

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

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:30 p.m.	<u>2023-2024 Budget Hearing</u>
6:40 p.m.	<u>Fee Increase Hearing</u>
6:45 p.m.	<u>Board Work Session</u>
7:00 p.m.	<u>Regular Monthly Board Meeting</u>

**Budget Hearing: 6:30 p.m.**

Present:

**Board Members:** Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-Chair Lorie Race. Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. It was noted a quorum was present for the budget hearing.

**Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite, Principal Kelly Wilkins. Shoshone Education Association (SEA) Representative Denice Christiansen and Clerk Heather Wallace.

**Absent:** Trustees Eli Gough, William Marsh and Principal Kelly Chapman due to prior commitments.

**Guest:** Michael Arrington- Starr Corporation, Bill Hamlin- Design West Architects, and Nick Miller- Bond Counsel- Hawley, Troxell Attorneys.

**I. Presentation of the 2023-2024 Budget:**

NOTICE WAS HEREBY GIVEN, the Board of Trustees of Shoshone Joint School District NO. 312, Lincoln and Jerome Counties, will hold a public hearing on the Maintenance and Operation Budget, including Special funds for the 2023-2024 school year. This public hearing was called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code. Notice was published in The Courier on May 31, 2023. Also posted on May 22, 2023, more than ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

Chair Bozzuto opened the budget hearing at 6:37 p.m. and invited the floor to participate in public comment and discussion.

No questions or comments were brought before the Board or administration; therefore, Chair Bozzuto stated the budget hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

**Fee Increase Hearing: 6:40 p.m.**

Present:

**Board Members:** Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-Chair Lorie Race. Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. It was noted a quorum was present for the fee increase hearing.

**Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite, Principal Kelly Wilkins. Shoshone Education Association (SEA) Representative Denice Christiansen and Clerk Heather Wallace.

**Absent:** Trustees Eli Gough, William Marsh, and Principal Kelly Chapman due to prior commitments.

**Guest:** Michael Arrington- Starr Corporation, and Bill Hamlin- Design West Architects, and Nick Miller- Bond Counsel- Hawley, Troxell Attorneys.

**I. Presentation of the Fee Increase:**

NOTICE WAS HEREBY GIVEN, the Board of Trustees of Shoshone Joint School District NO. 312, Lincoln and Jerome Counties, will hold a public hearing on the fee increase for Adult Breakfast and Lunch fees beginning August 1, 2023. This public hearing was called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code. Notice was published in the *Courier* on May 31, 2023 and June 7, 2023, twice as required by Idaho Code.63-1311A. Posted on May 22, 2023, more than ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

Chair Bozzuto opened the fee increase hearing at 6:40 p.m. and invited the floor to participate in public comment and discussion.

1. Dr. Waite clarified the increase only affects the fee of adult breakfast and adult lunches. It was also mentioned the District has filed an application with the state's child nutrition program for free lunch and breakfast for all students. The District is very close to meeting the criteria for the fee meals program. Further discussion took place on the process for individuals qualifying for free or reduced meals.

No further questions or comments were brought before the Board or administration; therefore, Chair Bozzuto stated the Fee Increase Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

**Board Work Session 6:45 p.m.**

Present:

**Board Members:** Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-Chair Lorie Race. Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. The work session began at 6:43 p.m. and it was noted a quorum was present for the work session.

**Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite, Principals Kelly Chapman and Kelly Wilkins. Shoshone Education Association (SEA) Representative Denice Christiansen and Clerk Heather Wallace.

**Absent:** Trustees Eli Gough and William Marsh due to prior commitments.

**Guest:** Michael Arrington, Starr Corporation and Bill Hamlin, Design West Architects, and Nick Miller- Bond Counsel- Hawley, Troxell Attorneys.

**I. Starr Corp. – Presentation by Michael Arrington**

At this time, Dr. Waite introduced Michael Arrington-Starr Corporation, Bill Hamlin- Design West Architects, and Nick Miller- Bond Counsel- Hawley, Troxell Attorneys whom were invited to discuss bonds and construction. The following information was reviewed with the Board of Trustees:

Mr. Nick Miller:

- Bond process for the sale of a bond
- Types of bond sales
- Bond interest
- State programs and incentives to pay for most of the bond interest
- Increase in property values, market values and the affect they could have on the levy rate to tax payers.
- Property Tax Relief: procedures and steps on how the property tax relief is passed on to tax payers per Idaho Code.
- Difference between presenting factual information and advocacy for a bond.
- Regulations for trustees and school employees regarding advocacy.
- Using district funds and facilities for factual information but not for advocacy.
- Foundations, such as the Shoshone Education Foundation and Shoshone Education Association can spend up to 20% on advocacy but must follow the Sunshine laws and paperwork.

- Effective July 1, 2023 all mass media mailings must include the ballot language within the document.

