

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:30 p.m. Board Work Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Vice-Chair Lorie Race (whom conducted the meeting in place of Chair Bozzuto) and Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. The board work session began at 6:34 p.m. It was noted a quorum was not 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: Zone 1 remains vacant

Zone 2 remains vacant

Guest: Brandi Alexander, Margarita Juarez, Jose Regalado, Mary Ellen Russell, Nick Wallace,

I. Interviews for Trustee Zone 1: Margarita Juarez and Nick Wallace.

Two community members have shown interest in the trustee vacancy left in Zone 1. In due diligence, the board met and interviewed the two candidates in the open work session. A copy of the interview questions has been filed with the board meeting minutes. It is noted that Jose Regalado was asked to participate in the panel asking questions.

In closing, Vice-chair Race asked the candidates if they would like to share or ask questions of the Board. All parties thanked each other their time, including the Board thanking the candidates for their interest in becoming a board trustee.

Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order:

The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m. by Vice-chair Lorie Race. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#409) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

Present:

Board Members: Chair Anthony Bozzuto (by phone), Vice-Chair Lorie Race (whom conducted the meeting in the place of Chair Bozzuto), and 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: Zone 1 remains vacant.

Zone 2 remains vacant.

Guest: Brandi Alexander, Margarita Juarez, Kelsi Martinez – Lincoln County Law Enforcement Officer, Jose Regalado, Mary Ellen Russell, and Nick Wallace

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice- chair Race led the Board and staff in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

III. Consideration of Public Input:

A. Request to Appear before the Board (4105F): The clerk received one request from Mrs. Mary Ellen Russell. Vice-chair Race read out loud to the audience the District's public input policy before the following patron was given the floor to present.

Mary Ellen Russell- Representing herself, read to the Board of Trustees a statement sharing her concerns regarding the school district.

In closing, Vice-chair Race thanked the Mrs. Russel for input during the public comment.

ACTION ITEM

IV. Board Business:

A. Trustee Zone 2: Appointment of Jose Regalado (November 2023-December 31, 2023-concluding current term) and January 2024- December 31, 2027).

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to approve the appointment of Jose Regalado as Trustee in Zone 2 as presented. Chair Bozzuto seconded.

Discussion: None

Vice-chair Race stated with no more discussion called for a vote by all those in favor say aye. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Trustee Zone 1: Appointment of ___ as Trustee in Zone 1 as presented.

Vice-chair Race made a motion to appoint both, Margarita Juarez and Nick Wallace as Trustee in Zone 1 as presented. Chair Bozzuto seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Waite explained this was new territory to the Board of Trustees to choose between two candidates for Trustee. Vice-chair Race added that the decision was very difficult as both candidates interviewed very well for the position. Upon a lengthy discussion, Chair Race asked for all those in favor of appointment Margarita Juarez to say Aye. Motion carried by a three to one vote.

At this time the Board Clerk swore in the new Trustees as approved by the current Board.

At this time, Chair Bozzuto asked to be dismissed from the meeting due to illness.

V. Reports:

A. S.E.A.: Mrs. Christiansen reported teacher are putting more focus on the Cultivating Young Readers program and seeing great gains in reading scores.

B. Shoshone Teachers: Mrs. Christiansen reported on the following:

- October's Parent / Teacher conferences had a great turnout. Fourth and Fifth grades had student led conferences where students made presentations to the parents.

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

D. Goals and School Improvement: Dr. Waite combined this report with item VIII. School Board Training- School Improvement.

ACTION ITEMS

V. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of the Minutes:

1. October 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

C Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports

D. Accept as Presented

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Regalado seconded. The following reports were made:

Dr. Waite reviewed that the District follows *Robert's Rules of Order* to conduct board meetings.

Principal Chapman reported on several items:

- Student advisory times and subjects.
- Student Council
- *Next Step Curriculum* with teacher, Mrs. Larson.
- Parent Teacher Conferences saw 63% of middle school parents' participation, 56% for high school, and 36% for HDHS.
- The Healthy Hallway project was a success.

Principal Wilkins reported on the following:

- Cultivating Young Readers updates.
- Recent and current grants received by the District
 - ❖ Cultivating Young Readers- four-year grant
 - ❖ Healthy Minds Grant- provides for clinical counselor within the District.
 - ❖ United Way Grant of \$20,000. Used for social and emotional learning and parenting classes.
 - ❖ Safety School Grant- will provide for updated cameras within the schools
 - ❖ Mental Health Grant- used for providing the Health Hallway during parent teachers' conferences.
 - ❖ Principal Wilkins is researching a Community School Grant
- Parent / Teacher Conferences had a 92% parent participation in October.
- Teacher / Student activities for the fall have included:
 - ❖ Students attended a BSU volleyball and basketball game.
 - ❖ Students attended a CSI volleyball and basketball game.
 - ❖ Student enrichment to the State Capitol
 - ❖ Middle School held a fall dance
 - ❖ Students attended a professional soccer game in Salt Lake City.
 - ❖ Rocket and Robotics Camps
 - ❖ Jr. High Volleyball Parent Night.
 - ❖ CSI College Tour
 - ❖ Wahooz
 - ❖ Friday Study Halls
 - ❖ Friday's Foundations for Elementary
 - ❖ Macho Man Volleyball / Powder Puff Football.
 - ❖ Drama and Cheer Competitions
 - ❖ Bowling Night
 - ❖ Pumpkin Patch
 - ❖ Golfing and Hiking
 - ❖ Creators of the Moon
 - ❖ Manners Tea
 - ❖ Rock and Build A Thons

- ❖ On December 7th there will be *A Night of Remembrance* which is family night to honor a lost one. (www.becausekidsgrieve.org)

Vice-chair Race hearing no more discussion called for a vote to accept the *Consent Agenda* as presented. All those in favor please say aye. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Financials:

A. Accounts Payable

B. Financial Statements:	District	October 2023
	Secondary	October 2023
	Elementary	October 2023

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables and Financial Statements as presented. Trustee Regalado seconded.

Discussion:

Dr. Waite gave the following report from the District's Business Manager.

- This is an important time of year for ISEE reporting; making sure certified staff are placed correctly on the career ladder and matching with the budget.
- The District's support units for determining funding from SDE is at 32.7, the budget was set at 32 support units.
- The District falls within the "protection status" for student average daily attendance, which is a positive for the District.
- Current student enrollment is 512 and the attendance reports are showing good and accurate data.
- The budget is in line for this time of year.

Vice-chair Race asked for clarification on the cost of the purchase of a second van for student activity transportation and for clarification on REAP revenues.

Vice-chair Race stated with no more discussion called for a vote to approve *Accounts Payables and Financial Statements* as presented, by all those in favor say aye. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. School Board Training- School Improvement

A. Basic School Board 101

Dr. Waite presented a power point titled *School Board 101*, in which a copy has been filled with the meeting minutes. Information used is cited by the National School Board Association. The following topics were reviewed:

- Responsibilities of the school board.
- Budget
- Policy
- Superintendent responsibilities
- Succession planning

IX. Motion for Adjournment:

A. Next Meeting:

Tuesday: December 12, 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

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. with Trustee Regalado seconding.

Discussion: None

Vice-chair Race stated all those in favor say aye, all opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimous and meeting was declared as officially closed.

Heather Wallace
District Clerk
November 14, 2023

This document serves as the official minutes of the November 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.
An audio recording is available of this meeting.