

Shaw Island School District Board of Directors Special Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025

2:30 PM

The open public meeting was held at Shaw Island School, Shaw Island, Washington.

Directors Present: Carol Criss, Jon Shannon, John Bogert, Shirley Lange and Shannon Klohr.

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

Audience: Jennifer Swanson and Willy Borner were present in person. Shawn Kemna from PBW Architects was present via Zoom online meeting platform.

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. Approval of Agenda: **Director Bogert moved to approve the agenda; Director Shannon seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.**
- 2. Special Topics:
 - 2.1. Teacher Housing Project Discussion:

Superintendent Bell updated the board with information she had obtained since the previous regular meeting. She had investigated funding sources for large donations, but had not found an entity whose mission aligned with our project. She was continuing to get information about bond sales and financing. Dr. Bell stated that she could not get detailed information on a loan without filling out a loan application. She had contacted OSPI, but there were no programs to fund teacher housing. However, there were grants available for other needs that would take pressure off of the District’s operating budget.

Director Bogert had done research on other options for building teacher housing. He distributed information on manufactured homes, log home kits, and the current plan for comparison. The options were discussed. Staying with the current plan and building just one structure at this time was discussed. Zoning and long term costs were discussed. Director Bogert asked the board if they would be open an alternative architectural design. Board members seemed open to something different depending on what it was. Shawn Kemna and Jennifer Swanson contributed to the conversation.

The impact of prevailing wage and the challenges of building on the island were discussed. Fundraising was discussed, including changing the plan after one had been presented to the donors. Financing was discussed. **Director Shannon moved to allow Superintendent Bell to apply for a loan without committing the District in order to gain more information on financing. Director Criss seconded the motion; the motion was discussed. Chair Criss called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. Adjournment: **Director Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:45 PM.**

Carol Criss, Chair

Dr. Becky Bell, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

John Bogert, Director

Shannon Klohr, Director

Shirley Lange, Director

Jon Shannon, Director