

SHOSHONE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 312
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday: January 12, 2021
6:30 p.m. Board Work Session
7:00 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting

Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-chair Lorie Race. Trustees: William Marsh, Oscar Rodriguez, and Sarah Thomas. The board work session began at 6:34 p.m. as a quorum was established.

Staff: Dr. Rob Waite, Principal Kelly Wilkins, S.E.A. President Mark Sant, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

Absent: Principal Kelly Chapman due overseeing/supervising a home basketball game. Excused by the Board of Trustees.

Guest: None

I. Facilities: Preview of Upcoming Legislative Session and National Education Trends: Dr. Waite presented a power point titled: Educational Issues and reviewed the following points with the Board of Trustees.

- What do students need to know?
- What is the outcome we are shooting for?
- How much learning, versus when it must be learned?
- Fairness and Justice
- How to Fund Public Education?

Dr. Waite noted most education debates fall into one of these categories and some become legislative issues or actions.

Discussions included what the District's focus is and student goals, what the District is doing to meet those goals, student data, student potential, student application, student success, funding based on enrollment versus attendance formulas, possible proposed legislation relating to school funding, school responsibility, and differences between private schools and public schools in regards to funding and education regulations.

Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order:

The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 7.02 p.m. by Chair Bozzuto. Meeting was held in the Shoshone High School Art Room (#278) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

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4 **II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bozzuto led the Board and staff in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.
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6 **III. Consideration of Public Input:**

7 *A Request to Appear* before the Board (4105F) was not presented to the board clerk at the time of
8 the meeting.
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10 **VI. Annual Meeting:**

11 A. Board Nominations:

- 12 1. Chair of the Board
 - 13 2. Vice-Chair of the Board
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15 Trustee Marsh nominated Trustee Anthony Bozzuto as Chair of the Board. Trustee Lori Race
16 seconded the nomination.
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18 Trustee Marsh nominated Lorie Race as Vice-chair of the Board. Trustee Thomas seconded the
19 nomination.
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21 Clerk Wallace asked if the nominations of Chair and Vice-chair were accepted by the nominees.
22 Both Trustee accepted their nomination.
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24 Trustee Thomas made the motion to accept the nomination of Chair and Vice-chair as presented.
25 Trustee Marsh seconded.
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27 Discussion: None
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29 Chair Bozzuto stated if there was no more discussion called for a voice vote on nominating
30 Anthony Bozzuto as Board Chair and Lorie Race as Vice-chair of the Board. Motion carried by a
31 five aye to zero nay votes.
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33 **At this time Trustee Bozzuto and Trustee Race took office of Chair and Vice-chair for the**
34 **remainder of the meeting; continuing until January 2022.**

35 B. Designate:

- 36 1. Superintendent as CEO of the District- Dr. Rob Waite
- 37 2. Treasurer- Shannon Harris
- 38 3. Clerk- Heather Wallace
- 39 4. Board Meeting Schedule-
- 40 5. Official Posting Places- School Building, District Website
41 (www.shoshonesd.org). Courtesy Postings- Shoshone Post Office
- 42 6. Official Publication- Times News
- 43 7. Appointment of all standing committees
- 44 8. Legal Representatives- Anderson, Julian & Hull, LLP
- 45 9. Official Bank- Wells Fargo
- 46 10. Auditor- Mr. Mike Burr
- 47 11. Insurance Agent: Hub International, Insurance Company: EMC
- 48 12. All District Handbooks
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1 Trustee Thomas made a motion to accept item B, subjects one through twelve as presented. Vice-
2 chair Race seconded.

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4 At the Boards pleasure, items one through twelve were designated as the same as previous year.

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6 Discussion:

- 7 • There have been minor changes in the handbooks. Handbooks and policies are updated
8 throughout the year as needed.
- 9 • Standing committees were reviewed and evaluated:
10 Chair Bozzuto: Risk Management, Negotiations, Attendance Appeals, and Handbook
11 Committee.
12 Vice-chair Race: Negotiations, Budget Committee, and Shoshone Education
13 Foundation.
14 Trustee Marsh: Budget Committee and Policy Committee.
15 Trustee Rodriguez: Budget Committee, Negotiations (alternate).
16 Trustee Thomas: Evaluation Committee, Policy Committee.
17 As Needed: Senior Project

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19 Chair Bozzuto stated if there was no discussion needed on item B one through twelve, called for a
20 vote as to all in favor of accepting say Aye. Motion carried five aye votes to zero nay votes.

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22 **V. Reports:**

- 23 A. Shoshone Education Association (S.E.A.): President Mark Sant reported the S.E.A. is
24 planning a fundraiser in March with the proceeds going towards the Idaho Children's Fund. This
25 fund helps with student expenses related to medical issues such as eye classes, dental, etc.
26 Students are referred to a committee for approval.
- 27 B. Shoshone Teachers: No report for January.
- 28 C. Student Body: No report or attendance for January.
- 29 D. Goals and School Improvement: As per Dr. Waite's request this was combined with VIII.
30 School Board Training- School Improvement: District Structure.

