

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**November 10, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**Board Minutes**

The Shoals School Board was called to order at 6:00 pm on November 10, 2022. Members in attendance were President Drexel Turpin, Vice-President Eva George, Member Annette Taylor, and Member Jenell Hoffman. Staff in attendance were Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis, Shannon Wagoner, Darla Holt, Theresa Holt. The patrons in attendance were: Warren Albright, Paul George, Amy Money, Jim Franklin, and Matt Stechly.

Approval of Minutes of the Executive and Regular meetings on October 6th was motioned by Annette Taylor and seconded by Eva George. The motion passed 4-0.

**Comments from Patrons Concerning Items on the Agenda**

Matt Stechley, President of Core Facilities, presented information to the board regarding a proposed business partnership with his company. Jim Franklin, representative of USI, presented information regarding health insurance premiums.

**Reports from Building Principals**

Elementary Principal, Shannon Wagoner, started her report by stating that intermediate students made \$1000 during the SPA craft show this past Saturday by selling items that were made in the ROCK, which is our digital fabrication lab. Students sold a variety of items such as necklaces, coasters, game boards, ornaments, etc. Students in all grade levels are getting to participate and try out the ROCK. 2nd grade students made their very own t-shirts in the lab and were excited to wear them during their field trip to Marengo Cave. Winter sports are underway and Mrs. Wagoner appreciates that we have teachers who are taking time out of their schedules to serve as coaches for our youth. Mrs. Wagoner had several thank yous to give out. She wanted to thank Jim Hamby for bringing the fire trucks and displaying the equipment to our primary students. They loved the water hose display. Thank you to Redemption Church for providing lunch to the entire corporation this past month. Red Ribbon was a huge success thanks to Mimi

Hawkins. Teachers and students enjoyed a variety of dress-up days. Deputy Wells with the Martin County Sheriff's station passed out cookies to every student during this week and Reva Troutman and her art students provided art lessons to all elementary classrooms. The middle school and high school participated by providing a poster parade. A huge thank you to Ben Kent, Megan Hawkins, Reva Troutman, and Tammy Cooper for another successful fall field day. Second graders hosted a book character parade on October 28th. Mrs. Wagoner wanted to thank Vincennes University for inviting us to participate in student interviews. She thanked Tina Sullivan for all of the time that is spent serving as our Dyslexia coordinator. Lastly, she thanked the staff who took over the Angel Tree program so that our students can have a blessed Christmas. Those staff members are: Christin Johnson, Amanda Turpin, Kenady Bratton, Ashton Berry, and Kindra Hovis. She wanted to wish good luck to our elementary students who were currently competing at the Beta convention in Evansville. Upcoming events are the Veteran's Day program at 1:30 at Shoals High School on November 11th, picture retakes on December 1st, and the elementary Christmas program on December 6th.

A written report was given on behalf of Mrs. Audrey Gibson. Middle school students enjoyed participating in an interactive career exploration event at Evansville on October 26th. This event had over 100 industry partners who provided interactive opportunities for students to explore and spark a career interest. Red Ribbon week was a success as many activities took place. Thank you to Mimi Hawkins for coordinating all of these activities. The MS academic team placed second in the area meet at Jasper recently. In December, under the direction of Cassie Phillips, students will be participating in ONE HOUR of CODE during computer science week. Mrs. Phillips does a great job at implementing innovative and rigorous activities for our computer science students. MS band students participated in the annual Festival of Bands on November 8th at South Knox High School. Forty-three students are currently at Indiana State Beta Convention in Evansville, Thank you to Beta sponsor, Reva Troutman, for her commitment to our students and their Beta projects. A huge thank you to Bruce Hawkins and the American Legion and Mr. Josh Mullis for coordinating an American Flag ceremony. It was a neat experience for all to see how a flag that is deemed unservable is properly disposed of. In the classrooms, 6th grade students have partnered with Mrs. Perry's culinary class and are working on a PBL food truck project. The MS Math department will be participating in professional development this coming Monday for I-Ready Math. A huge thank you to the Martin County Community Foundation for awarding classroom grants to several teachers in the middle school building. The MCCF has always been generous and supportive of our school. Winter sports are in full swing and basketball games have begun.