Mr. Michael Arrington and Mr. Bill Hamblin:

- The construction of the existing school building is known as pre-engineered construction.
- The new construction of pre-engineered materials would not cause a structural issue and would look similar to the existing building.
- The Board of Trustees received an updated construction cost worksheet which is basing the multi-purpose building being a pre-engineered building. Discussion included the cost of using masonry, which is rapidly increasing in cost, vs using the pre-engineered construction
- Discussion included the amount reserved for contingency. Due to the volatile construction market, both Mr. Arrington and Mr. Hamblin suggested the Board consider raising the contingency amount by 10%.
- Discussion on the cost of maintaining a pre-engineered building.

The Board of Trustees and Dr. Waite thanked the guests for attending and presenting the information.

#### **Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

##### **I. Call to Order:**

The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chair Anthony Bozzuto. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#278) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

##### **Present:**

**Board Members:** Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-Chair Lorie Race. Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. It was noted a quorum was present.

**Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite, Principals Kelly Chapman and Kelly Wilkins, Shoshone Education Association (S.E.A.) Representative Denice Christiansen, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

**Absent:** Trustees Eli Gough and William Marsh due to prior commitments

**Guest:** None

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

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

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

##### **IV. Reports:**

A. S.E.A.: No report for the month of June.

B. Shoshone Teachers:

- The elementary teachers had additional Dyslexia training the week of June 12, 2023.
- Lunch is the Park has been extremely successful.

The administration reported on the following:

Principal Chapman reported the secondary school held attendance appeals with 15 appointments which took two hours to complete.

C. Student Body: No report for the month of June.

D. Goals and School Improvement. Combined with the board work session with Mr. Nick Miller presenting discussion items related to bond education.

ACTION ITEMS

**V. Consent Agenda:**

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of the Minutes:

1. May 09, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

C Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports

D. Accept as Presented

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

Discussion: None

Chair Bozzuto stated with no questions on item V. Consent Agenda, called for a vote of all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Financials:**

A. Accounts Payables

B. Financial Statements-	District-	May 2023
	Secondary Financial Statements-	May 2023
	Elementary Financial Statements-	May 2023

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables and Financial Statements as presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Waite presented a report from the business manager:

- The month of June concludes the making of budgeted transfers, grant reimbursements and receiving final payments from the State Department of Education.
- Account Fund 100-622-550 Library Capital Objects has a balance of \$6567.50 from proceeds from the Read A Thon program. This fund is designated for a reader board to replace the one by the "old gym", across from the Snack Bar. To date the total funds raised for the reader board is \$11,292.50. The District has received a quote for a 3 x 6 reader board in the amount of \$20,000. The District is now researching the cost of a 4 x 8 board.
- The District's financial audit is set for July 26 and 27, 2023

Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion on item VI. Financials, called for a vote by all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Board Business:**

A. Approval of the proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

Discussion:

- Dr. Waite stated the proposed budget has been discussed during several board meetings and has kept the Board up to date on facts and figures.
- Update on the support unit calculations.

- Support unit protection at 95% of ADA not of enrollment.
- The budget has been set with 32 support units, which may be a little more than what the State Department of Education's formula will show. If there is a difference, the District may need to spend some out of the District's carryover funds, but it will be a small amount.

In closing, Dr. Waite asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed budget. None were received.

Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion on item VII A. Board Business- Approval of 2023-2024 Budget, called for a vote by all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of the Fee Increase for Adult Meals.

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to approve the Fee Increase for adult meals as presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

Discussion: None

Chair Bozzuto stated with no more Discussion on item VII. Board Business Fee Increase, called for a vote by all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously

C. Resolution Calling a Special Election in August to be held for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Joint School District NO. 312, Lincoln and Jerome Counties, State of Idaho, a proposition relating to the issuance of up to \$8,200,000 (\$8.2 million dollars) negotiable bonds of Joint School District NO. 312, Lincoln and Jerome Counties, State of Idaho, and in providing for the issuance of such bonds, the levy of a tax to pay such bonds.

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to Bond for \$8,200,000 (\$8.2 million) and duly seconded by Trustee Rodriguez.

Discussion: None

Chair Bozzuto stated with no more questions on item VII. Board Business, Item C to Bond for \$8.2 Million, put the motion to vote by all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously

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

A. Topic of discussion was presented by Nick Miller in the board work session, addressing the laws and regulations of advocacy on bond campaigning and how to present factual information.

### **IX. Motion for Adjournment:**

- A. Next Meeting:
- Tuesday: July 11, 2023
- Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
- Shoshone High School Art Room (#278)
- 61 East Highway 24
- Shoshone, Idaho 83352

1 Vice-Chair Race made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with Trustee Rodriquez  
2 seconding.

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4 Discussion: None

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6 Chair Bozzuto stated all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimous and meeting officially  
7 closed.

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10 Heather Wallace

11 District Clerk

12 June 13, 2023

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14 This document serves as the official minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. An  
15 audio recording is not available of this meeting due to technical difficulty.