

**South Shore School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
South Shore Jr-Sr High School Commons
Monday, October 23, 2017 ~ 6:44 p.m. – 7:04 p.m.**

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 23, 2017, in the commons at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI. The annual meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

School Board President Frank Lovejoy called the 2017 District annual meeting to order on October 23, 2017 at 6:44 p.m. in the commons of the Jr-Sr High School.

PROOF OF PUBLICATION:

Proof of publication was accomplished through a District-wide mailing of the Special Edition issue of *The Cardinal Report* on October 6, 2017, and through notices published in the *Daily Press* on October 6, 2017 and October 18, 2017, and posted throughout the District on October 6, 2017.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Motion by Margie Lahti, second by Diana Reijo to nominate Frank Lovejoy as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion by Terry Burhans, second by Mindy Mueller to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Frank Lovejoy. Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK, APPOINT A PERSON AS ACTING CLERK OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Frank Lovejoy, Chairman appointed Mark Hoefling as clerk of the annual meeting.

READING OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

James Stemwedel, Treasurer read the financial report.

MINUTES FROM THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Cathy Gustafson to suspend the reading of the October 24, 2016 annual meeting minutes as everyone in attendance had a copy. Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by Terry Burhans, second by James Stemwedel to approve the minutes as presented. Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016-2017 District highlights presented:

- Our annual audit was conducted August 2 and 3, 2016 - everything is in order and the financial statements look very good.
- Football practice has begun already (first week of August) for the new school year. So far South Shore has two participants in the Washburn-Bayfield-South Shore cooperative.
- We have one student participating in the cooperative boys soccer program with Washburn.
- Our summer school sectionals have finished up as of August 5, with great numbers of students participating, and many positive comments from participants and their

- parents/guardians. In my opinion, South Shore runs the finest summer school program (by far) of any district in northern Wisconsin.
- Lead/Copper Report - included for your information. We passed with flying colors, and our drinking water appears to be safe from these metals.
- Our annual open house and Title I Planning meeting was held on September 7, with over 100 people attending, which is an excellent turnout for our district
- Our fall sports seasons are in full swing and a number of our students are involved in volleyball, middle school girls' basketball, cross-country, football, and soccer
- All students and staff in grades 3-12 attended the Big Top Chautauqua performance of "The Steerage Song" on Friday, September 9. This was an excellent performance and very good for our students' cultural growth
- The school year is off to an impressive, positive start, with 18 new students moving or open enrolling into the district, and 9 students moving out of the district.
- New lockers and changing rooms are complete and look great!
- We are going to explore the "FabLab" concept at a neighboring school. There is a big push in Wisconsin to get this concept in our schools. Monday, October 24, we are visiting Northwood School - any board members welcome to go with.
- We had a math consultant come to our school and provide a half-day in-service to our elementary and middle school math teachers. It was very well-received
- The elementary school did a field trip to the Corn Maze on September 30
- Jim Brakken, an author from Cable, did a presentation to our elementary students (grades 2-5) and also did a community presentation in the evening. Over twenty people attended the community presentation
- The high school girls' volleyball team sponsored its annual "Pink Out" night, raising over \$1500 to donate toward the fight against cancer.
- The middle school girls' basketball team had a fantastic season! The 8th grade team finished the year undefeated, which is believed to be the second time in school history! The 7th grade team did very well, too. They only had three defeats.
- Signe Branham and Nick Botosh participated in the Honors Band on October 20, 2016 at UW Superior.
- Jenna Thompson, Nick Botosh, and Signe Branham participated in the All Conference band at Northwestern on November 1, 2016
- Elementary Pumpkin carving was held on October 31, 2016, with a lot of the parents/relatives coming in to join the children in this event
- For our November 11 in-service, we had training for support staff, bus drivers, and substitute teachers on interacting with students who may have had adverse childhood experiences (ACES training).
- South Shore Jr/Sr High School had a rating of "meets expectations" on the latest school report card.
- South Shore Elementary School has a rating of "exceeds expectations" on the latest school report card
- The elementary school visited Tetzner's Dairy for a tour of a 21st century dairy farm operation
- Last year's yearbook staff won a national award through Entourage Yearbooks. They won third place in layout design. Since this was a national contest, that is a very impressive accomplishment. They also received an Honorable Mention national award for the yearbook in general.