High School Principal, Josh Mullis, started by congratulating October students of the month, Freshman Bella Brett, Sophomore Madison Quinn, Junior Ikia Wright, and Senior Avaley Braun. On Friday October 7th, culinary and business students along with their teachers, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Sanders was able to enjoy a field trip to Bloomington where they listened to various business owners. Some businesses that presented were the Monroe County Health Department, Chip Helm, a salesman for Cook Inc, and Carl Cook, the President of Cook Inc. Each student and chaperone were given a copy of Mr. Helm's book along with a copy of Mr. Bill Cook's book. Mr. Mullis wanted to thank Jessica Potts, the director of Martin County Alliance, for stopping by and presenting a check to Shoals Community Schools to help assist with our counseling services. Red Ribbon was a huge success school-wide. The week began by all students grades K-12 gathering at the track to listen to a speech by Superintendent Hovis and then the MS and HS students cheered on all elementary students as they took a lap to celebrate living a life drug free. The week ended with Mrs. Ann Stewart presenting to students on how drugs have impacted her family's life. PSATs were given on October 25th and all Sophomores and Juniors participated. On October 26th. Mrs. Rue took fourteen seniors to Mitchell where they were able to observe a real court case conducted by the Indiana Supreme Court. Our fall field day was held on October 28th and it was great to see all students outside assisting the little ones with their day. A special thank you to Miss Troutman, Miss Hawkins, and Mr. Kent for making this day possible. A good time was had by all on October 29th at the annual fall festival. On November 2nd, Bruce Hawkins with the American Legion Post #61 came out and demonstrated how to properly retire an American flag. It was a very powerful event for some of the students. The COSMOS leadership board enjoyed a COSMOSgiving on November 3rd following our monthly meeting with all three superintendents, principals, and counselors. The SPA craft show was well attended and had several vendors. It was great to see so many community members come out and partake in the shopping. A special thank you to the parents of the Class of 2028 for providing childcare services so patrons could shop. Lastly, on November 9th, Miss Hawkins took a group of engineering students to VUJC to compete in a Technology and Manufacturing challenge. One team claimed 3rd place and earned a cash prize.

### **Old Business**

**None**

## **New Business**

### **Personnel Recommendations:**

Middle School Principal recommended Amy Money as Middle School Administrative/Guidance Assistant for the 22-23 school year. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman and seconded by Eva George. The motion passed 4-0.

Cafeteria Manager requested the approval of the resignation of Crystal Rush. A motion was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman and was passed 4-0.

Superintendent recommended approval of Kacey Jones' resignation from Deputy Treasurer effective October 25, 2022. A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor and was passed 4-0.

Superintendent recommended approval to hire Darla Holt as Deputy Treasurer effective immediately. A motion was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Eva George and was passed 4-0.

Resignation of Bill Bush from 2nd shift custodian position effective November 11, 2022. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor and passed 4-0.

Resignation of Emily Harding from preschool aide position effective October 31, 2022. A motion was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman and passed 4-0.

Approval of the following substitute teachers:

Juan Asbury (Elementary and Middle School only)

Amy Rinker and Emily Harding

Melissa Hampton

A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor and passed 4-0

Superintendent recommended approval of a Non-CE pay increase (two different options were given). This was tabled and will be discussed in a future meeting.

Athletic Department recommended the following:

Ashley Boyd-Volunteer girls basketball coach

Allison Boyd-Volunteer girls basketball coach

Josh Perry-Volunteer Elementary Boys basketball coach

A motion was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Jenell Hoffman and passed 4-0.

