

**South Shore School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
South Shore Jr-Sr High School Commons
Monday, October 29, 2018 ~ 6:39 p.m. – 7:01 p.m.
(Approved at October 28, 2019 annual meeting)**

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 29, 2018, 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 Mark Hoefling called the 2018 District annual meeting to order on October 29, 2018 at 6:39 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 12, 2018, and through notices published in the *Daily Press* on October 20, 2018 and October 24, 2018, and posted throughout the District on October 12, 2018.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by James Stemwedel to nominate Mark Hoefling as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion by Ed Burhans, second by James Stemwedel to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Hoefling. Yes: 9. 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:

Mark Hoefling, Chairman appointed Robert Schierman as clerk of the annual meeting.

READING OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT:

James Stemwedel, School Board Treasurer read the financial report.

MINUTES FROM THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion by Terry Burhans, second by Rob Schierman to suspend the reading of the October 23, 2017 annual meeting minutes as everyone in attendance had a copy. Yes: 9. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by Rob Schierman, second by Terry Burhans to approve the minutes as presented. Yes: 9. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017-18 District highlights presented:

- Summer school classes are in progress with good numbers of students attending
- The Northwoods Bike Tour group had 50 bicyclists stay overnight in our school on July 10-11
- The new generator has been installed and has the capability to completely power the entire school in the case of an electrical outage
- Midland Cash for Kids program earned \$17,534.98 for South Shore students this year. This was the most of any school district around by almost \$7,000!

- The District installed a new dust collection system for the wood/metal shop
- Teachers learned about Leveled Literacy interventions (elementary/middle school) and are implementing this program
- Report on State testing - South Shore classes are above the state average in a number of different areas
- Our Juniors and Seniors visited a College and Career Fair at Northland College on October 10
- Elementary students visited the Iron River National Fish Hatchery on September 27
- The softball field work is completed, including the fence
- Outdoor Classroom was created using community/parent/staff volunteers
- The South Shore Education Foundation provided \$10,000 to refurbish the weight room with some more modern equipment. An exercise bicycle, another treadmill and several other pieces of equipment have arrived and are being installed
- Ms. Ripley has gotten certified & approved to teach Transcribed Credit through WITC for the following classes: Microsoft Excel A, Microsoft Word A, Desktop Publishing, Photoshop
- Spanish I students will go to Ewen, Michigan to meet their ITV classmates from Ewen-Trout Creek School.
- High Quiz Bowl - Myla Lahti, Signe Branham, Hunter Schierman, Matthew Montgomery, Jake Winge, Alex Crowley, Heather Ranta, Holden Suo are doing a great job and winning competitions against other schools
- Equine Learning Day -November 8th – exciting opportunity to learn about people and horses, working together, learning together. Eight high school students participated in this
- Natalie Knaack received an all-conference award in cross country
- Heather Ranta and Rylee Nicoletti received all-conference honorable mention awards in volleyball
- Signe Branham and Elizabeth Kobie were South Shore’s representatives for the Tri-State Honors Band
- Douglas Hipsher, Natalie Knaack, Sara Kangas, Saya Kangas, Signe Branham, and Elizabeth Kobie participated in the NWMA All Conference Band
- South Shore Elementary received a school report card score of: exceeds expectations for the 2016-17 school year
- South Shore Jr/Sr High School received a school report card score of: meets expectations for the 2016-17 school year
- The school play & dinner theatre, once again, were a remarkable success!
- Erika Suo went to CESA 12 to kick off the Global X project with students in elementary and middle school
- Rylee Nicoletti, Morgan Rock, Brooke Beede, Myla Lahti, Austyn Lovejoy & Aurora Grant participated in the Business Skills competition on December 6 in Rice Lake
- Outdoor Education Group had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Outdoor Education Area
- A photographer from WDIO came out and worked with Desktop Publishing students to improve videography skills.
- Spanish I & II are experimenting, on a limited basis, with the “Genius Hour” concept

