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

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
6:30 p.m. Board Work Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Shoshone School Building, Art Room #309
61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho

Board Work Session: 6:31 p.m.

Present:
Board Members: Chair Oscar Rodriguez, Vice-Chair Margarita Juarez, Trustee Jose Regalado, Nick Wallace, and Ana Arriaga. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#309) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.
Staff: Dr. Rob Waite- Superintendent, Principal Kelly Wilkins and Principal Kelly Chapman. Clerk, Crystina Armstrong and Shoshone Education Association (SEA) Representative Denice Christiansen.
Absent: None.
Guest: None.

Budget- Dr. Rob Waite

- What is a budget?
  - 1. A financial "plan" for the upcoming year.
  - 2. Legal "Spending authority" for the upcoming year.

- Plan (Key components)
  - Plan based on goals. What do we want to accomplish should come first, then how to pay for it? Opposite in many cases.
  - If plan changes, (substantially) then the 'process' would need to be repeated.

- Spending authority
  - Notice and permission to spend.
- Budget
  - Are expenditure forecasts expected to be within our appropriations?
  - Are checking accounts being reconciled every month?
  - Is cash sufficient to fund operating?
  - Is anything "unusual" happening?

Regular Monthly Meeting 6:56 p.m.

I. Call to Order:

The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m. by Chair Rodriguez. Meeting was held in the Shoshone School Art Room (#309) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

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II. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Rodriguez 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 no such requests.

IV. Reports:
A. S.E.A.:
B. Shoshone Teachers:
C. Student Body:
D. Goals and School Improvement:

S.E.A. Report from Denice Christiansen:

- First Responders Enrichment included veterinarians, BLM, firefighters, police officers and EMTs.
- 2nd grade published their book.
- Middle School inducted about 17 students into the Honor Society a few weeks ago.
- Some of the Middle School Students went to the Titanic Exhibit in Salt Lake. 7th grade has been learning about the titanic.
- Dr Suess week was last week and we changed how we were doing that. The money collected from the bake sale will go to scholarships for Seniors. We collected $644.
- Read-a-thon students read over 100,000 minutes.
- Mad about Science event was a success.

ACTION ITEMS

V. Consent Agenda:
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of the Minutes:

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C. Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports
D. Accept as Presented

Principal Chapman Report:

- We had 3 wrestlers finish the season and 2 wrestlers go to district.
- Cheerleaders went to State.
- We have our first golf students. There's a golf net set up in the shop for bad weather days.
- This year our hallways are more packed with stuff. There are posters all over the walls. Classes are starting to present themselves outside their classrooms.
- Next week student council is creating a fundraiser for Make-a-Wish. All donations will go to Make-a-Wish.
- Junior College trip is soon, they're going to Las Vegas and then Phoenix.

Principal Wilkins Report:

- We had over 160 attend the Mad about Science night.
- 5th grade starts ISAT testing next week.
- We did a donut sale for one of the middle school students who has leukemia. We raised over $800 for him.
- We are trying to get a zipline added into the elementary playground this summer.

Trustee Wallace made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Regalado seconded.

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

VI. Financials:

A. Accounts Payable

B. Financial Statements

District-	February 2026
Elementary-	February 2026
Secondary-	February 2026

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

Discussion:

- Dr. Waite: Shannon talked about the support units coming in and she does think we will have a few things come in under budget.
- Trustee Arriaga: So, you have to spend all the money or what happens at the end?
- Dr. Waite: You do not have to spend the money.

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

VII. School Board Business:

A. Approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Chair Rodriguez proposed a motion to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented. Trustee Arriaga Seconded.

Discussion:

- Dr. Waite: Mrs. Wilkins and the Calander committee put the School Calendar together. We are required so many days a year a year. Each grade level has a required number of hours per school year.
- Trustee Arriaga: The minimum requirement is for required for each student to graduate?
- Dr. Waite: Regular attendance is required. We offer students a Friday to come in and make up the time they've missed or time they will be gone. They're required to attend 90% of school time offered.
- Mrs. Chapman: The hours are what we are required to offer students for education. They are required to attend 90% of that time. If not, they can lose credit for that class.
- Trustee Arriaga: If we go on a vacation and the kids that their Chromebooks for homework, does that count or do they actually have to be in school?
- Dr Waite: They still have to be in school. During covid that would count, but now they do not allow that.

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

VIII. Construction update:

- Dr. Waite: See they poured the concrete. Once it dries, they will put the beams up. One finally change is instead of a grey jump circle it will be red. Still June for completion date.

IX. School Board Training:

- Budget Advocacy
    - Conduct fair, objective and systematic evaluations, at the appropriate time when called upon to do so.
    - Assist the district staff with gaining acceptance and support in the community.

- Celebrate student achievement stories.
- Zero Based Budget vs. Incremental
  - For public schools requires justifying every expense from scratch each year, rather than adjusting the previous year's budget.
  - The most common approach, which assumes the current budget is a base and adds or subtracts a percentage for the next year.

XI. Motion for Adjournment:

A. Next Meeting: Tuesday: April 14, 2026

Trustee Regalado made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. with Vice Chair Juarez seconding.

Discussion: None

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

Crystina Armstrong
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District Clerk
March 10, 2026

This document serves as the official minutes of the March 10, 2026 board meeting. An audio recording is available of this meeting.

Filed with the official March Board Packet: PowerPoints: *Budget* & *Budget Advocacy.*