

SHOSHONE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 312

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

6:30 p.m. Board Work Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting / Annual Meeting

Shoshone School Building, Art Room #309

61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho

Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Board Members: Chair Oscar Rodriguez, Vice-chair Margarita Juarez. Trustees Lorie Race, Jose Regalado and Nick Wallace. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#309) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

Staff: Dr. Rob Waite- Superintendent, Principals Kelly Chapman and Kelly Wilkins, Maintenance Supervisor John Larson, Shoshone Education Association (SEA) Representative Kate Jones and Clerk Heather Wallace.

Absent: None

Guest: Travis Burrows and Brandon Weholt from Design West Architects.

The board work session began at 6:32 p.m. It was noted a quorum was present for the work session.

I. Facilities- Design West Presentation

Dr. Rob Waite introduced Mr. Burrows and Mr. Welhot from Design West Architects, who were present to answer questions regarding facilities and potential future construction projects. To begin the presentation, Dr. Waite displayed the original schematic drawings recommended by the Facilities Committee in 2017. At that time, the proposed \$6 million bond levy included a new vocational building, multipurpose building, new school entrances, and alternative school classrooms. Of the \$6 Million, it was estimated the multipurpose building would cost 1.8 to 2.1 million, safety entrances/ convenience would be 1.1 to 1.6 million (May 2017 Board Meeting).

Recently the administration team has explored the possibility of constructing a multipurpose building at the end of the gym / weight room. This approach could help reduce construction costs by sharing an existing wall, bathrooms, locker rooms, and eliminate the need for additional parking.

Additionally, discussions also took place on construction improvements to entrance areas and; or, building new entrance areas.

Dr. Waite introduced the option of using the \$2 million Modernization Funds to first construct the multipurpose building. Then, the District could consider funding the entrance ways and remodel the "old gym" by bonding for approximately \$2.5 million.

41 Items of discussions between guests and the Board of Trustees:

42 **Old Gym**

- 43 1. Current condition of the “old gym”.
- 44 2. Current condition of the HDHS classrooms.
- 45 3. A remodel would require the “old gym” building to be brought up to ADA
- 46 Compliance.
- 47 4. Electrical upgrades have been done in the “old gym”, which would help eliminate
- 48 some remodeling costs.
- 49 5. Remove part of the building that is considered condemned.

50 **Cost Estimates and Times Lines- Multipurpose Building**

- 51 1. To build a multipurpose building the estimated cost would be \$400 to \$425 per
- 52 square foot.
- 53 2. Size of a multipurpose building could be 5,400 square feet, or reduced to an
- 54 auxiliary gym size at approximately 3,000 square feet which would include 3 feet
- 55 space around the gym floor for chairs; most likely not bleachers.
- 56 3. By using the Modernization Fund, construction could begin as early as Summer
- 57 2025 and take approximately one year to complete.
- 58 4. Options are available to use a “Pre-Fabricated” building, but would need to be at
- 59 least 10 feet separation from the original building. Cost estimates would be
- 60 comparable to traditional construction. Design West Architects provided
- 61 photographic examples of said gym construction.
- 62 5. The cost per square foot is based on installing a wood gym floor; alternative
- 63 materials may affect the total costs.
- 64 6. If the multipurpose building is attached to the current building, the project will
- 65 require an update to the fire alarm system / sprinkler system. A standalone
- 66 building over 9500 square foot, would need its own sprinkler system.
- 67 7. Remodel of the “old gym” is approximately \$250 per square foot for heavy
- 68 remodeling, basic, small renovations approximately \$50 per square foot.

69 **Process for Construction**

- 70 1. There are three options to begin the construction process:
- 71 a. “Design Build”: The architects work directly for the contractor.
- 72 b. “Hard Bids”- the District manages the project, bidding requirements, etc.
- 73 c. Hire an CM/GC (Construction Manager / General Contractor). Highly
- 74 recommended and current district practice. Usually this type of hiring
- 75 agreement is good for five years.
- 76 2. Winter to early spring is the best time of year to start bidding construction projects
- 77 due to availability of construction companies; not necessarily for financial reasons.

78 **Bond Levy**

- 79 1. The District has the option to bond for the entrances and remodel of the “old gym”.
- 80 2. The importance of providing education to the public when holding a bond levy
- 81 election.

82 In closing, at the directive of the Board of Trustees is to have Design West Architects
83 continue to evaluate the property with options to be presented at the next meeting.

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

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85 **I. Call to Order:**

86 The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Chair Oscar
87 Rodriguez. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#309) located at 61 East
88 Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

89 Present:

90 **Board Members:** Chair Oscar Rodriguez, Vice-chair Margarita Juarez, Trustees Lorie Race,
91 Jose Regalado and Nick Wallace. It was noted a quorum was present.

92 **Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite-Superintendent, Principals Kelly Chapman and Kelly Wilkins. Shoshone
93 Education Association (S.E.A.) Representative Kate Jones. Clerk Heather Wallace.

94 **Absent:** None.

95 **Guest:** Paul Leguineche (public comment section)

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

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

98 A. Request to Appear before the Board (4105F): The clerk received one requested submitted
99 by Mr. Paul Leguineche to address the Board of Trustees regarding the December threat
100 incident. Mr. Leguineche presented his concerns to the Board of Trustees.