- Fit Club continues to give community members a place and structure for maintaining fitness
- Brigid S. Ripley will be attending the SLATE conference to learn more about technology implementation and 21st Century Digital Literacy
- The ACES group will be attending “Heart of Successful Schools” conference
- The Outdoor Education Group has a “Name the Chair” contest, for the outdoor learning center
- Students in BE started & are maintaining a number of social media platforms to expand community awareness and communication - snapchat, Facebook, a YouTube channel & Instagram.
- Rylee Nicoletti & Morgan Rock & Aurora Grant & Austyn Lovejoy are creating a video for the C-Span Student Cam competition.
- Stephanie Granke is doing the “Memory Project” - creating portraits of Haitian students for the holidays
- Desktop Publishing student Myla Lahti is creating a caroling book for the Music Department
- 6th grade students working on a collaborative newsmagazine with sixth grade students from Cathedral in Superior in their Information Processing class with Ms. Ripley
- . Nicole Kavajecz did a program on November 13th for Veterans Day
- The security system for the elementary doors has been installed and is operational
- The following middle school students participated in middle school all conference band (at Northwestern): Bella Caratzola, Andi Riddle, Veda Dreher, Natalie Golly, Marisol Greene, Jacob Nollet, Leila Tuura, Paige Lahti, and Kiley Mueller
- Connor Sorenson scored his 1000th career point in basketball on December 27, 2017, in a holiday tournament game vs. Bayfield
- The 2nd graders are working with the 3rd and 4th grades this week on our Rain Garden project. We are co-writing a grant application to fund the project. The grant is from WGSN (Wisconsin Green Schools Network).
- The school spelling bee was held Wednesday, January 17. Ethan Helenius and Izzy Rantala will be South Shore’s representatives at the CESA spelling bee.
- Austyn Lovejoy & Aurora Grant are working on a C-Span Student Cam competition in Business Ed. They interviewed Senator Bewley who later toured the school.
- The 8th grade English students are doing oral presentations on heroes from the Holocaust.
- There are 13 students in Battle of the Books. They meet every Wednesday after school, and will compete in May
- The 6th grade Career Skills students have finished their collaborative Lake Superior magazine with Cathedral School which will be published by Idea Design.
- 3rd- 6th grade students will be going to CESA 12 on January 24th for the first Global X event
- Beth Hoagland & Margaret McKnight joined the Fish Hatchery Friends Board in order to connect our students to events.

- Phy Ed classes are happily utilizing the outdoors now that the weather is warmer - going snowshoeing & cross country skiing
- Forensics has begun - there are 4 students signed up, but recruiting isn't over!
- In December the Kindergarten did their gingerbread project - getting letters from relatives who had spotted the gingerbread man. The class received letters from all over the US, from Sweden & Ecuador. They then plot those points on the map. Students were super enthusiastic!
- South Shore High Quiz Bowl participants earned 4th place in the CESA tournament on Feb 14, 2018 - congratulations to them - Alyssa Kobie, Jake Winge, Matt Montgomery, Myla Lahti, Signe Branham, Hunter Schierman, Alex Crowley & Holden Suo
- South Shore Boys' Basketball team won the Indianhead Conference Championship for the first time since 2007
- South Shore Girls' Basketball team has completed the regular season with a strong showing
- 7th - grade student, Izzy Rantala took 4th place at the regional spelling bee @ CESA #12 on February 7th. There were 14 districts competing (28 students)
- Spanish III students have begun teaching Spanish to 4th grade students
- The collaborative magazine "Lake Superior Times, Volume I" has been printed and distributed to student authors.
- The 6/7 grade Choir had a very interesting parody project for the months of January and into February. The students all had to choose an appropriate song and rewrite the lyrics to include specific text, but were able to put their own spin on it. After their text was complete, the students also had to create their own dance to match it. The final presentation was a performance of their parody in front of their choir class. All the students who completed the project did an awesome job and we will be choosing a parody to perform at the spring young at heart concert in May.
- The 9th grade Physical Science students will compete at the UMD Toothpick Bridge Competition on March 8.
- 2-4th grade along with Ms. Hoagland's classes will start working on the Lost Creek watershed tree planting project this spring. We are working with the DNR and Superior Rivers Watershed Association on this project that includes opportunity for many outdoor learning lessons.
- Ms. Suo's and McKnight's class wrote a grant to the EPA to receive funding to build a rain garden at our school. The students researched and wrote the grant. The grant has been accepted and we will be funded!
- The South Shore Boys' Basketball team won the Conference and Regional Championship! They made it to the Sectional Final game (one game away from the State Tournament).
- Spring sports season is underway with good participation numbers
- Chloe Sipsas was second team all-conference in basketball, Rylee Nicoletti was third team all- conference, Myla Lahti was honorable mention all-conference

