

## Shaw Island School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The open public meeting was held at Shaw Island Elementary School, 44 Hoffman Cove Road, Shaw Island, Washington.

Directors Present: Carol Criss, Jon Shannon, John Bogert, and Shannon Klohr. Director Shirley Lange was not present.

Administration Present: Superintendent Becky Bell and Office Administrator Deanna Shannon.

Guests: Teacher Diane Clifton and third graders Niko Borner, Angus Jones, and Thatcher Wilson were at the meeting for a short time to thank the board and present Valentine/appreciation cards to the Directors.

### Minutes

1. Opening Items:
  - 1.1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:31 PM by Chair Carol Criss.
  - 1.2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda: Item 4.2 Update on New NWESD 189 Accounting System was added.
  - 1.3. Approval of Agenda: **Director Shannon moved to approve the agenda as amended; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.**
2. Hearing of Individuals or Groups on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: None.
3. Superintendent Report and Discussion:
  - 3.1. Superintendent Bell reported on the following:
    - Dr. Bell read the highlights from a proclamation from Washington State Governor Bob Ferguson thanking board directors for their service. Third graders Niko Borner, Angus Jones, and Thatcher Wilson presented each of the board members a Valentine's thank you card and thanked the board for their service.
    - Dr. Bell reported that after Mid-Winter Break, Shaw School and the other small schools (Decatur, Stewart, and Waldron) would be gathering on Shaw for an event with the Pacific Science Center Science Van. The next small school field trip would be to Decatur Island. Transportation was discussed. Canoe Island French Camp would provide boat transportation. Shaw School Foundation had been providing funds for field trip transportation.
    - Dr. Bell reported that there had been two late starts due to weather, but that the District was still 13 hours over the required minimum 1000 hours per school year. Communications for the late starts went out via text with families responding when received.
    - Dr. Bell reported that there were two grants through WSRMP (risk management) being considered. One \$10,000 grant for playground safety and one \$40,000 freeze grant to pay for a generator.
    - Dr. Bell reported that she, along with the other island superintendents, would be going to Olympia the next day to meet with senators and representatives to advocate for MSOC (Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs) funding, which would directly impact the District. Additionally, they would be advocating for special education funding, which could impact the District in the future, and transportation funding.
    - Dr. Bell read a statement from Joel Aune, Executive Director for WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators) concerning DEI and what is being done at a state level. Additionally, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal put out more information saying

that state governments oversee education. Superintendent Reykdal stated that out of the 7% of funding that Washington receives from the federal government, 5% was mandated by congress. The remaining 2% was discretionary. Dr. Bell stated that that was important to Shaw because our REAP grant was federally funded.

4. Business and Operations:

4.1. Consent Agenda: Items under the Consent Agenda are considered by the board to be routine and subject to one motion and vote. ***Director Bogert moved to approve the consent agenda; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.***

- Minutes from previous meetings (January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting).
- Claims and Payroll: the following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment. In addition, payroll warrants in the amount of \$26,578.67 are also approved.

General Fund 6361:

Warrant numbers 250002 through 250017  
Totaling \$13,745.63

Capital Fund 6367:

Warrant numbers 250018 through 250019  
Totaling \$46,462.43

Payroll (January):

ACH numbers 9000000001 through 9000000005  
Totaling \$12,906.27 and  
Warrant numbers 250020 through 250030  
Totaling \$13,675.40

- December 2024 Budget Status Report (This report had not been available at the January meeting. There was not a report for January 2025 because San Juan County had not closed out January before the board packet was sent out).
- Donations Since Previous Meeting: Teacher Housing Project donations in the amount of \$12,657 in new donations and \$30,000 in collected pledges.

4.2. Update on New NWESD 189 Accounting System: Deanna Shannon went over the new financial reports which were generated through Qmlativ, the state-wide school district system used by NWESD 189.

5. Unfinished Business:

5.1. Teacher Housing Project:

- Superintendent Bell stated that she had been in communication with Project Manager John Bingham. Dr. Bell asked Director Shannon for an update on the well. He stated that the well driller had completed required final steps and that there was a well log, the well was tagged, and water quality analysis was done. The application for the certificate of water availability would be submitted as soon as a check was ready. The additional 100 feet that was drilled brought production over the threshold required by the county. The total depth of the well was 385 feet.
- Dr. Bell stated that the Pre-Bid Conference for prospective contractors had taken place. Representatives from six entities attended the meeting, five of which were contractors. Bids were due March 17<sup>th</sup> which was the day before the next board meeting, so bid opening could be done at the next regular meeting. Bids would be opened and recorded at

that time. The bids would be checked after the meeting to make sure that the contractors met the mandatory bidder responsibility criteria. The bidding process was discussed. Contractor insurance and providing a place for contractor trailers was discussed.

6. School Board

- 6.1. Director Bogert asked Superintendent Bell if she was still meeting with form Superintendent Kari McVeigh for mentoring sessions. Dr. Bell stated that they were meeting twice a month. She stated that they had recently discussed facilities planning for the District and that Dr. Bell would be taking on that project.

7. Adjournment: ***Director Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Klohr seconded the motion; Director Criss adjourned the meeting at 3:31 PM.***

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Carol Criss, Chair

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Becky Bell  
Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

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John Bogert, Director

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Shirley Lange, Director

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Shannon Klohr, Director

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Jon Shannon, Director