

Shaw Island School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 12, 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 (Director Criss was present via Zoom online platform).

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

Guests: None.

Minutes

1. Opening Items:

- 1.1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:32 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 Mason 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: Superintendent Bell reported on the following:

- King 5 would be coming to do a story on teacher housing. They would be speaking with students and a parent chosen by the other parents.
- SIP (School Improvement Plan) update would be given at the following month's meeting.
- Dr. Bell was working on the mental health grant for next year.
- Dr. Bell worked on the District's High School and Beyond Plan report even though the District currently has no 7th or 8th graders.
- A draft proposal for a contract for Dr. Bell would be discussed in the budget section of the agenda. A review of the superintendent at the next month's meeting was discussed.

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

- Minutes from previous meetings (April 14, 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 \$25,482.40 are also approved.

General Fund 6361:
Warrant numbers 250332 through 250344
Totaling \$5,058.97

Capital Fund 6367:
Warrant numbers 250345 through 250346
Totaling \$2,078.33

Payroll (April):

ACH numbers 9000000101 through 9000000106
Totaling \$14,306.53 and
Warrant numbers 250347 through 250351
Totaling \$13,175.87

- Donations since previous meeting: None.
- April 2026 Budget Status Report.

4.2 Review and Discussion of 2026-27 Budget Parameters:

- Review of Budget Information: Dr. Bell presented the budget draft that had gone out in the board packet. She had worked with Business Manager Kara Moore to develop the draft. The budget presupposes a second teacher at .8 FTE at the highest level on the pay scale. The budget also presupposes a decrease in the contract amount for the superintendent and reduced hours for the office position. At the most expensive and assuming no carry over from the current year, the net budget would be -\$2,000. With that information, Dr. Bell recommended hiring a .8 FTE teacher for the 2026-27 school year along with the current 1 FTE teacher. Dr. Bell stated that the Capital Projects Fund was a little bit trickier because it was unknown how much billing for teacher housing would be received under the current budget. Changes in the office position were discussed. Related to the capital budget, Director Shannon brought up the parking area as something that needed to be redone. He proposed directing the superintendent to get some phone bids and possibly do the work this summer. The railing at the fence also needs to be looked at. The water system also needed to be looked at. The remainder of money that needed to be raised to finish teacher housing was discussed. The capital budget and fund balance were discussed. Getting more information out about teacher housing fundraising was discussed.
- Discussion of Staffing:
 - Review of Superintendent Contracts for Approval in June: Dr. Bell stated that currently the District had an interlocal agreement with San Juan Island School District (SJISD) for .1 her of their contract with her which allowed two days a month for her to come to Shaw. In addition, she had a personal services contract with the District for work done outside of those two days for \$1,250. The proposal for the new agreements was a .05, one day a month, interlocal agreement with SJISD and an increase to \$1750 for the personal services contract with the District for work outside of the interlocal agreement as well as additional days on Shaw. This change would save the District approximately \$5,000 per year while increasing what Dr. Bell would receive. Evaluating the superintendent was discussed. An executive session would be scheduled for the next meeting.
 - Direction to Superintendent for Certificated Staffing: Hiring committees were discussed. A hiring timeline was discussed. **Director Shannon moved that the board direct the superintendent to advertise for a .8 FTE teacher for next school year; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.**

5. Unfinished Business

- Dr. Bell updated the board on the status of the build.
- Teacher Housing Update: The District has received two big invoices. Dr. Bell was waiting for a new change order for the well house slab. The fundraising account through the San Juan Island Community Foundation (SJICF) would be opened in the next few days. There was more money in the Orcas Island Community Foundation (OICF) fund from the school house pins. SJICF and OICF had spoken to each other, and both felt they had different donor bases. SJICF would be reaching out to their donors. The inspection on the possible donated house was discussed. A copy of the report was available. Director Criss reported that the roof and the windows would need to be redone. The house was structurally

sound. A foundation, plumbing, and electrical would probably need to be done. Director Criss spoke with the home owners, and two years out would work for both parties.
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6. School Board:

6.1. School Board Directors' Reports: Director Klohr stated that Shaw School Foundation, in concert with the school, would be holding an open house on May 23rd. There would also be a short open house at the teacher housing site.

7. Adjournment: ***Director Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Klohr seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.***

Shirley Lange, Chair

Becky Bell
Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

Shannon Klohr, Vice Chair

Carol Criss, Director

Teresa Mason, Director

Jon Shannon, Director