### **Fundraisers**

Elementary Principal requested to partner with Bright School Kitz/Fundraiser to provide repackaged school supplies for our parents to purchase.

A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor, and passed 4-0.

Erin Cage requested a fundraiser for the Class of 2023 to sell candles, 11-16 to 11-28-22.

A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Eva George, and passed 4-0.

Bobbie Turpin requested to sell raffle tickets at all varsity boys/girls home games (11-14-22 through 2-28-23) and a chili supper 11-17-2022 for the Post Prom Committee.

Dennis Dahlen requested selling Little Caesars pizza kits for the Junior class-Oct 28 through Nov 21, 2022

Rebecca Rollins requested Elementary Beta students to have a Holiday themed packaged store. Oct 17, 2022-Feb. 15, 2023.

A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, and passed 4-0.

Class of 2028 requested a child care fundraiser for the 2022 SPA craft show on Nov. 5. 2022.

A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, and passed 4-0.

## **School Buses**

Bus bids were opened on November 9th, 2022 and will be discussed more in depth at a future meeting.

## **TAG Policy (Teacher Appreciation Grants) (second reading)**

A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor, and passed 4-0.

## **CSI - Middle School Improvement Plan (First reading only)**

### **Items After 4**

## **Insurance Renewal**

Insurance premium renewal was set for the 2023-2024 school year. A motion was made by Eva George, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, and passed 4-0.

## **Fundraiser**

Cammie Sanders requested for the Class of 2026 to sell cookbooks November 11th through December 16th. A motion was made by Annette Taylor, seconded by Eva George, and passed 4-0.

## **Personnel Recommendations**

Resignation of Becky Riggins from cafeteria manager. A motion was made by Jenell Hoffman, seconded by Annette Taylor, and passed 4-0.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Hovis has been enjoying the networking and resources that she is receiving by attending the New Superintendent Academy sessions. This is a year-long program offered by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents. Congratulations to all staff members (17 total) who received a MCCF classroom grant for various supplies and projects. Last Tuesday, Ms. Hovis traveled to Vincennes University, where she assisted in preparing education students for future interviews. She also presented information regarding Shoals Schools to each individual. MS and HS students had a successful day participating in the annual Festival of Bands at South Knox High School. Shoals alumni, Alex Tedrow, was asked to compose a brand new piece that debuted at this performance.

Superintendent Hovis, along with three board members, attended the fall regional board meeting in Jasper on November 9th, where they heard about legislative updates. Bruce Hawkins, along with the American Legion, demonstrated an

amazing flag retirement ceremony earlier this month. Ms. Hovis is looking into purchasing a flag drop-off box so that the school can serve as a location for community members to drop off flags that need to be retired. She wished all Beta students the best of luck this week as they are competing at the Indiana State Beta Convention in Evansville. She also wanted to wish the FTC robotics team good luck as they travel to Bedford on December 2nd for a scrimmage and workshop. She is excited to see that winter sports are in full swing with the start of basketball season. Superintendent Hovis spoke in regard to COSMOS being contacted by Cornell University, which is located in New York State, regarding how to partner with neighboring schools in regard to sharing resources, classes, etc. Cornell University heard about COSMOS and is interested in learning more about our unique partnership and would like to conduct research on the program. The three superintendents will participate in a virtual meeting on Monday with the university. Ms. Hovis closed by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday and thanking Carla Harner for always being so generous in donating anything that the school needs. Carla donated several sides to the recent COSMOSgiving meal. She often donates food for various events and is a great blessing to our community.

### **Approval of Leave of Accounting for October 2022**

A motion to approve the Leave of Accounting was made by Eva Georg, seconded by Jenell Hoffman, and passed 4-0.

### **Approval of Claims**

A motion to pay all claims throughout the month if needed prior to the board meeting was made by Eva George, seconded by Annette Taylor, and passed 4-0.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

*The next Regular Board Meeting will be December 8, 2022.*