

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

Tuesday, October 10, 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: Chair Anthony Bozzuto and Vice-Chair Lorie Race. Trustee Oscar Rodriguez. The board work session began at 6:32 p.m. 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: Trustee William Marsh

Zone 2 remains vacant

Guest: Karla Davis, Sky Hunt, Margarita Juarez, Shawn Klucken, Hailey Leguineche, Paul Leguineche, Bryan Russell, Mary Ellen Russell, Shelli Schroeder, Micah Smith, Nick Wallace, Rhonda Williams.

I. Facilities Options Report: Dr. Waite opened the board work session with reviewing the District's Communication Plan document in relationship to public feedback on the bond election. Discussion items included:

- Updated Costs Estimates
- Types of Levies and requirements:
 - Maintenance and Operations
 - Emergency Levies
 - Plant Facilities Levies

Board and audience input included:

- Election date seemed to negatively affect the election.
- Some thought the ballot language was confusing when mentioning Lincoln and Jerome Counties.
- Confusion on voting precinct areas, especially for north Shoshone area.
- Confusion on information voters needed to bring to precincts to register to vote.
- Keep gathering information for a future bond election.
- The next election date available to district is May 2024. The March election dates have been removed.
- New legislation, referred to as The School District Facilities Fund, would have provided \$194,440 in revenue towards bond payments. This revenue will now be applied to the supplemental levy.
- The Supplemental levy will expire June 30, 2024 and the District will need to decide what election date to use (May, August, or November) if renewing the levy.
- Options available to the District:
 - Continue with future bond elections.
 - Use District's funds to complete as many construction projects as possible.
 - Use District funds for construction projects such as a small scale gym type building that will service as a P.E. / recess area.

Further discussion included:

- Equalization funds for bond levies.
- Advertising locally, including English and Spanish languages.
- Potential income a new gym would produce for the community by bring in tournaments, etc.
- Availability of grants to school districts for constructions, equipment, extracurricular activities, etc.

Regular Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order:

The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 Dencie Christiansen, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

Absent: Trustee William Marsh
Zone 2 remains vacant.

Guest: Karla Davis, Sky Hunt, Margarita Juarez, Shawn Klucken, Mary Ellen Russell, Nick Wallace, Rhonda Williams. The following left after public comment: Hailey Leguineche, Paul Leguineche, Bryan Russell, Sheli Schroeder, Micah Smith.

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): The clerk received four request at this time. Chair Bozzuto read out loud to the audience the District's public input policy before the following patrons were given the floor to present.

Karla Davis- Representing Lincoln Youth Center: Presented information regarding what services the center provides and a goal of working with the school districts and improving communication.

Paul Leguineche: Showing support for the district's coaches, with emphasis on the district's football program and support of Coach Perry.

Shelli Schroder: Representing the school counselor's office: Reporting on the great things happening within the school and to celebrate the recent activities of students within the district and how changes in school culture are creating a more positive environment. Also to voice support of the District's coaching staff and athletic program.

Micah Smith: Representing the district's secondary staff: Thanked the school board for their support of the administration, staff, coaches, students, and creating a great environment to work in. Mr. Smith also gave an update on science classes, student opportunities, and student activities.

In closing, Chair Bozzuto thanked the audience for attending the public comment. It was greatly appreciated by the Board of Trustees. Chair Bozzuto also invited the audience to remain for the rest of the meeting if they so desired.

IV. Reports:

A. S.E.A.: No report for October 2023.

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

- Eighth grade science class is learning about adaption to environment by studying and making moths, including camouflage capabilities.
- Second grade is learning about integrity and becoming leaders.
- Mrs. Reyes' class has been picking up trash around the school; setting an example of doing the right thing.
- Mrs. Knight's third class is already seeing growth in leadership and academically. They also have established a *Compliment Crew* and are working on a project for the community.

C. Student Body: No report for the month of October 2023.

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. August 08, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes / Audit Presentation

C. New Hires: Classified: Kay Griffith: Para Professional

Miriam Perez; Para Professional

Jailene Regaldo-Morales: Para Professional

D Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports

E. Accept as Presented

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

Dr. Waite stated that if the Trustees are signed into the Google Classroom feature, that will be the means of Board / Superintendent Communication. Dr. Waite also reported he will be attending the National Four-Day Week School Conference in Corvallis, Oregon. Several years ago a research team from the organization studied the Shoshone School District and interviewed staff, parents, etc. about the effects of the four-day school week.

Principal Wilkins reported on the two new hires for elementary and their positions. Principal Wilkins also reported this is the second year of the grant for Cultivating Young Readers. The second year is called the implementation year where teachers will be videoing themselves giving instruction, then working with district coaches on positive feedback by using a rubric system.

The District has three staff members plus Principal Wilkins trained as coaches. The coaches are also being videotaped while as they are providing coaching instruction, then the state communicates with the coaches on how well they are providing information to the teachers. The grant has two more years and has been a positive addition.

Principal Chapman reported on the new hire for the secondary grades and what the employee's position and responsibilities will be. Principal Chapman also reported paraprofessionals will be receiving professional development regarding restorative practices within the restorative classrooms. In addition, Mrs. Chapman reported the school received a \$3,000 grant to host a mental health event. The event will take place during parent teacher conferences and will include Shoshone Joint School District NO. 312 Regular Monthly Board Meeting: October 10, 2023

information, education and games from local agencies. Some scholarship money may also be available to students who take a leadership role in helping coordinate the event.

Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion on Consent Agenda called for a vote of all those in favor please say aye. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Financials:

A. Accounts Payable

B. 2022-2023 Financial Audit

C. Financial Statements:	District	July-September
	Secondary	July / August-September
	Elementary	July / August- September

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables, the 2022-2023 Financial Audit, and the Financial Statements as presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

Discussion:

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

- This is the first financial statement for the new fiscal year. All audit adjusting entries have been made, the new salaries and contracts are reflected in the statement.
- Revenues and expenditures are showing a difference of \$125,000 than the adopted budgeted. This is because the financial statement does not show the \$125,000 the District designated as a carryover balance.
- The Consolidated Federal / State Grant, and Special Education Applications are in progress; therefore, grant funding is not available as of yet; but the applications should be accepted soon; making funds available. Until the funds are available, these areas will show a negative balance.
- The new revenue code for Facilities Property Tax Relief has been established. The amount received for this fiscal year is \$194,440.61

Dr. Waite also reported the District recently purchased (1) a portable building that will be put to use, and (2) stairs to complete the announcer's booth at football field. These items were purchased at a reasonable cost through Magic Valley Auction.

Reference to expense of \$5,396.47 for water mitigation services is the result of repairs due to a classroom's flooding issue.

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

VII. Board Business

A. Trustee Resignation- William Marsh, Zone 1

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to accept the resignation of William Marsh as Trustee representing Zone 1 as presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

Discussion: Dr. Waite publically thanked Mr. Marsh for his public service.

Chair Bozzuto called for a vote to accept the resignation of William Marsh- Zone 1 as those in favor state Aye, those oppose say so. Motion carried unanimously

1 B. Declare Trustee Zone 1 Vacant

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3 Vice-Chair Race made a motion to declare Trustee Zone 1 Vacant as presented. Trustee
4 Rodriguez seconded.

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6 Discussion: Dr. Waite reported that the district will follow due process. Nick Wallace has shown
7 strong interest in the position and is in the audience to observe board meeting proceedings.

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9 Chair Bozzuto called for a vote on item B. Trustee Zone Vacant, all those in favor please say aye.
10 All opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimously.

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12 C. Permission Given to Clerk: Declaration of Candidate Elected as Trustee in Zone 3 and
13 4.

14 Vice Chair Race made a motion to give permission to the Clerk of the Board to declare Anthony
15 Bozzuto as elected as Trustee to Zone 3 and Oscar Rodriguez as elected as trustee to Zone 4 as
16 presented. Trustee Rodriguez seconded.

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18 Discussion:

19 Dr. Waite explained there will not be a Trustee Election in November due to receiving one
20 candidate per zone. Dr. Waite thanked the Board for their service. It was noted that Chair
21 Bozzuto has been a Trustee since 2007 (16 years), Vice-Chair since 2009 (14 years), and Trustee
22 Rodriguez since 2019 (4 years).

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24 Chair Bozzuto stated with no more discussion called for a vote on item C. To Give Permission to
25 the Clerk. All those in favor say aye. All opposed, same sign. Motion carried unanimously.

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27 D. Implementing New Laws- Board Discussion.

28 Dr. Waite stated that the District's Policy Manual and Handbooks clearly state the District will
29 follow state laws. This helps keep a clear, concise understanding. The following new laws were
30 reviewed in detail with the Board of Trustees:

- 31 • Parents Bill of Rights: Informing the parents of changes their student is exhibiting.
- 32 • Surveys: Surveys given to students that may potentially ask invasive / personal questions
- 33 must include a parent's permission slip.
- 34 • Parents have the right to "opt out" their student of certain discussions.
- 35 • Suicide Behaviors: School Districts have the obligation to notify parents if their student is
- 36 exhibiting suicide behaviors.
- 37 • The above mentioned changes to law has always been a practice within the District either
- 38 by policy or handbook.
- 39 • Idaho Schools and new student open enrollment laws.

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

42 A. Strategic Plan Goals: Dr. Waite presented a review of the District's Strategic plan and the
43 goals listed. Items of discussion included:

- 44 • State testing, testing levels, and goals.
- 45 • Growth Targets. Which are more individualized than required by the State of Idaho.
- 46 • Goals for students at Advanced, Proficient, Basic, and Below Basic Levels.
- 47 • Goals for High School Completers and the definition of a completers.
- 48 • College Readiness and College Credit Courses during students' high school career.
- 49 • Student Involvement.

- Maintaining classroom hours. The Shoshone School District has more classroom instructional hours than required by the State of Idaho, which increases student education / learning time.
- Job Embedded Professional Development.
- Identifying students that have a need or is struggling. Creating a plan and providing help.
- Graduation rate.

Dr. Waite stated testing form last school year is not available as of yet, but assured the Board of Trustees the District's Strategic Plan is a "living document" and is a usable document, not just a requirement.

IX. Motion for Adjournment:

A. Next Meeting:
Tuesday: November 14, 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

Vice-Chair Race made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with Trustee Rodriguez seconding.

Discussion: None

Chair Bozzuto 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
October 10, 2023

This document serves as the official minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. An audio recording is available of this meeting.