

Shenandoah Community School District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – September 9, 2024
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 Wooten.

Welcome to Audience:

President Fichter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Open Forum:

President Fichter read the rules for speaking during the open forum. There was no public comment.

Administrative Report – Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy:

Superintendent Dr. Kerri Nelson explained the changes in Iowa code regarding student absenteeism. There is a statewide coding system that will be used to decide if an absence is considered excused or unexcused with regard to chronic absenteeism and truancy.

Consent Agenda:

Approve the consent agenda to include previous minutes, the financial accounts, the payment of bills, fundraising requests and out-of-state travel requests. Personnel Requests: Contracts: Devin Morelock, Sub Bus Driver; Sandra Schubert, PS Associate - \$15.99/hr; Jon Skillern, MS Girl's Wrestling - \$2,935. Resignations: Salena Colebank, PS Associate; Diane Davis, JK-8 Associate – effective 9.13.24; Jennifer Johnson, JK-8 Associate; Kerra Ratliff, Asst. Girl's Basketball; Olivia Swagel, Food Service. Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Mason. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

Approve 2024-2025 Annual Irrigation Contract with Lawn World:

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

Approve 2024-25 APEX Consortium Agreement:

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

Approve First Reading of Policies 501.03 Compulsory Attendance, 501.09 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, 501.09-R(1) Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, and Strike Policy 501.9 Student Absences and Related Regulations:

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

Approve Student/Parent Handbook Amendment:

There are two sections (absence and attendance) that have been affected by the new absenteeism policy that need to be amended. Motion to approve by Director Wooten, second by Director Van Der Vliet. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

At 5:26 pm, Director Van Der Vliet made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by section 21.5 (k) to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7, subsection 50. Director Mason seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Return to Open Session:

By general consensus, the board returned to open session at 6:18 pm. Director Van Der Vliet made a motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan and the 2024 Mass Notification Proposal. Director Wooten seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items:

Next Regular Meeting – October 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment:

Motion by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.