- Middle School All-Conference Band participated at Northwestern on January 10, the following students from South Shore participated: Natalie Knaack, Taylor Nicoletti, Lilly Tapani, Natalie Golly, Marisol Greene, Leila Tuura, Andi Riddle
- Our Juniors participated in the ASVAB testing on January 11.
- The elementary school reward trip is a sliding hill activity at Northern Pines Golf course coming up in February.
- Isabella Rantala and Marisol Greene are South Shore's representatives to the CESA #12 Spelling Bee
- Spanish students attended the bilingual play on February 8
- Large group band competition was held on February 22 at Northwestern High School
- Our Winter athletic seasons have come to a close and our teams were very successful once again.
- The girls' basketball team won the regional championship.
- The boys' basketball team advanced to the regional semifinal tournament game
- Middle School Volleyball did very well and had many wins
- Band Trip - Wednesday, March 22 - going to Nashville
- The following students were inducted into the National Honor Society on February 22, 2017: Shauna Kavajecz, Signe Branham, Heather Ranta, and Connor Sorenson. Including the existing National Honor Society members: Roger Branham, Emma Ostrenga, Hayden Suo, and Rachael Teeter, this brings our number of members up to 8, which is the most we have had in several years.
- Signe Branham, Jason Rusfeldt, Austyn Lovejoy, Hunter Schierman, and Emma Ostrenga advanced on to District Competition in Forensics and will compete March 28.
- Shauna Kavajecz scored her 1000th career point in basketball this season, and will be representing South Shore at the Border Battle All-Star game in Duluth on March 28. She is the only player from our area, other than one other player from Superior to be named to this team - very big honor. Also, Shauna was named to play in the WBCA State All-Star game (played in June in Wisconsin Dells)
- We have interest in a number of boys and girls about fielding our own baseball and softball teams.
- Five students are going to State in Forensics: Hunter Schierman, Signe Branham, Austyn Lovejoy, Jason Rusfeldt, and Emma Ostrenga all qualified for the State Forensics Meet in Madison
- Our spring sports season is underway
- The governor is recommending an increase for the next two years of \$200 and \$204 per pupil over the next two years. This is good news. Also an additional \$20 million for sparsity aid which he claims will fully reimburse rural school districts for transportation costs.
- South Shore Elementary School has received the School of Recognition award again (10 years in a row).
- The drama performance of *Lady Pirates of the Caribbean* was a huge hit and well-attended.
- Spring concerts were held on May 9 - elementary 1:30, Jr/Sr 6:30 - very well received
- Signe Branham and Austyn Lovejoy received 1st Place Critics' Choice awards at the state forensics meet (highest honor allowed). Emma Ostrenga, Hunter Schierman, and Jason Rusfeldt received 2nd place honors. All students represented South Shore very well!
- All senior students are set to graduate on May 27! Congratulations to them and their parents/guardians

