

**SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MAY 9, 2013**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mary Lou Billings, Board President at 5:10 p.m. The following Board members were present: Mary Lou Billings, President; Christy Farhar, Vice President; Lorna Troutman, Secretary; and Jim Bruner, Member. Board member, Tony Cundiff, was absent. Also present were Dr. Joan Keller, Superintendent; Candace Roush, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, Austin Malone, Elementary Principal; Andrea Qualkenbush, Corporation Secretary; Stephen Deckard, representing The Shoals News; Audra Deckard, Angie Sango, Dean Troutman, Angela Cook, Deborah Howell, Judith Montgomery, Megan Montgomery, Travis Roush, April Sutton, Dottie Hopkins, Becky Pendley, Kathy Collins, Teresa Heckard, Jennifer Guinn, Vicki Tichenor, Rhonda Sanders, Theresa Holt, Lindsey Douglas, and Teri Kerr.

The following business was conducted by the Board:

2. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the executive meeting on April 11, 2013 was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 11, 2013 was approved on a motion made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 4-0 vote was given.

3. Comments from Patrons Concerning Items on the Agenda:

There were no comments concerning items on the agenda.

4. Old Business:

A. 2013-14 Student Handbooks – Second Reading

The Board held a second reading of the 2013-14 Student Handbooks. A motion to approve the handbooks was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

B. Non-Certified Employee Hours Resolution

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the Non-Certified Employee Hours Resolution as presented. The resolution authorizes the Superintendent to reduce the number of working hours of all employees in the following positions to twenty-nine (29) hours or less per week beginning on June 2, 2013: instructional assistants, cooks, custodians, the athletic-guidance secretary, and any 9-month employee. She explained that the resolution is part of our compliance with the rules of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given. Mary Lou Billings, Board President, reminded all present that this action was made with deep regret.

C. Adoption of Reading Textbooks

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board adopt the Reading Wonders textbook series by McGraw Hill for students in grades K-6. A motion to approve the reading textbooks was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 4-0 vote was given.

5. New Business:

A. Field Trips

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board retro-actively approve a trip the SADD students took to attend the Orange Ribbon Celebration in Danville, Indiana on April 26, 2013. A motion to approve the trip was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Joel Weitkamp, Band Director, addressed the Board concerning the details of a proposed high school band trip to Orlando, Florida during Spring Break of 2014. Mr. Weitkamp explained that in an effort to reduce the personal cost to individual students, permission is requested to hold an additional fund raiser next school year with the proceeds being used toward the cost of the trip. Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the trip. A motion to approve the trip to Florida as well as the additional fund raiser was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

B. Life Insurance Carrier

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve changing administrators for the life insurance coverage provided by the corporation for employees. Insurance would remain with the MetLife Insurance Company, but the administrator of our coverage would change from ISTA Insurance Trust to Apex Benefits. A motion to approve the change was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

C. Approval of 2014 Prom Date

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve April 19, 2014 as prom date for next school year. A motion to approve the prom date was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

D. Personnel Actions

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the following personnel actions:

- Resignation of Karla Haswell from the position of 2nd Shift Custodian
- Resignation of Larry Sherfick from the position of Varsity Assistant/JV Soccer Coach
- Recommendation to approve Nicole Lengacher for temporary IREAD3 summer remediation position

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-Recommendation to approve Ashley Owen, Greg Hampton, Miranda Albright, Misty Davis, Missy Dorsey, and Teresa Allbright for summer 2013 cleaning crew working three 9 hours days each week beginning May 28, 2013

-Recommendation to approve Julie Royston, Jessica Hembree, and Melinda Armstrong as substitutes for the summer 2013 cleaning crew

-Retro-active approval of Brian Smith as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for the 2012-13 season

-Recommendation to approve Courtney Otero as Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach and Rebecca Harmon as Girls Varsity Assistant/JV Volleyball Coach for the 2013-14 season

A motion to approve the personnel actions was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller requested permission from the Board to advertise the custodial position vacated by the resignation of Karla Haswell. A motion to approve advertisement was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

E. Sealcoating Repair

Superintendent Keller explained to the Board that quotes were received from two companies, Ader Sealcoating and Line Striping as well as HP&C Hunter Paving & Construction Inc. for repair, sealcoating, and striping of asphalt drives and parking lots on the school property. She recommended the Board approve the quote from Ader Sealcoating & Line Striping at a cost of \$28,000.00. A motion to approve the quote from Ader Sealcoating was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

F. Wellness Policy

The Board held a first reading of the corporation wellness policy. A second reading will be held at the June meeting of the Board.

