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# Building Project Committee: Needs Still Exist Board Approves Hoffman as GC

At their meeting on August 13, the Building Project Committee discussed the building-related needs that remain despite the outcome of the Capital Referendum last February.

The Committee reviewed the feedback from the community that was provided through the on-line and paper-based survey, as well as the comments shared through the survey and at the in-person meetings. According to the feedback, the three projects garnering a majority of “most important” votes included Infrastructure and Maintenance, Safe and Secure Entrances, and Technical Education Wing. The playground also garnered its fair share of the “most important” votes ahead of the gymnasium, lockerrooms, fine arts wing, and child care wing.

Replacing and expanding outdated and deteriorating infrastructure was key item of discussion. Ryan Micke, Director of Building and Grounds, also indicated a heightened level of concern regarding the playground structure, noting that one of the slides is no longer repairable and will again need to be blocked off from use. He also discussed the deteriorating condition of many of the joints and necks, sharing concerns that it is difficult, sometimes impossible, to purchase these parts given the age of the structure. As the playground structure is integral to student learning, both from a standpoint of social skills development and as a source of physical exercise, the need to provide a stable and safe structure with activities accessible by

all ages is a need that must be addressed.

Discussion also centered on the need for updated Tech Ed facilities and the utilities that instruction in these areas rely upon such as HVAC and electric. Discussion regarding the need for space for the child care center included consideration of re-modeling our current spaces. Doing so could eliminate building a wing while still providing a dedicated area in the school building such that all child care rooms could be in one area of the school building and more readily accessed by parents. The need for expanded gymnasium space, ADA compliant seating, and equitable locker-room provisions was also discussed, as was the need for a dedicated learning area for the vocal and instrumental fine arts programs with appropriate acoustics and practice room space.

## General Contractor

On a recommendation from the Building Project Committee, the Board of Education approved continuation of General Contractor services from Hoffman Planning, Design, and Construction, LLC. Hoffman will continue to support efforts related to a future Capital Referendum, which, if approved by the Board, would go before voters in April 2025. Hoffman confirmed that the company will not engage in any self-performance of any of the divisions of work should the Board choose to move forward with a building referendum in Spring.


The Building Project Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, September 16, 2024 beginning at 6:00PM.

School District of Shiocton  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30PM**  
in the school library.

The purpose of this meeting is to review the financial for the FY24 and set the budget for the 24-25 school year. All community members are welcome to attend this meeting.

## Track Project Update


Due to the recent bout of rain, the start of the Track Project has been delayed until Monday, September 9. The football field will still be accessible and games scheduled will still be played as planned during the track construction.



### Coffee with Community

Members of the school and Shiocton communities are invited to join Mrs. Schweitzer for coffee, conversation, and collaboration. Learn more about happenings and events taking place, as well as share ideas and thoughts about how we can grow our district and our community.

September 5, 2024  
8:30 - 9:30AM  
Library Media Center (LMC)



## Veterans Day Program: Looking for Photos

We are looking to add to your Veteran’s Day slideshow by recognizing or local Veterans with their photos. If you have a photo of your Veteran, please drop a photo off at the District Office or email a copy to Mrs. Krueger at [rkrueger@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:rkrueger@shiocton.k12.wi.us). If you have submitted in the past, we will continue to use that photo.

Look for additional information on the Veterans Day Program and Breakfast in an upcoming issue of *The Link*.





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*All residents of the school district are welcome to attend board meetings to keep informed on school issues or to voice any concerns they may have.*

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If you do not have Internet access, you may request a copy by mail by calling (920) 986-3351 ext. 700. Submit any articles for publication by mail to the school address or by e-mail to: [thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us](mailto:thelink@shiocton.k12.wi.us).

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## News from the MS/HS Office

Greetings to our Shiocton School Community,

This is the 7th-12th Grade Principal, Mr. Ortlieb. I am thrilled to be able to communicate with you about the upcoming start to the 2024-2025 school year. Our staff have been hard at work both in the MS/HS Office and throughout the school to help prepare for a great start to the year. A big thanks has to go out to our wonderful IT staff and Maintenance staff for all of the work that they have done to get the school ready for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

For those who have not had the chance to meet me, particularly any new students or incoming 7th grade students, I like to use the September article as a way to introduce myself and my expectations as the 7th-12th grade Principal. First, I believe that the most important thing that educators can do to create positive educational outcomes is to build positive teacher/pupil relationships with our students. This helps our educators see what works best to help children achieve success. Second, I believe in a fair and consistent approach with high expectations when working with students on behavioral expectations. I expect that students behave in the school building the same

as if it were a professional environment. This includes taking care of their personal responsibilities such as homework, due dates, and attendance. They should make sure that they are respectful to those around them as if they were in a work environment. This has helped our Middle School students prepare for High School, and our High School students prepare for life after school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to inform community members about some upcoming dates for the 2024-2025 school year. Our 1st Day of School is coming up on September 3, 2024. Homecoming this year will be held on October 4, 2024. There will be no school for students on Monday, October 7, 2024 due to a Professional Development Day. Our Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on October 15th and 17th. We will also have no school on Friday, October 18, 2024 due to a Professional Development Day. The end of the 1st quarter grading period will be on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

If you have any questions or need any information related to your child's school experience, please reach out to the Middle School/High School Office.