101 Dr. Waite asked Mr. Leguineche to make an appointment with him to discuss his concerns;
102 which was agreeable to Mr. Leguineche.

103 Dr. Waite briefly reviewed district policy regarding public comment before and at the end of
104 session.

105 **ACTON ITEM**

106 **IV. Annual Meeting.**

107 A. Board Nominations:

108 1. Chair of the Board.

109 Trustee Race nominated Oscar Rodriguez as Chair of the School Board. Trustee Regalado
110 Seconded the nomination.

111 Discussion: Trustee Rodriguez accepted the nomination of the Board Chair.

112 2. Vice-Chair of the Board.

113 Trustee Race nominated Margarita Juarez as Vice-Chair of the School Board. Trustee
114 Regalado seconded the nomination.

115 Discussion: Trustee Juarez accepted the nomination.

116 Trustee Race made a motion to approve the nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair as
117 presented. Trustee Wallace seconded.

118 Discussion: None

119 Chair Rodriguez called for a vote for all those in favor say aye. Motion carried.

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120 B. Designate:

- 121 1. Superintendent as CEO of the District- Dr. Rob Waite
- 122 2. Title IX Coordinator- Dr. Rob Waite
- 123 3. Title VII Officer- Dr. Rob Waite
- 124 4. Treasurer- Shannon Harris
- 125 5. Clerk- Heather Wallace
- 126 6. Board Meeting Schedule- Second Tuesday of each month. Board Work Session at
- 127 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 128 7. Official Posting Places- School Building: Front Doors and Clerk's Office, District
- 129 Website. Courtesy Posting- Shoshone Post Office
- 130 8. Review of Code of Ethics- Policy 1600.
- 131 9. Official Publication- *The Courier*.
- 132 10. Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 133 11. Legal Representatives- Anderson, Julian & Hull. LLP
- 134 12. Official Bank- Wells Fargo.
- 135 13. Auditor- Mr. R. Mike Burr.
- 136 14. Insurance Broker / Agent: Hub International Insurance Company: EMC
- 137 15. **All** District Policies and Handbooks:
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139 Trustee Race moved to accept item B, Subjects one through Fifteen as presented. Trustee
140 Regalado seconded.

141 Discussion:

- 142 ● It was clarified that Wells Fargo remains the official bank of the District, despite
- 143 there are few Wells Fargo Banks in the Magic Valley. If a new bank establishes a
- 144 presence in Shoshone, the District will revisit the issue. The elementary and
- 145 secondary offices also have banks of their choice.
- 146 ● Dr. Waite reviewed and explained the Districts Communication Plan, which is an
- 147 extension of the Code of Ethic of School Board Policy, with the Board of Trustees.

148 Receiving no further questions or discussions, Chair Rodriguez called for a vote as to all in
149 favor say aye. Motion carried.

150 **V. Reports:**

- 151 A. S.E.A.: No report for the month of January.
- 152 B. Shoshone Teachers: Mrs. Jones reported on the following:
 - 153 ● The High School Robotics teams is preparing for the 2025 Challenge; they are also
 - 154 mentoring a team from Sun Valley.
 - 155 ● FFA is fully engaged in activities and contests.
 - 156 ● The elementary read-a-thon begins on February 6, 2025.
 - 157 ● Eighty-Three elementary students met their reading goal and will be honored at the
 - 158 boy basketball game on January 15, 2025.
- 159 C. Student Body: No report for January.
- 160 D. Goals and School Improvement:

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162 **Principal Wilkins:**

- 206 • Budget is on track and in line.

207 Clarification was provided regarding the \$945 expense charged to the Farmers Visa Account
208 for St. Mary's College. Dr. Waite clarified expense is for a student to attend a forensic
209 psychologist summer program at St. Mary's College as part of the College and Career
210 program- Senior Project.

211 Chair Rodriguez called for a vote of all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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

213 A. Legislative Proposals:

214 Dr. Waite reported the 2025 legislative session began on January 06, 2025. Some key
215 topics of discussion include:

- 216 • **Governor's Salary Proposal:** A proposed 5% salary increase.
- 217 • **School Choice.** Dr. Waite reported there are ongoing discussions and concerns
218 regarding the issue. Dr. Waite had the opportunity to meet with local legislators to
219 discuss their perspectives and concerns. A major concern is that private schools
220 would receive funding through school choice but would not be held to the same
221 standards requirements as public schools, such as certified teachers or providing
222 equal education to all students. Additionally, there are concerns that parents who
223 homeschool may receive funding without any accountability measures. Some
224 legislators are considering introducing a clause requiring private schools and home
225 schools to meet the same standards and requirements as public schools.
- 226 • **Legislative Perspectives on School Choice:** Trustee Race observed that local
227 legislators hold mixed opinions on school choice. Dr. Waite agreed, noting the he has
228 had in-depth conversation with our local legislators on the matter.

229 **IX. Motion for Adjournment:**

230 A. Next Meeting: Tuesday: February 11, 2025

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232 Chair Rodriguez entertained a motion for adjournment.

233 Trustee Race made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with Trustee Regalado
234 seconding.

235 Discussion: None

236 Chair Rodriguez stated all those in favor please say aye. Motion carried unanimously and the
237 meeting was declared as officially closed.

238 *Heather Wallace*

239 Heather Wallace

240 District Clerk

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243 This document serves as the official minutes of the January 14, 2025 board meeting. An audio
244 recording is available of this meeting.