G. Approval to Apply for Title I & II Program Grants, High Ability Grant, and Project Lead the Way Grant for 2013-14 School Year

Superintendent Keller requested permission from the Board to apply for the Title I & II Program Grants, the High Ability Grant, and the Project Lead the Way Grant for the 2013-14 school year. A motion giving permission to apply for the grants was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

6. Items After 4:00 – Friday:

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the following field trips:

-Senior Class to Holiday World on May 23, 2013 (after last student day on May 21st)

-Senior Beta Club members to National Beta Convention in Mobile, Alabama on June 18-23, 2013

A motion to approve both trips was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve a maternity leave request from Cindy McNabb. A motion to approve the maternity leave was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board accept the resignation of Cody Douglas from the position of Varsity Soccer Coach. A motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Douglas was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller explained to the Board that quotes were received from two companies for the installation of two new air conditioning units to be installed on the roof of the practice gymnasium. Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the quote from Air-Master Heating and Air Conditioning at a cost of \$73,537.00 pending a written 10 year warranty for all parts and labor. A motion to approve was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve a facility usage request from the Peoples Family to use our cross country course to hold "Robert Peoples Run for Hope" on Saturday, September 21, 2013. She recommended all fees be waived. A motion to approve the facility usage request was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the operating agreement with North Lawrence Career Center for the 2013-14 school year. A motion to approve was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the Spanish Club to take a field trip to Los Bravos in Loogootee on May 24, 2013. A motion to approve the trip was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mr. Brian Smith tendered his resignation as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Lorna Troutman made the motion, seconded by Jim Bruner, to accept the resignation. The motion passed 3-1 with Christy Farhar voting no.

7. Reports:

Administrator Reports

Candace Roush, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, reported on several current events going on in the Jr. Sr. High School building including:

- Awards night will be Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00p.m.
- Prom and Post Prom were very successful
- NWEA, ISTEP, and ECA testing are complete
- ISTEP celebration was successful. Thank you to Lisa Bauer for her generous donation towards the celebration
- School wellness policy is complete
- Top of the Rox and Special Olympics recognition will be held on May 13th
- High School music concert will be Thursday, May 16th at 7:00p.m.

Austin Malone, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, reported on several current events going on in the Elementary building including:

- Elementary music program will be Monday, May 20th at 1:30p.m. in the high school gym
- Elementary awards program will be Tuesday, May 21st at 1:30 in the high school gym
- Thank you to SPA for providing snacks during ISTEP and an "ice cream recess"
- Second semester Citizenship Challenge is complete with many students receiving rewards in all three areas
- June teacher collaboration scheduled working on Common Core, Standards, and Curriculum Alignment
- IREAD3 remediation is underway currently with Mrs. Ader and Mrs. Johnson. Additional summer remediation scheduled with Miss Lengacher
- New daily schedule is being created for 2013-14 school year
- ISTEP testing experienced several problems, but has been completed with the exception of a few make up tests

Superintendent Keller reported on the following:

- Reminder about the ISBA regional meeting on May 20th
- Graduation will be held on May 25th at 2:00p.m.
- Received a note from Glenda Ritz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, about the interruptions experienced during ISTEP testing
- Work on the 2014 Budget will begin soon
- Recently attended safety school as required
- Hope to begin informal negotiations with Teachers' Association early in the summer
- Recent student interns with contractors at Crane Tech Park were pictured in the Crane newsletter

Superintendent Keller provided the Board with the nurse's report, counselor's report, and all financial reports for the corporation.

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve the leave accounting report as presented. A motion to approve was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

8. Approval of Claims:

Superintendent Keller recommended the Board approve all claims as presented. A motion to approve was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mary Lou Billings commended the staff and administration for how well the ISTEP difficulties were handled.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.