

**SHOALS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 9, 2014**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Lou Billings at 5:00 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 Candace Roush, Superintendent; Lucas Calhoun, Jr. Sr. High Principal; Austin Malone, Elementary Principal; Andrea Qualkenbush, Corporation Secretary; Stephen Deckard, representing The Shoals News; Audra Deckard; Jean Survance, representing The Shoals Teachers' Association; Warren Albright, Jeremy Albright, Miranda Albright, Gerald Montgomery, Earl Tedrow, Keith Emmons, Ted Emmons, Terri Alcorn, Lynette Harker, Diana Regsdale, Eva Neeley, Paul George and Trina Jones.

The following business was conducted by the Board:

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the executive meeting on September 11, 2014 was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 11, 2014 was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**3. Comments from Patrons Concerning Items on the Agenda:**

Several comments and questions were heard from current contracted bus route drivers.

**4. Old Business:**

**A. Additional Information Concerning Ratification of Teachers' Association Master Contract**

Mrs. Roush provided additional information concerning details of the recently ratified Teachers' Association Master Contract.

-Teachers were given a \$600.00 stipend as well as a \$100.00 increase on family insurance plan

-Teachers agreed not to take personal days on the day before or after a school break

-Teachers absent for 3 or more consecutive sick days will provide a doctor's note

For information only. No Board action required.

**B. Adoption of the 2015 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board adopt the 2015 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and School Bus Replacement Plan. A motion to adopt the 2015 Budget was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 4-0 vote was given. A motion to adopt the

Capital Projects Plan was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 4-0 vote was given. A motion to approve the School Bus Replacement Plan was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**5. New Business:**

**A. Personnel Actions**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the following coaches:

Mike Baker	8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Cara Wyman	Jr. High Girls Basketball Volunteer
Jeff Gee	Jr. High Girls Track Coach
Brad Peterson	Jr. High Boys Track Coach
Missy Hawkins	Girls Varsity Track Coach
Tim Howell	Boys Varsity Track Coach
Cory Roach	Boys High School Track Volunteer
Ashley Hawkins	Girls High School Track Volunteer

A motion to approve the above listed coaches was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve Aimee Rich to serve as a substitute teacher during the 2014-15 school year. A motion to approve Mrs. Rich was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**B. Field Trip Request**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board formally approve the career focus field trip taken by the 5th grade students on September 26, 2014 to Crane. A motion to approve the trip was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**C. Fund Raisers Application**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the art students to hold a fund raiser selling Christmas products from Hansen Fund Raising Services to raise money for the Art Trip to Chicago that is scheduled every other year. The fund raiser will begin November 5, 2014 and end on November 25, 2014. A motion to approve the fund raiser was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**D. Professional Leave Request**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve a professional leave request from Reuben Montgomery to attend the HECC Conference in Indianapolis November 12 – 14, 2014. A

motion to approve the professional leave was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**E. Donations**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board accept two donations as follows:

-A visual screen monitor was donated by Kathy Collins to help our students with low vision.

-A piano was donated by Leo Altmeyer to the Music Department.

The Board thanked both donors for the very generous donations.

**F. Support Staff Performance Form**

Mrs. Roush provided the Board with a copy of a form to be used in evaluating the performance ratings of Teaching Assistants employed by the corporation. She explained that the form was being reviewed for information only. No Board action required.

**G. School Wide Teaching Assistant – Job Description**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the job description for the position of School Wide Teaching Assistant. Following review by the Board, a motion to approve was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**H. Approval of School Bus Route Descriptions and Bid Specifications**

The Board reviewed the proposed school bus route descriptions and bid specifications for the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school bus route contracts. Mrs. Roush outlined the details of proposed changes to some of the bus routes for the next contract period. She noted that the route changes include reducing the total number of school bus routes to 13 rather than the current 16 routes. She stressed that every attempt has been made to keep the bus routes as evenly distributed as possible as well as trying to make sure that students will not be on the bus longer than 1 hour. Mrs. Roush thanked the current route drivers for being so helpful in providing her with information and working with her while she rode each individual bus route. Several questions were asked by current bus route drivers as well as members of the public in attendance. Following discussion, a motion to approve the school bus route descriptions for the 2015-16 through 2018-19 school years was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given. A separate motion to approve the bid specifications was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given. The Board publicly thanked Mrs. Roush for all the time and effort she put into reviewing the details of the bus routes and accurately presenting information for consideration by the Board.

