MINUTES

SHEPHERD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
FEBRUARY 18, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Present: Rick Judge, President
Katie Eisenberger, Vice President
Katie Travis, Treasurer
Janet Willoughby, Secretary
Tracey Galgoci, Trustee
Lindsey Read-Smith, Trustee

Absent: Andrew Curtiss, Trustee

Also Present: Carrie Gauthier, Carl Seiter, Holly Moeggenberg, Steve Sura, Administrators, Educator, Two Students

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Judge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL
Present: Tracey Galgoci, Janet Willoughby, Katie Eisenberger, Katie Travis, Lindsey Read-Smith, Rick Judge

Absent: Andrew Curtiss

IV. SHEPHERD PUBLIC SCHOOL BELIEFS

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Willoughby moved, seconded by Eisenberger, to adopt the agenda for February 18, 2025 for the Regular Meeting of the Shepherd Public Schools Board of Education.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: Curtiss

The motion carried.

VI. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES
Eisenberger moved, seconded by Travis, to approve the minutes of the Shepherd Public Schools Board of Education as presented.
A. Regular Board Meeting – January 21, 2025
B. Committee of the Whole – February 10, 2025

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: Curtiss

The motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Judge asked if anyone would like to address the board; there weren't any public comments/audience participation.

VIII. NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

A. Presentations

1. Be Nice - SHS
   Laura Baker, SHS Teacher, and two students talked about the Be Nice program in the high school and what they do as individuals/groups to make others feel included, recognized, and appreciated.
2. Building Updates
   Each Principal gave an update on their respective building.

B. Action Items

1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
   Eisenberger moved, seconded by Galgoci, to approve the January 2025 payments in the total amount of $2,367,6 25.19 and Debt Service payment in the total amount of $0.

   The vote was taken on the motion.

   Ayes: Galgoci, Judge, Read-Smith, Willoughby, Travis, Eisenberger
   Nays: None.
   Absent: Curtiss

   The motion carried.

2. OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST
   Willoughby moved, seconded by Galgoci, to approve the overnight trip request for:
   (a) Rick Cahoon, Cross Country, (9th – 12th grade students), Young State Park, Boyne City, MI, August 10 - 15, 2025.

   The vote was taken on the motion.

   Ayes: Judge, Read-Smith, Willoughby, Travis, Eisenberger, Galgoci
   Nays: None.
   Absent: Curtiss

   The motion carried.

3. SHS - DESK/CHAIR PURCHASE
   Travis moved, seconded by Read-Smith, to approve the purchase of new desks and chairs for three classrooms in the high school from School Specialty in an amount not to exceed $27,499.25.

   The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: **Read-Smith, Willoughby, Travis, Eisenberger, Galgoci, Judge**
Nays: **None.**
Absent: **Curtiss**

The motion carried.

4. CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS
Read-Smith moved, seconded by Eisenberger, to approve the service agreement for Capturing Kids' Hearts for the 2025-2026 school year in an amount not to exceed $72,445.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: **Read-Smith, Willoughby, Travis, Eisenberger, Galgoci, Judge**
Nays: **None.**
Absent: **Curtiss**

The motion carried.

IX. CLOSED SESSION
Carrie requested a closed session to discuss the superintendent evaluation.

Eisenberger moved, seconded by Galgoci, to move to Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: **Eisenberger, Galgoci, Judge, Read-Smith, Willoughby, Travis**
Nays: **None.**
Absent: **Curtiss**

Eisenberger moved, seconded by Travis, to reconvene to Regular Session at 8:59 p.m.

The vote was taken on the motion.
Ayes: **6**
Nays: **0**
Absent: **Curtiss**

There was no resolution.

C. Superintendent's Report/Update – Carrie Gauthier
Gauthier gave a shout out to our SPS Wrestlers who are heading to the state competition. She expressed her gratitude to those employees who also volunteer their own time to our students for things such as, run club and snow club.

D. Director of Business Services – Carl Seiter
Seiter spoke about the new state budget section concerning 147g, which provides reimbursement for public school employees for their 3% healthcare contributions. He also stated that the first responders in Isabella County received a grant to improve communication; which will include installing new antennas. He gave a shout out to Steve Sura for all of his hard work and dedication concerning the filter first program; it was a huge job that Steve completed in an organized and detailed manner.

E. Administrative Assistant – Holly Moeggenberg
Moeggenberg stated that they are pushing through all of the Thrun Board policies.

F. Board Member's Remarks (for the record only)
There was only one comment for the record and that was that board members Galgoci and Eisenberger are sitting in on the SEA negotiations and Read-Smith and Eisenberger are sitting in on the board policy committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT
The Board adjourned the Shepherd Public School Regular Board Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K Willoughby

Janet Willoughby, Board Secretary

Holly Moeggenberg

Holly Moeggenberg, Recording Secretary