

## Shaw Island School District Board of Directors Special Meeting

Thursday, October 30, 2025

2:30 PM

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

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

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

Audience: Terri Mason (Terri left at 3:13 after the vote on Teacher Housing. Alan DiBona from Swal'lech Construction, Project Manager John Bingham, and Shawn Kemna from PBW Architects were present via Zoom online meeting platform. (John, Alan, and Shawn left the Zoom platform at 3:16 after the vote on Teacher Housing).

### Minutes

#### 1. Opening Items:

1.1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Chair Carol Criss.

1.2. Approval of Agenda: **Director Shannon moved to approve the agenda; Director Lange seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.**

#### 2. Special Topics:

##### 2.1. Teacher Housing Bid:

2.1.1. Additional Information from the Superintendent and Discussion of Bid Options: Dr. Bell reported that a formal request for electrical to the box had been submitted to OPALCO, and they would be getting back with a cost. Nickel Brothers had told Dr. Bell that anything was doable and that they could move a donated house. They would do a site visit and give a formal estimate at no cost. Permitting was checked on and just one house could be built. Switching house places would require a revision to the permit. If moving a house in, a walkway between the houses would be required. The permit was good for five years. Dr. Bell thanked PBW for looking into those questions at no charge. A construction contract was in the works with Perkins Coie. Dr. Bell reviewed the timeline: A decision on the bid would be made that day, then there would be a 30 day window for contract agreement date of November 29<sup>th</sup>. The contractor would then have a 30 day window with the build date of December 29<sup>th</sup>. During the build, PBW Architects and Project Manager John Bingham would do site reviews of payment requests, as well as change order requests per the contract agreement. The board's role would be to select a bidder and approve pay applications. The board may monitor progress. Dr. Bell would making regular reports to the community. Dr. Bell stated that Deanna Shannon had done the responsible bidder checks for the bidder and the bidder was in compliance. John Bingham and PBW Architects did background checks as well. There were no noted claims, and the references reported good experiences and a good reputation. Financially, the cash on hand was \$840,000. \$52,000 was yet to be received in donations. There was \$205,899 in the General Fund Investment. The District has a loan ability of \$300,000. A chart of the bid amounts was reviewed. The chart gave the square foot cost.

2.1.2. Decision on Bid: **Director Shannon moved that the board accept a bid and approve a contract for Alternate 3 as submitted by the bidder; Director Lange seconded the motion.** The motion was discussed. Reasons in support of building the three bedroom house were that the District did have the funds, a three bedroom could better accommodate a family with multiple children, it may be the only structure the District would be able to build. Director Shannon asked the board's indulgence to discuss the concept of paying for public infrastructure which lasts through generations with public funds through bonds. A bond could also fix the water system which was still showing levels high in copper and lead. Director Lange reinforced the philosophy of the public school being supported by public money, and that it was up to the board to inform the residents that it was an asset and that if you believed in public education, you would be willing to

pay. The possibility of the donated house was discussed. Rents were discussed. The two-bedroom versus the three-bedroom was discussed. John Bingham wanted to make sure the board was aware of additional costs, including change orders. With these numbers as a “worst case scenario”, he personally supported building the 3 bedroom.

Director Criss called for the question: ***The motion to approve a contract for Alternate 3 (3 bedroom home) carried unanimously.***

Alan Dibona stated that everyone at Swal’lech was excited about the project.

2.2. Approval of Board Director Appointment: ***Director Shannon moved to approve appointing Terri Mason to fill John Bogert’s remaining term as director; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.***

2.3. Approval of Updated Policy 1111 Oath of Office: ***Director Shannon moved approval of updated Policy 1111 Oath of Office. Director Criss seconded the motion; the small change in language was discussed; the motion carried unanimously.***

3. Adjournment: ***Director Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:17 PM.***

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Carol Criss, Chair

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Dr. Becky Bell, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

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Shannon Klohr, Director

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Shirley Lange, Director

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Jon Shannon, Director