

**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 26, 2020 annual meeting)**

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 28, 2019, 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 2019 District annual meeting to order on October 28, 2019 at 6:45 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 11, 2019, and through notices published in the *Daily Press* on October 16, 2019 and October 23, 2019, and posted throughout the District on October 11, 2019.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Clyde Clauson to nominate Mark Hoefling as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion carried by show of hands. Mark Hoefling

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 2018 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by Vicky Jatzo to suspend the reading of the October 29, 2018 annual meeting minutes as everyone in attendance had a copy. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Cathy Gustafson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by show of hands.

OLD BUSINESS:

2018-19 District highlights presented:

- The new elementary gym floor was installed - insurance work from flood damage
- The locker room floors and steps to weight room have been resurfaced
- A check for Cash for Kids for \$9,392.15 was received from Midland Services
- South Shore School District was awarded a \$10,000 school safety grant. It was used to install safety glass on entrance doors/sidelights.
- The 8-12 Marching Band and the Cardinal Choir "flags" marched in the Apple Festival Parade on Sunday, October 7 in Bayfield. The students did a fantastic job during their unique section of the parade, and 26 students chose to participate in the Mass Band to culminate the parade with nearly 550 other student musicians and color guard members. It was AMAZING!

- A School Safety Drill in conjunction with emergency services was held on October 18, 2018, with a practice evacuation 1:00-3:00 PM
- Spanish II students made salsa out of produce harvested from the high tunnel.
- In the first grade classroom, Dr. "Bee" (Burkett) came from UWS to teach students a little about bee keeping, show students some of the equipment, and participated in extracting honey from the frames. All K-6 grade students participated and were rewarded with a taste of honey on a cracker and given a honey stick. The students were excited and had lots of questions.
- Monday, October 22, elementary students went on a reward trip to the Oulu Corn Maze
- Students in Spanish II, III & IV are teaching elementary Spanish students one day a week.
- The sophomore class spent some time building a 3-D model of the island from the *Lord of the Flies* novel. They used their imagination and clues from the text to construct the model.
- On Tuesday, November 6, four high school students were selected to participate in the Northwestern Wisconsin Music Association All-Conference Band. Lizzy Kobie, Brendan Golly, Natalie Knaack, and Jacob Nollet represented our school well.
- On Thursday, November 8, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program was kicked off with student made posters on display in the Commons, student and staff recorded songs, and live musical performances by the Cardinal Choir during the PTO harvest dinner. Students and Staff were also asked to wear red in support of the new program implementation.
- All students in grades 5-12 participated in the "Stop the Bleed" First Aid training in November
- South Shore elementary school students and staff went to see the movie "*The Grinch*" on December 13 - part of reward for good behavior.
- The winter concerts were well attended and the students did an excellent job
- A bus with adults and students went to Big Ten game on January 14.
- South Shore sent Izzy Rantala and Dexton Wilcox as representatives to the CESA Spelling Bee. They were excellent representatives of our school.
- The storage containers were delivered on February 14, 2019
- 46 students made the honor roll for the 2nd quarter/1st semester in grades 7-12
- The Middle School All-Conference Band was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Northwestern High School. The following students participated: Izzy Rantala, Lily Truchon, Claire Geuze, Maggie Ostrenga, Will Watrin, Peyton Jardine, Gracelyn Lovejoy, Kiley Mueller, Sarena Kobie
- Three forensics students made it to the district level and competed in Hayward on March 18, 2019 - Quinn Soltis, Jacob Nollet, and Austyn Lovejoy and all will be going on to compete at the state level.
- The girls' and boys' basketball teams finished up their seasons. The girls were conference and regional champions. Chloe Sipsas was 1st team all-conference and player of the year, Rylee Nicoletti was first team all-conference, the following were honorable mention all-conference: Myla Lahti, Natalie Knaack, and Aurora Grant. The boys made it to the second round of regionals. Doug Hipsher was third team all-conference and Bjorn Branham was honorable mention all-conference.
- Two students - Veda Dreher and Jacob Nollet, attended a Spanish immersion language camp in northern Minnesota
- Students in grades 3-12 were instructed in skiing at Mont du Lac in February (elementary/middle school) and March (middle/high school)
- Austyn Lovejoy, Quinn Soltis, and Jacob Nollet all received the Gold award at the State Forensics Meet. They all received perfect scores in Madison over the weekend thus earning State Forensics Highest Honor entitled the Critic's Choice Award.
- Ryan Tiberg was named Indianhead Conference Coach of the Year