- Connor Sorenson was first team all-conference in basketball, Indianhead Conference Player of the Year, honorable mention Division V all-state, and has been invited to the WBCA All Star Game, the Wisconsin/Minnesota Border Battle, and the Wisconsin/Michigan Border Battle game.
- Dallas Williams was first team all-conference in basketball, Douglas Hipsher was third team all-conference in basketball
- Middle School Band won a gold award at large group competition, High School band won a silver award
- 2nd grade went to the Iron River fish hatchery to collect sap to make maple syrup
- 4th grade doing fundraiser for school in Puerto Rico - Spanish III assisting with this project
- Four students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Elizabeth Kobie, Rylee Nicoletti, Morgan Rock and Myla Lahti are the newest members of this prestigious organization
- Middle School Volleyball 8th grade team was 6-0 and 17-2-3 overall, 7th grade was 6-0 and 15-2 overall
- Signe Branham made it to the State level of WHSFA Forensics for the 4th consecutive year. This is the first time a South Shore student has been able to do this almost 30 years.
- 29 MS Students participated in Solo/Ensemble Competition on Saturday, April 7th at Ashland HS. All the students did very well on their performances, and their behavioral representation of South Shore School.
- Nearly 20 students have joined middle school track. They have seven meets scheduled.
- The 4K and 5K are again using the family literacy backpacks that were purchased last year with Thrivent Action Team money. We spent \$250 to buy backpacks, books, games, activities, CD's, and stuffed animals. There are 13 backpacks in all, so each student will get a new bag each week until the end of the school year. The idea is to get families reading together and spending quality time together playing educational games.
- Congratulations to Signe Branham who for the third year in a row received the highest rating, Critic's Choice award, at the State Forensics Meet. This is Signe's fourth showing at State in the category of Prose. She was 1 point away from winning the coveted 4-year gold medalist status. No more than 4 students win this award state wide a year.
- 9 SS Elem students joined nearly 50 NES and Iron River Elem students in rehearsing and performing a concert all day. They performed the national anthem as only SSE, and the entire honors choir performed 4 pieces. The most notable piece of the day was titled 'The Farmer' composed by Bruce Nelson. The reason the piece was very meaningful for the students and us as conductors was not only did Bruce graduate from South Shore, he wrote the piece for his father who passed 5 years ago, but today would have celebrated his 101 birthday!
- Both the afternoon Elementary concert and the HS/MS Concert on 4.8.18 went splendidly! All the students who performed in them did an amazing job through the rehearsal cycle, the day of rehearsing, and proudly showed off their talents during the concerts.

- 8th grade Earth Science students tapped sugar maple trees and boiled down the sap to yield about a quart of syrup to eat on waffles.
- Students in several science classes are working in the high tunnel to prep the beds for planting and make repairs to the structure and motorized components.
- The kindergarten class is doing a Foss science investigation of hatching chicks. We have 33 chicken eggs that have been incubating since May 1st with an expected hatch date of May 21st.
- The elementary students raised \$551.24 in their "Pennies for Puerto Rico" coin drive.
- 9 students participated in the Battle of the Books competition at CESA 12 on May 2nd. The students were: McKenna Coy, Azure Grant, Daniel Truchon, Kalyssa L'Heureux, Erica Johnson, Chalee Luzzatto, Wylder Moriarty, Adeline LaFontaine, and Julian Wade. The students put great effort into reading as many books as they could this year.
- Senator Janet Bewley spoke with the 3rd and 4th graders about how our State government works and her experience representing the people in our district.
- Mary Maderich from CESA 12 took the PreK thru 6th - grade students on virtual reality field trips using Google Expeditions Goggles. They visited museums, coral reefs, Mayan ruins, wild animal habitats, and many other interesting places around the world.
- The Fig Leaf in Iron River donated \$500 to provide Scholastic Book Fair gift certificates for the elementary students.
- Congratulations to the South Shore Boys Track team for winning the conference championship this year, and also to South Shore individual conference champions - Tiiara Lahti and Natalie Knaack in the 4x100 meter relay, Hunter Schierman 300 M hurdles, Connor Sorenson - Discus, Tristin Wilcox - Triple Jump
- The high school track teams sent on a number of students to the Sectional Track meet, held in Boyceville. Congratulations to the girls' track team that finished 6th out of 10 in Regionals. Natalie Knaack advanced to Sectionals in the 400-meter relay, high jump and triple jump. Tiiara Lahti advanced in the 400-meter relay. Congratulations also to the boys' track team on their 2nd place finish out of 9 teams. Connor Sorenson won the discus and the 400-meter relay. Tristin Wilcox won the triple jump and advanced in the long jump. Hunter Schierman won the 300 hurdles and 400 meter relay and won the 1600-meter relay
- On May 22, students in grades 2-4 planted trees in the Lost Creek State Natural Area in Cornucopia, in partnership with the DNR and Superior Rivers Watershed Association.
- Three second grade students at South Shore earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the 2018 Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest. Idella Wilcox earned 1st place (and will have her work on display at the Wall of Fame Mini Expo in Hot Springs Arkansas), Eli Mieritz earned 2nd place, and Tucker Mueller earned 3rd place.
- The middle school track team had an excellent season this year, with many participants
- The softball team completed the first year of the return of South Shore softball. They ended up winning a game and were very hard-working and competitive. Senior Brooke Beede was named to the Indianhead All-Conference Honorable Mention team.

