmen Orientation) so the students and their parents can come in and ask questions. We will provide information on what the transition to high school will look like for their student. April 1st will be the Junior/Senior 2023 Prom.

Following the principals' reports, Old Business was the approval of the new cafeteria Policy which states that all students eat free, regardless of income eligibility, with one free breakfast and lunch each school day. Textbook Assistance is available to those families who meet the income guidelines. The cafeteria also serves adult meals for staff, but staff members will pay for their meals. Motion was led by Eva George, seconded by Annette

Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote. Also under Old Business was the additional clause added to the student Drug Testing Policy stating the school nurse or a law enforcement officer will make the determination whether or not a student should be drug tested. Motion to pass was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote.

The first item under new business were personnel recommendations accepting the resignation of Haylie Wright as 3rd grade classroom aide. A motion to approve was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Annette Taylor. It was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Recommendation to approve Ruby Harder as Preschool aide through the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion to approve was made by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passed unanimously.

Approval of the following teachers to receive a stipend for teaching dual credit classes for the 2022-2023 school year was approved. Those teachers are Dennis Dahlen, Jonathan Holt, Wesley Stephenson, Danielle Cornett, Erin Cage, Tina Rue, Myrna Greene, Theresa Holt and Terra Boyd. Jerry Braun led the motion, Eva George seconded it, and they were approved with a 5-0 vote. The following staff members were approved to receive a stipend for their participation as an SLT RECN team member. The staff members are Danielle Cornett, Tina Rue, Josh Mullis, Jessica Hert, Megan Hawkins, Ben Kent, Kindra Hovis and Audrey Gibson. Eva George led the motion to approve, with Jenell Hoffman seconding the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Both stipends will be paid from the RECN grant.

Mike Jones was approved for volunteer softball coach. Motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, passing unanimously.

The Board accepted the resignation of Bryson Abel as Varsity Boys Basketball coach. Motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote. The School Board greatly appreciates the commitment Coach Abel has made to the Basketball program and the example he sets off the court as well.

The school board accepted the High School Indiana Gold Basketball Insurance form. Approval was made with Eva George making the motion and Jerry Braun seconding the motion, passing 5-0.

Fundraiser request from Middle School Track to sell gear for track athletes and parents from February 27-March 15 was approved with a 5-0 vote.. Motion to approve was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor.

Request for FLL Shoals Robotix to host a Daddy-Daughter Dance on March 11, 2023 to help finance their trip to the Nationals in May 2023. Motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Eva George, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Approval for the 2023 Graduation Ceremony to be held Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the High school Gymnasium. Motion was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Eva George, passing 5-0.

The following were approved: Elementary Student Learning Showcase for Thursday, May 2, 2023 in the Auxiliary Gym, and the Shoals Lions Club to use the front lawn for their

annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023, were approved with a 5-0 vote. Jenell Hoffman led the motion with Annette Taylor making the second motion.

Summer Camp was approved for June 5th-16th, 2023 with breakfast and lunch being served. Eva George led the motion with Jerry Braun seconding it, passing with a 5-0 vote.

The SRO MOU had its first reading.

The following field trips were approved with a 5-0 vote. Jerry Braun led the motion with Jenell Hoffman making the second motion: Robotics to Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds on February 24, 2023, returning February 25 for the State Robotics Competition. CNA Class to IU School of Nurses Learning and Resource Center and Simulation Lab in Bedford, Indiana on March 7, 2023. The Senior Academic Team to Wood Memorial on March 8, 2023. Additional Field trips approved were the 8th grade to the Martin County Community Building to visit local manufacturers in Martin County, collaborating with Loogootee Middle School students, The High School Robotics to the Martin County Fairgrounds on March 16, 2023 to participate in the Martin County Chamber of Commerce-World's Competition recognition program, and the Senior trip to the Indianapolis Statehouse tour on April 4, 2023. Motion to approve was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Eva George, passing unanimously.

The Middle School and 9th grade class to Westgate Academy in Odon, Indiana April 5, 2023 for the annual NSWC Crane Science and Engineering Fair. Juniors to various Martin County cemeteries for Biology 2 class to gather birth/death data from headstones on April 6, 2023 and the Robotics team to Houston, Texas April 18-23, 2023 for the World Competition. Motion to approve was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Eva George passing 5-0.

The Elementary Field Day to be held May 18, 2023 was approved with Annette Taylor leading the motion, Jenell Hoffman seconding it, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Other new business was the resignation of Larry Jones as custodian effective March 17, 2023. Motion to accept was made by Jerry Braun, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Approval of Abalena Hampton to be a volunteer/substitute in the preschool classrooms. Motioned by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote.

The first reading of the COSMOS student and teacher agreement was read.

Approval of Shoals School employees to receive half price daily/weekly rates for their children attending the school's preschool program. Motion to approve was led by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George, passing unanimously.

Field trips approved were: The Pep Band to perform at the Martin County Alliance Dinner on March 16, 2023 at St. John's Center in Loogootee. Motioned by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Fundraiser for the High School to sell “Home of Jug Rox Fans” signs to supplement the Student Activity Fund for rewards was approved. Motion was led by Jenell Hoffman, with Jerry Braun seconding it, and passing with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Hovis was excited to state that tomorrow is the official endorsement site visit to determine whether or not Shoals High School will become an endorsed early college high school through the state of Indiana. This has been an ongoing process since 2017 and many teachers went back to obtain their masters degree to make this program possible for our students. Ms. Hovis offered congratulations to the senior robotics team for recently winning the state championship and advancing to the world competition in Texas. The school will be providing a banquet on April 6th to the two advancing teams. Students and their parents will enjoy a meal provided by Carla’s Catering and hear a motivational speaker before heading to the world and national competitions. Ms. Hovis thanked Mrs. Gibson and the elementary staff for organizing and participating in the Family Fun Night recently. She stated that she hopes this can become an annual event for students and their families. On Wednesday, Superintendent Hovis attended the Young Women’s Lead Conference with approximately twenty-five high school girls. This conference provided topics such as women empowerment and leadership. After listening to a motivational speaker, girls were able to participate in breakout sessions that focused on being a leader, mental wellbeing, healthy choices, self defense, how to grow your own business, and more. It was a fun day for all females involved. Ms. Hovis provided an update with our COSMOS partnership in regard to a possible alternative school setting to serve as an alternative to expulsion. This is in the early stages of discussion and planning. A shoutout was given to the cafeteria staff for their willingness to try new things, such as baked potato day, and for the extras that they provide the students on special days. For example, on Valentine’s Day, students were given a Valentine’s card along with red jello and for St. Patrick’s Day, the students will get to enjoy a lucky charm chex mix. Ms. Hovis thanked coach Bryson Abel for his many years of service to our boys basketball program. She stated that Coach Abel taught players more than just the sport itself and taught them respect, sportsmanship, and how to be a team player. She also thanked the area churches such as the Shoals Christian Church and the Dover Hill Christian Union Church and SPA for their recent donations of snacks for all of our students who were testing. She closed with offering condolences to Doug Wagoner for the recent passing of his mother.

Approval of the Leave Accounting Reports for February 2023 was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, passing with a 5-0 vote.

Approval to pay claims was led with a motion by Eva George, seconded by Jerry Braun, passing with a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be April 13, 2023.