

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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: Vice- Chair Oscar Rodriguez. Trustees Margarita Juarez, Jose Regalado and Lorie Race. The board work session began at 6:30 p.m. It was noted a quorum was present for the work session.

Staff: Dr. Rob Waite, Principal Kelly Chapman, Shoshone Education Association (SEA) Representative Denice Christiansen, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

Absent: Principal Kelly Wilkins. Excused by the Board.

Guest: None

I. Facilities and Long Range Planning- Walking Tour of Building.

The Board and those in attendance walked throughout the building taking note of ongoing safety and maintenance issues in regards to the school building. Topics of discussion were:

*Area one: Front Door Entrance. This area has been identified several times as a safety issue due to lack of a front office at the entrance way. Therefore creating the lack of visibility from the closest office which is the secondary office. The issue has been included in the ballot language for each bond election that took place, unfortunately the bond has not passed by the required votes. The district has the opportunity to apply for a school safety grant (item VII. Board Business) that would fund \$200,000 of the construction costs.

*Area two: Drainage issue in front corner of building. Dr. Waite explained that due to the configuration of the building, when there is a heavy rain or snow run off, the area tends to flood and enters the building. This creates flooding in the hallway and offices closest to the corner of the building. The maintenance department continues to seek solutions to the problem.

*Area three: Elementary playground entrance way / kindergarten classroom area. Due to the low elevation of the building, this area floods when heavy rain or snow runoff takes place. The district has improved the area several times over with the addition of concrete pads, installation of ground drains and heat tape in areas but the issue still exists.

*Area four: Kitchen storage and freezer area. This is new construction which was much needed and has improved safety issues. Delivery trucks are able to safely deliver products without endangering students walking to classes in the area. Unfortunately with the truck traffic there are concerns regarding the ground conditions being too soft. The maintenance department is working on a plan to add more concrete, dirt, and gravel in this area.

*Area five: The district was able to order the supplies to construct a second vo-tech classroom and are waiting for Starr Corp to construct the building for use. Once the building is in place, this will clear up some congestion in the area between the school building and the current vo-ag classroom.

Dr. Waite gave a brief general overview of HB521, also known as the School Modernization Facilities Fund bill. If legislation passes the bill, the district will qualify for approximately a total of \$2 million (\$2,000,000) in facility funding for the next ten years. The district would have the option of receiving the \$2 million in one lump sum or 10 equal payments for 10 years. Dr. Waite

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1 explained even though the funds would address most of the mentioned issues, there would be some
2 restrictions, including if the State of Idaho determines there is downfall in the economy (tax
3 receipts), they can recoup the money given to the district by either withholding the payments or
4 takeaway from other state funding. There are also restrictions addressing the schools that are four-
5 day week, school days, and teacher contract days.

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7 In closing, Dr. Waite stated he will keep the Board informed of the above mentioned items.

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

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11 **I. Call to Order:**

12 The monthly school board meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Vice-Chair Oscar
13 Rodriguez. It is noted that Vice-Chair Rodriguez is acting Chair. Meeting was held in the
14 Shoshone School Art Room (#309) located at 61 East Highway 24, Shoshone, Idaho.

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16 Present:

17 **Board Members:** Vice-Chair Oscar Rodriguez and Trustees Margarita Juarez, Lorie Race and
18 Jose Regalado. It was noted a quorum was present.

19 **Staff:** Dr. Rob Waite, Principal Kelly Chapman, Shoshone Education Association (S.E.A.)
20 Representative Denice Christiansen, and Clerk Heather Wallace.

21 **Absent:** Principal Kelly Wilkins. Excused by the Board of Trustees.

22 **Guest:** Nick Wallace. Students: Cythia Colis, Darby Guthrie, Yu Kanayama, and Melina Tellez.

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24 **II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice-Chair Rodriguez led the Board and staff in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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

27 A. Request to Appear before the Board (4105F): The clerk received no request to appear before
28 the Board.

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30 **V. Reports:**

31 A. S.E.A.: Mrs. Christiansen thanked the Board of Trustees for allowing the organization to use
32 the school facilities for their annual Dr. Seuss Cookie / Sucker Sale. The organization raised
33 \$477, which will be donated to the Idaho Children's Fund.

34 B. Shoshone Teachers: Mrs Christiansen reported in recognition of Dr. Seuss day, the elementary
35 students had a dress up week, which was a fun week for staff and students.

36 C. Student Body: Dr. Waite introduced Cynthia Colis, Darby Guthrie, Yo Kanayama, and Melina
37 Tellez as representatives of the junior class. These students reported on the recent annual
38 junior class college tour visit to Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. The report included: thirteen
39 students went on the trip, the trip to Arizona had to be rescheduled due the interstate being
40 closed for six hours due to several car accidents, so the group missed their flights to Arizona.
41 The students adapted and visited UNLV in Nevada, and Utah Tech in Salt Lake City.

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43 Darby Guthrie also reported on the recent Robotic Team competition held in Utah. The team
44 placed third and will be attending another competition in Idaho.