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32 **VI. Consent Agenda:**

- 33 A. Approval of Agenda
- 34 B. Approval of the Minutes
 - 35 1. December 08, 2020: Regular Board Meeting
- 36 C. Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports
- 37 D. Accept reports as presented

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39 Trustee Thomas made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Trustee Marsh seconded.

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41 Discussion:

42 Principal Wilkins apprised the Board of how the elementary is meeting the needs of students.
43 The elementary has implemented a program called Walk to Reads. Students walk to the reading
44 groups together. Teachers, along with the Title 1 and Special Education staff, participate in the
45 program. It was also reported that secondary teacher Micah Smith has agreed to work with
46 higher level elementary students in a program similar to a gifted and talented program.

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48 S.E.A. President, Mark Sant, announced school staff and first responders are eligible to receive
49 the COVID vaccine beginning January 13, 2021. Further discussion included vaccine rates, data,
50 and so forth. The District has requested the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Management
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1 work with staff on the when, how, where, what, etc, as the District considers this employee
2 information as private.

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4 Chair Bozzuto stated upon hearing no more Board discussion on item V. Consent Agenda called
5 for Trustees' vote. Motion carried by five aye votes to zero nay votes.

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7 **VII. Financials:**

8 A. Accounts Payables

9 B. Financials: District

10 Secondary

11 Elementary

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13 Vice-chair Race made a motion to approve the financials and accounts payables as presented.
14 Trustee Thomas seconded.

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16 Discussion: Dr. Waite reported on behalf of the business manager the following:

- 17 • The COVID grants were finalized in December and the District will be reimbursed for
18 expenses related to the grants. Fund 230 received \$153,966 and Fund 280 received
19 \$128,645.
- 20 • There is a technology grant of \$10,000 which the District will be using.
- 21 • Districts has been informed that a new CARES grant is being made available. The
22 District is expecting to receive \$344,724. There will be a webinar on Thursday, January
23 14, 2021 to learn more about the grant and allowable expenses.
- 24 • The grant reimbursements for Federal Programs (separate from COVID grants) have
25 been requested. These accounts will always show a negative balance as it's a
26 reimbursement grant.

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28 Further discussion took place on accounts payables to Jerome School District for attendance. Dr.
29 Waite explained the Jerome School District has a program to meet students with special needs
30 that the Shoshone School District can't meet.

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32 Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion on Item VI. Financials, called for a vote asking all
33 those in favor accepting as presented say Aye. All those that oppose say so. Motion carried by
34 five aye votes to zero nay votes.

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36 **VIII. School Board Training- School Improvement**

37 A. District Structure: Dr. Waite presented a power point titled Annual State of the District
38 Discussion. At this time the Clerk of the Board handed out policy: 1600 Code of Ethics for
39 School Board Members and the adopted Communication Plan for the Shoshone School Board.

40 Topics of the power point included:

- 41 • Most Important School Board Job
- 42 • Board Relationships
- 43 • Issues to Work on (Goals)
- 44 • Leadership
- 45 • Organizational Management
- 46 • Human Resource Leadership and Labor Relations
- 47 • Policy and Governance

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49 Further discussion included:

- 1 • This is the beginning annual discussion of how the Board and the District is doing
- 2 • School Board Relationships: Dr. Waite stated he believes the relationships are going
- 3 well even with the COVID pandemic which has made education harder than normal.
- 4 Chair Bozzuto agreed with the statement.
- 5 • In education, goals can also be referred to as performance indicators. The primary
- 6 goal of Dr. Waite is to keep the schools opened for education.
- 7 • Vice-chair Race added when the pieces are in place it creates a foundation so the
- 8 focus is on the students and that is where the focus should be. She added Shoshone
- 9 School District has a very good foundation and the teachers have been able to go over
- 10 and beyond what was asked when the COVID pandemic hit. Dr. Waite agreed and
- 11 stated the District's teachers deserve a lot of credit and they put students first as all
- 12 staff do. Principal Wilkins remarked on the great staff the District has. Chair
- 13 Bozzuto added the staff and administration have done a great job in education and a
- 14 great job with plans.
- 15 • Dr. Waite added that the Board of Trustees has also done a great job by setting the
- 16 structures in place so staff isn't distracted by other things and are able to put students
- 17 first.

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19 **IX. Motion for Adjournment:**

- 20 A. Next Meeting:
- 21 Board Work Session:
- 22 Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 09, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Shoshone High School Art Room (#278)
- 24 61 East Highway 24
- 25 Shoshone, Idaho 83352

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27 Vice-chair Race made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. with Trustee Thomas
28 seconding.

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30 Discussion: None

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32 Chair Bozzuto stated all those in favor say Aye. Motion carried by five aye votes to zero nay
33 votes.

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36 Heather Wallace

37 District Clerk
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40 This document serves as the official minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board Meeting. A
41 recording was made of this meeting.