- The baseball team completed the first year of the return of South Shore baseball. They also won a game this year and were very competitive with other teams in the conference and worked hard. Freshman Matthew Montgomery was named to the Indianhead All Conference Second team and junior Ben Leduc was named to the Indianhead All Conference Honorable Mention team
- Eleven students graduated from South Shore on Saturday, May 26, 2018
- Wisconsin Green Schools Network put on an environmental education workshop here on May 30th. 8 of our staff members participated in the training and received excellent resources for integrating environmental activities into all subject areas, PreK through 12.
- Hunter Schierman participated in a pilot program for youth leaderships and was the first South Shore student to receive a Youth Leadership certificate from the Wisconsin DPI.
- Drama summer school was a roaring success. In the span of 5 days, students read through the play, were cast, memorized lines, practiced, filmed introduction videos & delivered a play titled “The Boy Who Cried Wolf.”
- Drama students worked in groups to write scripts for assigned PBIS skits which were then filmed in front of a green screen. Videos were edited by Izzy Rantala & Brigid J. Ripley. All video productions are available on the YouTube channel created in the BE Department for the school - South Shore Student Press.
- Beth Hoagland & Margaret McKnight put a lot of time and energy into prepping the high tunnel and Cardinal gardens with students for this year's crops.
- The yearbook arrived on time & feedback from students & community members was positive. Two students, Morgan Rock & Rylee Nicoletti, both entering their third year of Desktop Publishing will travel with Brigid J. to San Diego to attend the Josten’s National Yearbook Workshop where they will attend four intensive training days, connecting & collaborating with students from across the country. They will be gone July 22-26.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TAX LEVY FOR OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT:

Motion by Terry Burhans, second by James Stemwedel 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 29th day of October, 2018, 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: 9. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO OFFER SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

Motion by Keasha Wilcox, 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 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: 9. 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 Terry Burhans, second by Judy Kerr 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 Ed Burhans, second by Rob Schierman to set the 2018-19 board salaries as follows:

Annual Salary for Officers	\$1,400
Annual Salary for Members	\$1,300
Per Diem Reimbursement	\$ 45
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ IRS approved rate

Yes: 9. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE BOARD MEMBERS' EXPENSES:

Motion by Becky Kavajecz, second by Rob Schierman 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: 9. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS:

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Keasha Wilcox 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: 9. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE FUND 80 LEVY FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Cindy Luzzatto 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: 11. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION OF SHORT TERM BORROWING:

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Keasha Wilcox 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year.

Yes: 11. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Rob Schierman, second by Ed Burhans 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: 12. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

SET DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion by Terry Burhans, second by Rob Schierman to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to establish Monday, October 28, 2019, as the annual meeting date.

Yes: 12. No: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried by show of hands.

OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY STATE STATUTES:

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Cindy Luzzatto, second by Ed Burhans to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Schierman, Clerk