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46 Both student reports were well presented and received by the Board.

47 D. Goals and School Improvement: Dr. Waite combined this report with item IX, School Board
48 Training- School Improvement.

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50 **ACTION ITEMS**

1 **V. Consent Agenda:**

2 A. Approval of Agenda

3 B. Approval of the Minutes:

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5 C. New Hires: Lillian Griffith- Paraprofessional

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7 Jennifer Taylor- Paraprofessional

8 D Weekly Principal/Superintendent Reports

9 E. Accept as Presented

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11 Trustee Race made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Regalado
12 seconded. Vice-Chair Rodriguez asked for discussions on the consent agenda.
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14 The following reports where made:

15 *Principal Chapman reported on the following:

16 (i) New hires

17 (ii) Mrs. Chapman and fifteen students visited the Lincoln County Museum. Nine of
18 those students have committed to help catalog and chronicle the Lincoln County Journal
19 (newspaper) for the museum.

20 (iii) Seventeen teachers are doing a book study that will earn them continuing
21 education credit. Principal Chapman is leading the study.

22 *Mrs. Christiansen reported Randy'l Teton visited grades 3-5, and some secondary students
23 speaking on the history of Sacajawea. Ms. Teton is the model for the Sacajawea Dollar Coin, a
24 Shoshone Bannock Tribe member, and author of the book, It's Her Story- Sacajawea. The
25 district is working on building an alliance with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe to make community
26 and school connections.

27 *Dr. Waite reported the district receives funding from the department of education for college
28 and career opportunities. The district uses a portion of the funds for students to visit colleges and
29 experience careers. Dr. Waite will be asking for feedback from the students, parents, and others
30 to evaluate the program and possible continuation.

31 *Dr. Waite also reported Principal Wilkins is not in attendance due to traveling for the birth of
32 her first grandchild. The Board extended their congratulations.
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34 Vice-Chair Rodriguez called for all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.
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36 **VII. Financials:**

37 A. Accounts Payable

38 B. Financial Statements: District February 2024

39 Secondary February 2024

40 Elementary February 2024
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42 Trustee Race made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables and Financial Statements as
43 presented. Trustee Juarez seconded.
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46 Discussion:

47 Dr. Waite stated there is not a report from the business manager due to illness.
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49 Trustee Race inquired of the expense of \$10,000 to Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Dr.
50 Waite explained this is a portion the district must pay in order to receive medicaid funding for

1 student services. Reason for the large amount was the delay in therapists turning in paperwork in
2 a timely manner.

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4 Vice-Chair Rodriguez asked all those in favor to say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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6 **VIII. Board Business:**

7 A. Approval of the Idaho School Safety and Security: Securing Our Future Grant.
8 i. Security Entrance: \$200,000

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10 Trustee Race made a motion to approve the Idaho School Safety and Security; Securing Our Future
11 Grant for Security Entrance as presented. Trustee Regalado seconded.

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13 Discussion:

14 Dr. Waite referred back to the work session the board held earlier in the agenda. This district is
15 applying for the grant in order to address the safety issues located at the front entrance of the
16 building. If awarded, the grant would fund up to \$200,000 towards construction expenses.

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18 In further discussion, Dr. Waite stated the district is looking at options to address building issues at
19 the alternative high school and gym. At this time, the district is receiving bids to demolish the part
20 of the building that is deemed condemned. The next step would be a remodel of the front entrance,
21 bathrooms, and classrooms.

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23 Vice-Chair Rodriguez asked if there was more discussion, receiving none, called for a vote of all
24 those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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26 **IX. School Board Training- School Improvement**

27 A. Field Naming-Discussion Item

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29 Dr. Waite opened the discussion of naming the district-owned football / baseball field after school
30 board member, business owner, and community supporter Anthony "Tony" Bozzuto. It was
31 reported the idea is supported by the family and community. Dr. Waite said with the improvements
32 taking place at the field, it would be feasible to include construction of an archway of the field name.
33 Further discussion took place on the process of including the Bozzuto family with the planning,
34 type of construction, recommendations for companies to contact for the construction, temporary
35 sign, permit and approval by the city and planning and zoning. The district will work with the
36 community and Nick Wallace on the project.

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38 The official naming of the field will be an action item on a future agenda.

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40 **X. Motion for Adjournment:**

41 A. Next Meeting:

42 Tuesday: April 09, 2024

43 Board Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

44 Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

45 Shoshone High School Art Room (#278)

46 61 East Highway 24

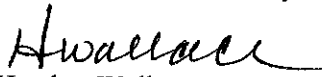
47 Shoshone, Idaho 83352

48 Vice-Chair Rodriguez entertained a motion for adjournment.

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50 Trustee Race made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. with Trustee Regalado
51 seconding.

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2 Discussion: None
3 Vice-chair Rodriguez stated all those in favor say aye. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting
4 was declared as officially closed.

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7 Heather Wallace
8 District Clerk
9 March 12, 2024

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11 This document serves as the official minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. An
12 audio recording is available of this meeting.