Thank you,

Mr. Nick Ortlieb, 7th-12th Grade Principal

**S.P.I.C.E.**  
Shiocton Partners In Children's Education

Learn about upcoming events!  
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**THANK YOU** to Modern Woodmen of America Shiocton Chapter 6398 for their generous matching donation of \$2,500 to be put towards the Playground fund. We truly appreciate it!

For those of you that do not know, we are the PTO of Shiocton. We are geared up to help the school, staff, and our children in many different ways. We would love to have you join us! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 6:30pm in the LMC. Hope to see you there!

S.P.I.C.E. provides many *services and funds* to our school:

- 2 – Scholarships are granted to seniors each year
- Donation of books and school/classroom items
- Purchases the school movie license
- Facilitates yearly school supply kits
- Provides funding for busing for various field trips and activities
- Recognizes teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week
- Welcoming new families to the district with new school swag items

#### **Happy Retirement to Deb Danke, Food Service Director!**

Mrs. Danke has retired with 19 years of service with the District! Thank you for all the meals and support to our students, parents, and staff over the years. We wish you all the best in your retirement.





## Child Development Days

A free preschool screening opportunity for children ages 3-4 who reside within the School District of Shiocton. The purpose of the developmental screening is to:

- Assess Children's developmental process.
- Provide parents with awareness of child growth and development issues.

### Who is Eligible to Participate?

- Children who are ages 3-4 not enrolled in 4K.
- Children who have not previously participated in Child Development Days.
- Children to reside in the School District of Shiocton.

### When is Child Development Days?

The child development screening days are scheduled on the following dates and times. The screening process is completed within approximately one hour.

**Tuesday 10/1/24 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm \* RSVP by 9/24/24**

**Friday 10/4/24 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm \* RSVP by 9/27/24**

**Tuesday 1/7/25 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm \* RSVP by 12/20/24**

**Tuesday 2/25/25 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm \* RSVP by 2/18/25**

**Friday 2/28/25 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm \* RSVP by 2/21/25**

### Where is Child Development Days?

The Child Development Days screening are held at Shiocton Elementary School located at N5650 Broad Street, Shiocton, WI 54170.

### What Happens at Child Development Days?

Your child will be screened in a relaxed and friendly setting in the areas of Communication, Personal-Social, Motor and Academic Readiness. When the screening process is completed, a school professional will share the results with parents and address any concerns. The entire screening process is completed within approximately 1 hour.

### How can I register for child Development Days?

Phone reservations for a reserved time slot for your child's screening can be made by contacting Lilly at (920) 986-3351 ext. 764. Parents are required to call for a reserved screening appointment.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHIOCTON ANNUAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Upon request, the School District of Shiocton is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting: Kelly Thiel, Director of Special Education, at 920-986-3351 ext. 773, or by writing at N5650 Broad Street, PO Box 68, Shiocton, WI 54170.

## NOTICE and STATEMENT of NONDISCRIMINATION

The School District of Shiocton Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission of employment.

Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the Districts Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), or both. The District's Title IX Coordinators are:

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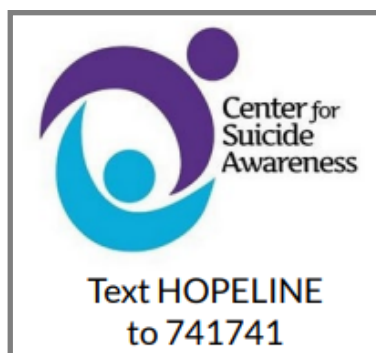
The Board designates **Nick Ortlieb** as the coordinator who is ultimately responsible for oversight over the Board's compliance with its responsibilities under Title IX.

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please review the applicable policy and/or contact one of the District's Title I Coordinators.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTICES:

The School District of Shiocton provides you a "one-stop-shop" for all of the required educational notices at:

<https://www.shiocton.k12.wi.us/district/educational-notices.cfm>





**Breakfast prices:** 4K-12— \$1.40 per day  
**Lunch prices:** 4K-8—\$2.70 per day  
 9-12—\$2.95 per day

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