

SHOSHONE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 312
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday: August 09, 2022

6:30 p.m. Board Work Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-Chair Lorie Race. Trustee Eli Gough. The board work session began at 6:46 p.m. when a quorum was present for the work session.

Staff: Dr. Rob Waite, Principals Kelly Chapman and Kelly Wilkins, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

Absent: Trustee William Marsh. Conflict in schedule; excused by the Board of Trustees.
Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. Excused by the Board of Trustees.

Guest:

I. Yearly Goals within the Strategic Plan

Dr. Waite invited the Board to participate in a group exercise called "Restorative Circle". Dr. Waite and the principals explained the purpose of this type of exercise is designed to get everyone within the circle to participate in a discussion in a respectful manner. The district uses this method of communication in meetings with staff, students and in the classroom. The topic discussed during this exercise was "A recent survey of new parents asked what they want for their child. The top response was to become a good adults and avoid trouble. What can a school district do to reach this goal?" The "circle" then discussed the topic and shared ideas.

Dr. Waite explained how this form of communication fits the "big picture" within the strategic plan by being able to include a variety of staff and sometimes students to review goals within the strategic plan and make sure the district is heading in a direction agreed upon.

In closing, additional discussion took place on the positive aspects of circle communication such as:

- District has had official training in the restorative circle practices
- There is a formality to the process
- Building a classroom
- Building relationships
- Getting to know individuals
- Getting to know students
- Sharing issues and ideas
- Getting individuals to open up/ sometimes creating a teaching moment.
- Can also be used for content, discipline strategies.

Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order:

The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Anthony Bozzuto. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#278) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

1 Present:

2 **Board Members:** Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-chair Lorie Race. Trustee Eli Gough.

3 **Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite, Principals Kelly Chapman and Kelly Wilkins, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

4 **Absent:** Trustee William Marsh. Conflict in schedule; excused by the Board of Trustees.

5 Trustee Oscar Rodriquez. Excused by the Board of Trustees.

6 **Guest:**

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8 **II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Bozzuto led the Board and staff in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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10 **III. Consideration of Public Input:**

11 A. Request to Appear before the Board (4105F) was not presented to the board clerk at the time
12 of the meeting.

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14 **IV. Reports:**

15 A. S.E.A.: No report for the month of August.

16 B. Shoshone Teachers: Dr. Waite reported the administration team is considering reviving a
17 "Fall Kick-Off" barbeque for Trustees of the Board, staff, and possibly students and parents.
18 Details will be announced at the appropriate time.

19 C. Student Body: No report for the month of August.

20 D. Goals and School Improvement: At the request of the Superintendent, this report was
21 combined in item: VIII, School Board Training- School Improvement.

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23 **ACTION ITEMS**

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25 **V. Consent Agenda:**

26 A. Approval of Agenda

27 B. Approval of the Minutes:

28 1. July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

29 C. Hires: Certified: Amanda Huddleston

30 Elise Krause

31 Cassandra Reyes

32 Tawnya Sorensen

33 Joshua Stearns

34 Victoria Stearns

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36 D. Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports

37 E. Accept as Presented

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39 Vice-chair Race made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee
40 Gough seconded.

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42 **Discussion:** Dr. Waite briefly re-capped new hires by:

43 *Amanda Huddleston-* will be teaching middle school math and science.

44 This position has been declared an area of high need in the district, hard to
45 fill position, and lack of certified applicants; therefore, the Ms. Huddleston
46 along with the district will be applying an Alternative Authorization
47 Certificate for Ms. Huddleston.

48 *Elise Krause-* will be teaching first grade. Ms. Krause is a veteran teacher
49 of two years.

50 *Cassandra Reyes-* will be teaching second grade. Mrs. Reyes taught
51 Special Education in California for several years before moving to Idaho.

1 *Tawnya Sorensen*- will continue teaching kindergarten.

2 *Joshua Stearns*- will be teaching high school math and elective classes.
3 Mr. Stearns has a master's in Math, with the goal of earning his doctorate
4 but currently does not hold a teaching certificate. This area of math has
5 been declared by the district as a high need priority with lack of
6 certificated applicants. Mr. Stearns, with the district, will be applying for
7 an Alternative Authorization Certificate.

8 *Victoria Stearns*- will be teaching eight grade English, eleventh grade
9 English and humanity courses. Mrs. Stearns has a master's in English but
10 is currently not a certified teacher. The administration has declared this
11 area of high need and hard to fill with lack of applicants. Mrs. Stearns will
12 also be applying for an Alternative Authorization Certificate.