- The spring concerts were held on May 9, 2017 and were well-received. The students did an excellent job!
- Ten students participated in the Battle of the Books competition at CESA #12 on May 3.
- We are taking steps to make sure that 6th grade for next year is more affiliated with the elementary than with the Jr/Sr high school. They will not participate in the majority of the Jr/Sr high school activities and will have their own schedule instead.
- The Jr/Sr High had a health fair on May 5. Presentations on wildlife, humane society, mindfulness, yoga, nutrition, and fitness were given to all students
- The Sea Change group (carbon cutting, environmental) presented to PreK-12th grade students on May 10. Students were able to tour their sailboat and learn about environmental issues around Lake Superior.
- The following students participated in the Battle of the Books this year (CESA 12 competition): Lily Truchon, Maggie Ostrenga, Gracelyn Lovejoy, Kalyssa L'Heureux, Natalia Greene, Azure Grant, Shaliyah Lovejoy, McKenna Coy, Landon Smith, Daniel Truchon, Chalee Luzzatto and Erica Johnson.
- South Shore High School has once again been named in the America's Best High Schools list, according to US News and World Report
- Update received from Northlakes Community clinic: Their comprehensive preventative program included 3 fluoride application visits spread throughout the year. At one of those visits children also received dental sealants. Services were provided to students in grades PK-8th. 88 students were provided services which is 77% of our student population.
- Eleven South Shore track team members qualified for the sectional track meet. They are: Emma Ostrenga, Shauna Kavajecz, Jenna Thompson, Morgan Rock, Heather Ranta, Hunter Schierman, Kyler Waters, Tristan Warbalow, Tristin Wilcox, Connor Sorenson, and Douglas Hipsher.
- Tristin Wilcox qualified for the state track meet in the Triple Jump. There he took 6th place at State and broke his own school record with of jump of 43 feet.
- Eleven South Shore students graduated on Saturday, May 27, 2017. It was a great day for our graduates.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TAX LEVY FOR OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT:

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Cathy Gustafson to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore, Townships of Bell, Clover, Orienta, Oulu, Port Wing, and Tripp; assembled in Annual District Meeting on the 23rd day of October, 2017, a tax levy in the amount of **\$3,356,532** and the School District Clerk is hereby directed to extend said levy to the several Townships of said District as affected in accordance with proportionate valuation of said municipality as provided by Wisconsin Law in relation to the total equalized valuation for all areas of the South Shore School District.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO OFFER SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

Motion by Diana Reijo, second by Mindy Mueller to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to participate in the Federal school lunch program, to use District funds to furnish lunches and milk to all students enrolled in the School District and to set the charges for these lunches.

Prices in Effect:	Grades	PreK-6	Grades 7-12
Daily Breakfast		\$ 1.35	\$ 1.35
Daily Lunch		\$ 2.40	\$ 2.55
Daily Reduced Lunch		\$.40	\$.40
Milk		\$.30	\$.30
Adult Breakfast		\$ 2.50	
Adult Lunches		\$ 4.25	

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR SELLING OF NON-REAL ESTATE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Margie Lahti to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore shall not sell or dispose, except to a taxing body, or cause to be destroyed any School District property, real or personal, with a possible value of \$2,000 or more, without first having the property appraised and after appraisal the offering of such property at a public competitive sale. Also, a Class Two notice published in the local newspaper(s) shall be deemed sufficient notice for the purpose of the competitive sale.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO SET BOARD SALARIES:

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Bev Igo to set the 2017-18 board salaries as follows:

Annual Salary for Officers	\$1,300
Annual Salary for Members	\$1,200
Per Diem Reimbursement	\$ 45
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ IRS approved rate

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE BOARD MEMBERS' EXPENSES:

Motion by Mindy Mueller, second by Vicky Jatzo to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of school board members when traveling outside of the School District in performance of duties.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Vicky Jatzo to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to provide transportation of all students residing in the District as required by said laws; to purchase, operate and maintain transportation vehicles; to purchase liability insurance for such vehicles; and to finance contracts for the use and services of such vehicles.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE FUND 80 LEVY FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Motion by Mindy Mueller, second by Vicky Jatzo to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize the District Board of Education to continue to levy \$20,000 for the Fund 80 Community Service Fund.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION OF SHORT TERM BORROWING:

Motion by Margie Lahti, second by Ed Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Aids, as well as the taxes levied for the School District of South Shore will not be available until the latter part of the 2017-2018 school year, and WHEREAS it will be necessary for the School District to borrow funds as necessary for the expenses until such aids and taxes are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Shore School Board et al, be authorized to borrow money up to its legal limit for the purpose of paying immediate and current expenses of operation of our schools during the 2017-2018 school year.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by K. Terry Burhans, second by Vicky Jatzo to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore that the School Board is directed to provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the School District is interested.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

SET DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion by Diana Reijo, second by Ed Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to establish Monday, October 29, 2018, as the annual meeting date.

Yes: 16. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY STATE STATUTES:

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Cathy Gustafson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hoefling, Clerk