

Shenandoah Community School District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – April 14, 2025
Administration Board Room

Call to Order:

Board President Jean Fichter called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was answered by Directors Jean Fichter, Glenn Mason, Brent Twyman, Adam Van Der Vliet, and Clint Wooten. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kerri Nelson, School Business Official William Barrett, and Board Secretary Lisa Holmes.

Mission Statement:

The SCSD Mission Statement was read by Director Twyman.

Public Hearing – FY2026 Budget:

President Fichter opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m. Public comment was received by Holly Martin. With no further comments, the hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

Welcome to Audience:

President Fichter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Open Forum:

President Fichter read the rules for speaking during the open forum. Dawn Palmer addressed the board regarding bullying.

Consent Agenda:

Approve the consent agenda to include previous minutes, the financial accounts, the payment of bills, grant requests, out-of-state travel requests and May graduates (pending all requirements are met). Personnel Requests: Contracts 2024-25: Devin Morelock, HS Asst. Baseball - \$3,984; Kerra Ratliff, HS Asst. Softball - \$3,984; Serita Swaink, Custodian - \$16.60/hr day, \$17.60/hr night. Contracts 2025-26: Austin Wilson, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach - \$5,183. Resignations: Kathleen Cooper, HS Custodian – effective 4.4.25; Robin Culbertson, .5 9th Sponsor – effective end of year; Brian Daoust, Head Girl’s Tennis – effective end of season; Zachary Dotzler, HS Language Arts and Asst. Speech Coach – effective immediately; Mariah Munsinger (McCoy), Asst. Tennis – effective end of season. Modifications (\$.30/hr differential): Elizabeth Herold, Associate to Associate with Associate’s Degree in Elementary Education; Autumn Richer, Associate to Associate with Associate’s Degree in Elementary Education. Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

Approve 3-Year Audit Proposal with Nolte, Cornman and Johnson P.C.:

Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve E-Rate Funding Proposal for 2025-26:

Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Quote for Band Uniform Purchase and Donation from SIEF to Cover Cost:

Director Van Der Vliet made a motion to approve the low bid from Stanbury Uniforms for a cost of \$28,736.98 and accept the donation from the Shenandoah Iowa Education Foundation to cover the cost, seconded by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve 3-Year Asbestos Re-Inspection Agreement with Atlas:

Motion to approve by Director Wooten, second by Director Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items/Possible Action:

FY2026 Budget:

Dr. Nelson reported that the intention is to lower the levy rate from what was published now that more information is known. Director Mason made a motion to table the item as Dr. Nelson has requested more time to study the numbers since SSA was finalized late last week. Director Wooten seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Policy Changes:

Due to changes and executive orders at the federal level and changes to state code, the following policies need modified: 102 – Equal Educational Opportunity; 102-R(1) - Equal Educational Opportunity – Grievance Procedure; 102.E1 – Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination; 102.E2 - Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination; Notice of Section 504 Student Parental Rights; 102.E4 - Discrimination Complaint Form; 102.E5 - Witness Disclosure Form; 104.E2 - Witness Disclosure

Form; 104.E3 - Disposition of Complaint Form; 401.01 - Equal Employment Opportunity; 402.02 - Child Abuse Reporting; 503.09 - Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices; 503.09-R(1) - Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices – Regulation; 506.01 - Education Records Access; 600 – Goals and Objectives of the Education Program (I & II); 603.04 - Multicultural/Gender Fair Education; 605.01-R(1) - Instructional Materials Selection (I, II) - Selection of Instructional Materials Regulation; 708: Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records; 710.01-R(1) - School Food Program – School Nutrition Program Civil Rights Complaints Procedure; 710.1E1 - School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination; 710.1E2 - Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Form; 804.02 - District Emergency Operations Plans; 804.06 - Use of Recording Devices on School Property. Motion to approve the first reading by Director Wooten, second by Director Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items:

Special Meeting/Closed Session – April 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Next Regular Meeting – May 12, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment:

Motion by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm. Motion carried unanimously.