- Middle school track had 28 students participating
- Spring concerts were held on May 7, 2019
- South Shore's Battle of the Books teams did an excellent job, with one of the teams taking 2nd place overall in the CESA 12 region!
- Boys' Track Team won the Conference and Regional Championship
- Girls' Track Team won the Conference Championship - The following athletes qualified for the Sectional meet: Abby Lahti (400M & 4X400M), Natalie Golly (4X400M), Natalie Knaack (High Jump, Triple Jump, and 4X400M), Taylor Nicoletti (4X400M), Rylee Nicoletti (4X200M, 4X100M)
- The softball team finished up the season and had a few wins this year. Morgan Rock and Myla Lahti were each Honorable Mention Indianhead All-Conference players
- The baseball team finished up the season and had a few wins this year. Senior Gavin Taylor was Honorable Mention Indianhead All-Conference. Sophomore Matthew Montgomery made the Indianhead All-Conference Second Team.
- All fifteen Senior students successfully completed their education at South Shore and went through graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 25, 2019
- Over \$59,000 in local scholarships were awarded to our graduating seniors this spring
- Band students played in the Memorial Day services at the cemeteries in several of our communities this year
- Our South Shore second graders took 1st-3rd place in Wisconsin (all of it!) for the State Fish Art Contest. Elijah Ciembronowicz got first for his watercolor of a cutthroat trout. Anna Lafontaine placed second with her watercolor of a muskellunge and Taylore Johnson's watercolor of a steelhead trout placed 3rd in the state.
- 51 students made the honor roll for 4th quarter/2nd semester in the Jr/Sr high school
- PTO planned the last day of school activities with "Have a Super Scientific Summer" theme. Had 'Science is Fun' magic show presentation. Many 9th grade students presented fun science related activities to elementary, had 'experiment snacks', made bird feeders, built bird houses (provided by Mary Childs and LeAnn Hess) and more. Was a great day!
- Middle school track had final meet on May 29
- Summer School Swimming Classes went great and the kids learned a lot.
- Spanish I students went to UWS for the annual bilingual microplastics presentation done by Dr. Rios, a noted researcher in this field. Students posed some excellent and challenging questions for Dr. Rios regarding the dilemma that our rivers, lakes and oceans are facing. Their questions reflected their concern and understanding, and their interest in coming up with creative solutions to this growing issue.
- On May 10, the Sea Change group, headed by Mike and Katya Gordon did a presentation for all students in elementary, middle and high school that discussed ways to keep Lake Superior clean and healthy for all. All students were invited to tour the boat the Gordons' and their crew live on while they tour the area doing scientific research and presenting to school and community groups.
- Locura de marzo (March madness with popular Spanish-language songs) ended, with Spanish II class as the winners. Their first place prize earned them a day of cooking Pan de los Muertos - a little out of season, but popular nonetheless, and fried ice cream.
- Gayle Gonsior and Mary Berube presented to the Spanish III/IV class on Thursday, April 11th with slides and information about their trip to Honduras. Mary Berube organized a group from the area that has been traveling to Honduras for 25 years and working with a small rural community to provide medical training and assistance and educational training and assistance.

- On Monday, April 15, Mrs. Suo & Mrs. Granke took the 3rd and 4th grade to the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center where the Madeline Island Museum did a program on archaeology then the Rivers2Lake program took students on an art walk to learn about the environment and draw what they observed.
- The Chequamegon Bay Arts Council awarded a grant to the Cornucopia Art Crawl to support educational initiatives for the South Shore School District - artists from the community are coming to share and teach their mediums in the upcoming weeks.
- Second graders worked on their passion projects, getting ready for the fair in May. One passion project group is collaborating with high school kids from Ms. Hoagland's science classes to grow food in the high tunnel for school and a community food shelf. Fresh lettuce, spinach and peas will be served in school hot lunch in May. The students are looking forward to the pancake party to celebrate another successful maple syrup season. They collected almost 10 gallons of sap from their little sugar bush and in the process learned about the different parts of trees and how they work.
- The first graders planted perennial flower seeds such as purple coneflower, liatris, and others to eventually plant in the butterfly/bird pollinator garden that is part of the rain garden project.
- Kindergarten is starting snow pea seeds to watch them sprout and grow to learn about the life cycle of a plant. They will plant them in the high tunnel. Other passion projects include, book writing, building a DaVinci bridge, robots, coding for video games, animal reports, songwriting, and reports about dinosaurs and volcanoes.
- Austyn Lovejoy, Jacob, Nollet and Quinn Soltis all qualified for The Wisconsin High School Forensics State Tournament April 12-13 down in Madison, Wisconsin.
- Students in Mrs. Lallemond's class worked on two different science simulations. One was working with Newton's Laws of Motion and it culminated with creating six different roller coasters using recycled materials and the other is a simulation solving a scientific mystery while learning about insects. Students have had three different building challenges and have excelled with each challenge.
- The after school Gifted/Talented Passion Project 8th grade group were working on NPRs Podcast Challenge have been working with Mrs. Lallemond and Mary Maderich for the past two months. They worked with Mary Maderich to tape their segment to get it ready for submission for the challenge. The group chose to create a Podcast on the ethics of altering genetics.
- The after school Gifted/Talented and Passion Project group worked on creating a storybook to meet their April deadline for publication. Mrs. Lazorik and her creative writing class along with Mrs. Lallemond have been helping the 5th - 8th grade students with editing and getting stories published on the StoryJumper website.
- On Saturday, March 9, the South Shore Music Department students and parents made 350 pasties that were pre-sold in the community. This fundraiser is getting us closer to our Colorado Trip in June.
- The HS band, MS band, and HS Choir participated in the Wisconsin School Music Association Large Group Festival Competitions. This festival is an opportunity for the ensembles to perform in front of a panel of three judges and receive comments on their abilities. All three ensembles received a second rating, which is very good!
- Two students attended Concordia Language Villages from March 1-3. This language immersion experience provided an excellent opportunity for students to not only improve their language skills, but also to learn first-hand about culture and to interact with other students from around Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas. The South Shore Education Foundation was a generous supporter of this activity! Thank you!

