Shaw Island School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing
Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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

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

Administration Present: Superintendent Becky Bell (via Zoom online platform) and Office Administrator Deanna Shannon.

Guests: Teacher Diane Clifton, Paraeducator Adam Bates, students Niko Borner, Angus Jones, Thatcher Wilson, Bennett Jones, Isla Hogue, and Odette Schafer. (Guests left at 3:46 after Item 1.4. Student Presentation).

Minutes

Opening Items:

1.1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:31 PM by Chair Shirley Lange.
1.2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda: None.
1.3. Approval of Agenda: ***Director Shannon moved to approve the agenda as presented; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.***

1.4. Student Presentation: Nature Bridge Field Trip Slide Show: The students presented a PowerPoint they had put together with photos from their overnight environmental science program at NatureBridge in Olympic National Park. After the presentation, board directors asked questions and engaged with the students.

2. Hearing of Individuals or Groups on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: None.

3. Superintendent Report and Discussion: Superintendent Bell reported on the following:

- OSPI: Under the new rule from the legislature, the District would not qualify for TK (Transition to Kindergarten) funding next year because the District did not have TK students in the current school year. Dr. Bell stated she was looking at other options for the District to possibly accommodate early kindergarten entry.
- Grants for next school year: REAP SRSA Grant, SJC Mental Health Grant, United Way Grant. Dr. Bell was looking into what the United Way funds could be used for.
- The school spirit wear store was closed and orders should be arriving in the next couple of weeks.

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 Shannon moved to approve the consent agenda as amended; Director Criss seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.***

- Minutes from previous meetings (March 17, 2026 Regular).
- 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 $25,920.94 are also approved.

General Fund 6361:
Warrant numbers 250314 through 250320

Totaling $16,042.60

Capital Fund 6367:
Warrant numbers
Totaling $0.00

Payroll (February):
ACH numbers 9000000095 through 9000000100
Totaling $13,119.02 and
Warrant numbers 250322 through 250326
Totaling $12,801.92

- Donations since previous meeting: Teacher Housing donation in the amount of $100.00.
- March 2026 Budget Status Report.

4.2 Review and Discussion of 2026-27 Budget Parameters: Discussion of the budget included a predicted enrollment of seven students grades K through 5, a 4.5% cost of living increase, and a different office configuration. Superintendent Bell stated that 7 students would be a safe number to use for budgeting. Dr. Bell spoke with other districts about staff raises. San Juan's increase was 4.6%. Orcas's increase was 4.4%. The District's wages and salaries were a little below San Juan and Orcas, but to keep the District in line with the other districts, Dr. Bell was recommending the state implicit price indicator of 2.6% plus a little more for a total increase of 4.5%, which did not include Dr. Bell's contract. Dr. Bell wanted the board to know that the Office Administrator position would be fewer hours. For Dr. Bell's contract configuration could possibly cost less for the same amount of time. The budget reduction would offset some of the cost increases. The 4.5% increase was discussed. Having two teachers next year was also discussed. Dr. Bell was looking at a 1 FTE and a .8 FTE teacher, but she would be talking with Diane Clifton about next year's configuration. Consensus was to create the budget using a 4.5% increase. Dr. Bell stated that the budget parameters came down to staffing configuration. There would be increases in other areas which would also be accounted for.

5.1. Unfinished Business

- Teacher Housing Financial Update and Discussion: Director Criss stated she would be sending out an update to donors. The boxes with the school pins for fundraising would be set up. A general inspection on the house that might be donated to the District would be done. Director Criss stated that she would be paying for the inspection as a donation.
- Superintendent Bell updated the board on what had been done on the building. The second bill had not come in yet. An amended and itemized change order for the well house had not been received.
- Dr. Bell stated that she was working with Canoe Island to be the non-profit that would help with the San Juan Island Community Foundation grant.
- Pictures of progress at the build site were viewed.
- Pouring the slab for the well house was discussed. Some work had been done, but the change order had not been approved. Dr. Bell, Philip Burkhardt, and the contractor have discussed the matter.

6. School Board:

6.1. Approval of Updated Policies: Superintendent Bell explained required updates had been made to essential policies that the District already had. The changes in the policies were reviewed. ***Director Shannon moved to approve Policy 3115 Students Experiencing Homelessness -- Enrollment Rights and Services, Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment Intimidation and Bullying of Students, and Policy 3231 Student Records; Director Criss seconded the motion; the motion carried with four votes (Director Klohr had stepped out for a call).***

6.2. Election of Director Criss as WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) Voting Delegate. ***The board voted unanimously to elect Director Criss.***

6.3. School Board Directors' Reports: None.

7. Adjournment: ***Director Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Criss seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM.***

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Shirley Lange, Chair	Becky Bell Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

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Shannon Klohr, Vice Chair

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Carol Criss, Director

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Teresa Mason, Director

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Jon Shannon, Director