

Shenandoah Community School District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – November 11, 2024
Administration Board Room

Call to Order:

Board President Jean Fichter called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Roll Call was answered by Directors Jean Fichter, Adam Van Der Vliet, and Clint Wooten. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Kerri Nelson, School Business Official William Barrett, and Board Secretary Lisa Holmes. Absent were Directors Glenn Mason and Brent Twyman.

Mission Statement:

The SCSD Mission Statement was read by Director Wooten.

Public Hearing – 2025-26 School Calendar:

The public hearing was opened at 5:01 pm. Dr. Kerri Nelson stated that the administration wanted to get the calendar out sooner to allow families and staff to plan. With no public comment, the hearing was closed at 5:02 pm.

Welcome to Audience:

President Fichter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Open Forum:

President Fichter read the rules for speaking during the open forum. There was no public comment. Director Twyman arrived.

Administrative Report:

Recognition of Cross Country and Cheerleading Students Competing at State:

Dr. Kerri Nelson and High School Principal Ty Ratliff recognized Hailey Egbert for competing at state cross country and the cheerleaders for receiving 4th place at state in cheer/dance and stunt.

Consent Agenda:

Approve the consent agenda to include previous minutes, the financial accounts, the payment of bills, fundraising requests and grant requests. Personnel Requests: Contracts: Kathryn Binau, PS After School Associate - \$15.99/hr; Richard Foutch, Van Driver - \$17.02/hr; \$44.35/rt. Resignations: Derek Hogue, Custodial/Maintenance – effective 10.30.24; Heather Mather, Food Service – effective 11.8.24; Holly Olson, HS Associate – effective immediately. Transfer: Christine Mackey, IGNITE Associate to Online Enrollment and Student Support Specialist - \$43,888. Volunteer Coach: Devin Morelock, Bowling. Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

Approve 2025-26 School Calendar:

Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Renewal of Cotton Gallery/Wal-Mart Agreement for the High School Apparel Program:

Motion to approve by Director Wooten, second by Director Van Der Vliet. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Final Reading of Policies 501.03 Compulsory Attendance, 501.09 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, 501.09-R(1) Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy, and Strike Policy 501.9 Student Absences and Related Regulations:

Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Review of Policies 104.1 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment, 104.E1 Complaint Form, 105 Long Range Needs Assessment, 105.R1 Long Range Needs Assessment Regulation, 505.9 Parent & Family Engagement Districtwide Policy, 505.9R1 Building Level Regulation, 506.1 Education Records Access, 506.1E1 Request of Nonparent, 506.1E2 Release Records, 506.1E3 Request for Hearing, 506.1E4 Examination of Records, 506.1E5 Transfer of Records, 506.1E6 Receipt of Subpoena, 506.1E7 Juvenile Justice Agency Information

Sharing Agreement, 506.1E8 Annual Notice, 506.1R1 Regulation, 506.2 Student Directory Information, 506.2E1 Release, 506.2R1 Use of Information, 506.4 Student Library Circulation Records:

Motion to approve by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Strike Language Per Iowa Code 279.8 in Policy 605.3 and 605.3R1:

Per Iowa Code, students cannot serve on a committee regarding book removal. That language will be struck from policy. Motion to approve by Director Wooten, second by Director Twyman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

At 5:16 pm, Director Van Der Vliet made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by section 21.5 (1)(j) - to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property, seconded by Director Wooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Mason arrived at 5:45 pm.

By general consensus, the board reconvened in open session at 5:52 pm.

Informational Items:

Closed Session followed by Work Session – November 25, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Next Regular Meeting – December 9, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment:

Motion by Director Van Der Vliet, second by Director Wooten to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm. Motion carried unanimously.