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14 Principal Wilkins reported that both principals participated in the *Principals' Network* last year
15 and discussed "Impact" and what they want that to look like in the school. The principals will
16 start the new school year with presentations to the staff about "Impact", what it looks like, how it
17 affects students and each other. "Impact" will be the buzz word for the year.

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19 Also, the district received a four year grant titled *Cultivating Young Readers* for elementary
20 teachers K-5. This grant will provide training for teachers to be intentional in the practices of
21 teaching phonics, reading, and vocabulary. This will create consistent practices in teaching by
22 all elementary teachers. Future teacher hires will also receive the training as provided by the
23 grant.

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25 Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion on the *Consent Agenda*, asked for voice votes of all
26 those in favor vote aye, all those opposed say so. Motion carried unanimously.

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28 **VI. Financials:**

29 A. Accounts Payables

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31 Vice-chair Race made a motion to approve the accounts payables as presented. Trustee Gough
32 seconded. It is noted that the financial statements for the district, secondary and elementary are
33 not available due to the annual audit process.

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35 Discussion: Dr. Waite addressed the following questions that were asked before the meeting

36 1. TekPipeline, LLC. \$26,294.45: Expense is for the work to connect internet
37 fiber/pipe from the school building to HDHS and upgrade the district servers.
38 This expense is funded by e-rate funding. Further discussion took place on the
39 ETS internet services in comparisons to what the school district is currently using
40 and why.

41 2. Expenses for rental car damage: Hertz- \$459.24 and EMC Insurance- \$1,000
42 Deductible. Dr. Waite explained that in the spring there was a student college
43 visit and Dr. Waite flew to Phoenix and rented a car to meet up with the advisors
44 and students. Two months after the trip, the district was contacted by Hertz
45 stating there was "overall" damage to the rental car and billed the district for over
46 \$3,000 in damages. The claim was questionable, so the district did some
47 research and turned the claim over to the insurance company for further
48 investigation. The charges mentioned is the final resolution for said matter.

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50 Chair Bozzuto called for a vote on *VI. Financials*, all those in favor said aye. All those that
51 oppose say so. Motion carried unanimously.

1 **VII. Board Business:**

2 A. 2022-2023 Bus Routes and future changes as needed

3 B. 2022-2023 Safety Busing Routes and future changes as needed.

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5 Vice-chair Race made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Bus Routes and Safety Busing as
6 presented. Trustee Gough seconded.

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8 Discussion: Dr. Waite stated that at this time, there are no changes to the bus routes or safety
9 routes from the previous year. Seeking annual approval is a requirement of the State Department
10 of Education.

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12 Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion called for a voice on item 2022-2023 Bus Routes
13 and Safety Busing Routes as presented by all those in favor say aye. All those that oppose say so.
14 Motion carried unanimously.

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

17 A. Handbook Review

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19 Dr. Waite discussed how handbooks are related to district policies and procedures. It is more
20 efficient to have a handbook for students and parents that address student policies and procedures
21 then have to research a large, sometimes complicated, district policy manual. The following
22 changes have been added to the following handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year:

- 23 Student Handbook: 1. Rules concerning service animals in the building
24 and/or during education for disabilities. The
25 administration researched regulations and laws within
26 State of Idaho and the Americans with Disabilities
27 Act. The handbook clarifies policy and procedure,
28 including emotional support animals, animal
29 certification, allowable animals, relating to a
30 disability, and the application process for a request of
31 a service animal in the schools.
32 2. Self-Directed Learning/ Mastery Learning. The handbook
33 follows Idaho Code on procedure to follow, what is allowed,
34 how to obtain credit.
35 3. Curriculum Concerns: The handbook explains
36 the procedure on questioning or challenging curriculum, chain of
37 command, etc.
38 4. Search and Seizure Policy: The handbook clarifies that if a
39 student is to be physically searched, parents will be contacted
40 beforehand. In past and current practices, the district contacts
41 law enforcement if it necessary for such actions.

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43 Staff Handbook: 1. Policy regarding visible body piercings on staff members was
44 clarified and updated.
45 2. Use of the sick leave policy was clarified to include for family
46 illness or appointments.


1 **IX. Motion for Adjournment:**

2 A. Next Meeting:
3 Tuesday: September 13, 2022
4 Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.
5 Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
6 Shoshone High School Art Room (#278)
7 61 East Highway 24
8 Shoshone, Idaho 83352
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10 Vice-chair Race made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with Trustee Gough
11 seconding.

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13 Discussion: None

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15 Chair Bozzuto stated all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimous.

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18 Heather Wallace

19 District Clerk

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22 This document serves as the official minutes of the August 09, 2022 Board Meeting. An audio
23 recording is available of this meeting.