**I. Beta Membership Guidelines**

Mr. Calhoun, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, reviewed the proposed changes to the Beta Membership Guidelines for the Senior Beta Division as well as new Membership Guidelines for the recently established Junior Division. Following discussion by the Board, a motion to approve the Beta Membership Guidelines as presented was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Christy Farhar, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**J. Visiting Students Proposal**

Mrs. Roush provided the Board with information about two students from Chile that are planning to visit our school between October 27th and November 7, 2014. The students will be on break from their regular school and plan to attend Shoals High School as visiting students. Mr. Calhoun detailed the visit and stated that he felt the experience would not only enhance the lives of the students visiting from Chile, but also give the students here the unique opportunity to interact with international students. For information only, no Board action required.

**K. Review of Board Policy Series 5000**

The Board tabled discussion of Board Policy Series 5000 until a future meeting to allow more time for review and discussion.

**6. Items After 4:00 – Friday:**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the Tax Neutrality Resolution for the 2015 Budget. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve a facility usage request from In His Hands Daycare to hold a fundraiser basketball game hosting The Harlem Wizards on April 16, 2015, in the main gymnasium. A motion to approve the request was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve Garrett Bateman as a High School Boys Basketball Volunteer during the 2014-15 season. A motion to approve Mr. Bateman was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the following field trip requests:

- Pre-school students to visit Lark Ranch on 10-14-2014
- Mrs. Sherfick's 5th period art students to Martin County Recycling Center on 10-17-2014
- Senior Beta Club to State Convention in Indianapolis on 11 -14 & 15- 2014

A motion to approve the field trips was made by Lorna Troutman, seconded by Jim Bruner, and a 4-0 vote was given.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the following fund raiser applications:

- Senior Beta Club to sell Tom-Wat Catalog items 10-17-2014 through 11-3-2014
- Spanish Club to sell Advent Calendars 10-20-2014 through 11-7-2014

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

## **7. Reports:**

### **Administrator Reports**

Austin Malone, Elementary Principal, and Lucas Calhoun, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, reported on the following:

- Thank you to all individuals and groups, including but not limited to: The River Church, Jean Survance, Mary Ellen Baker, Christy Henninger, for the much needed donation of clothing.
- ACUITY Testing underway in the Elementary
- AirEvac Lifeteam Helicopter planning on site visit
- Mini Play "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" scheduled for 10-29-2014 at 1:30 p.m.
- Very excited about new Jr. Beta Club
- 5th grade students had great science experience on trip to Crane recently
- Several Cross Country Runners Competed Very Well at the 14th Annual Middle School State Cross Country Championships in Carmel, Indiana
- Wellness plan will be followed for all classroom snacks and foods with the exception of specific "fun food parties"
- Fall break scheduled for the week of October 20 – 24th
- Parent teacher conferences scheduled for October 15, 2014 – No school for students
- CAMFEL Productions recently held 2 anti-bullying presentations for Jr. Sr. High Students
- Teacher evaluation process is underway
- Sophomores/Seniors recently attended college fair at West Gate @ Crane with Logan Albright winning a scholarship in the STEM field on the topic of De-mining
- Fall Sports Teams showed improvement during course of season
- Thank you to Mrs. Phillips, Pep-Club Members, and Mr. Peterson for great pep session
- Jr. Sr. High will be participating in Box Tops for Education Program
- Sheriff's Department Deputies will be planning visits during Thursday School

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- Student Drug Testing Begins this month –staff have completed necessary training
- Teacher committees continue to meet and have been successful in many ways

Mrs. Roush, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- State Superintendent Glenda Ritz will be here next Thursday, October 16th. Thank you to Steve Deckard for reaching out to her.
- The elementary received a free yearbook insert detailing the events and highlights of the 2013-14 school year as a gift for designing their own yearbook cover.
- Superintendent and school board conference next Monday evening at the Huntingburg Event Center.
- No school over fall break October 20th through the 24th.
- Annual Veterans Day Program November 11th at 1:00 pm
- Thank you to the bus drivers for their hard work and dedication to our school
- Thank you to the school principals for their daily uplifting and encouraging words to our staff and students.

Mrs. Roush provided the Board with all financial reports for the corporation.

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve the leave accounting report as presented. A motion to approve leave accounting was made by Jim Bruner, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**8. Approval of Claims:**

Mrs. Roush recommended the Board approve all claims as presented. A motion to approve the claims was made by Christy Farhar, seconded by Lorna Troutman, and a 4-0 vote was given.

**9. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be a regular session on November 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.