- Mary Botosh, Shawna Olesiak and Annette Palacios came to school on March 10 to make tamales with Spanish 3-4 class, and Spanish 2 class. Thanks to Annette, who lived in Mexico for 5 years the students learned authentic Mexican techniques for creating delicious tamales.
- Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Environmental Poster Contest: Local poster contest winners for grades 4-6 were: 1st place - Trinity Maki, 2nd place - Sophia Truchon, and 3rd place - Brooklyn Lehto. For grades 2-3, winners were 1st place - King Price, 2nd place - Tucker Mueller, and 3rd place - Idella Wilcox. King's poster will go to the state contest in Lake Geneva in March for judging with the other 1st place winners.
- On January 17, 2019, the second and seventh grade students went to the Great Lakes Aquarium. The Rivers2lake program helped integrate art into learning about the Lake Superior Watershed.
- 5th, 6th, and 7th grade art students participated in the Memory Project. Creating portraits as special gifts for children facing challenges. This year students created portraits for children in the Philippines. We will receive a video of the children receiving the portraits this spring.
- Spanish I students at South Shore & Butternut and the Cardinal Choir students were treated to a virtual field trip presented by Cleveland Institute of Music which explored Mexican music.
- During the month of December, the kindergarten participated in a Gingerbread Geography unit. Parents were asked to contact their out of town relatives and have them send letters or postcards about how they saw the gingerbread man but he got away. We received mail from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Tennessee, North Carolina, and as far as Madagascar! The kids loved getting mail and finding the different places on the map. We read gingerbread stories, made life sized gingerbread people to hang in the hallway, played with homemade gingerbread scented playdough, and many other activities related to that theme.
- The Gifted/Talented Committee planned a school-wide Project Fair which was held on April 18 and showcased presentations and projects done by students of all ages.
- The PTO provided a phenomenal Harvest Dinner on Parent-teacher conference night (Thursday, November 8). Record numbers were served (214). Thank you PTO!
- Elementary students picked potatoes from the high tunnel to be served in the school Thanksgiving lunch.
- Spanish I students from South Shore and Butternut experimented with Spanish discussion groups in a digital platform.
- Mrs. Lazorik's 8th grade student read the novel, the *Outsiders* and were asked to draw a characterization of one of the characters based upon the literary description of him/her in the text. In addition, they were then required to draw a characterization of themselves to compare/contrast similarities/differences between themselves and their character. It was enjoyable to watch the artists in the room display their talents.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE TAX LEVY FOR OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT:

Motion by Vicky Jatzo, second by Marjorie Lahti 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 28th day of October, 2019, 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.

Motion carried by show of hands.

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

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by Ed Burhans 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.

Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO SET BOARD SALARIES:

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by Marjorie Lahti to set the 2019-20 board salaries as follows with no per diem on meetings for regular board meetings:

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

Yes: 9. No: 3. Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE BOARD MEMBERS' EXPENSES:

Motion by Clyde Clauson, 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 authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of school board members when traveling outside of the School District in performance of duties.

Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS:

Motion by Ed Burhans, second by Cathy Gustafson 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.

Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE FUND 80 LEVY FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

Motion by Marjorie Lahti, second by Clyde Clauson 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 \$30,000 for the Fund 80 Community Service Fund.

Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION OF SHORT TERM BORROWING:

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by Mindy Mueller 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 school year.

Motion carried by show of hands.

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

Motion by Marjorie Lahti, 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.

Motion carried by show of hands.

SET DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion by Clyde Clauson, 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 establish Monday, October 26, 2020, as the annual meeting date.

Motion carried by show of hands.

OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY STATE STATUTES:

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by Ed Burhans to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Schierman, Clerk