

**School District of Shiocton Board of Education**  
**Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing**  
**September 25, 2023**

- Call to Order           The meeting was called to order by Board President Brad Ritchie at 6:52PM.
- Attendance             The following community members were in attendance: Michael Bellin, Jeremie Birch, David Gomm, Mindy Hofacker, Aaron Pluger, Bradley Ritchie, Rachel Krueger, Alan Van Straten, Carol Van Straten, Chris Marcks, Carla Hoffman, Dave Hoffman, Saida Van Oss, Pam Ebert, and Paul Ebert
- Others in attendance included Nichole Schweitzer and Mike Sippert
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Election of  
Chairperson           Mrs. Van Straten motioned to elect Mr. Brad Ritchie as chairperson with a second by Mr. Bellin. Motions were closed. As there were no further nominations, Mr. Ritchie was unanimously elected as Chairman.
- Treasurer's  
Report                 The 2022-2023 Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Bellin, Board Treasurer.
- Administrative  
Reports                Mr. Ritchie allowed time for those in attendance to read through the Administrative reports on Pages 5 and 6.
- Presentation/Hearing  
on Budget             Mrs. Schweitzer, District Administrator, walked through the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. She noted using the 1998 referendum expenditures for technology, and building maintenance.
- She also noted that the General Fund is seeing growth for the upcoming year. The Food Service Department is looking to spend down their Fund dollars due to DPI's request. A purchase is being made for an energy efficient dishwasher. The Community Fund is used for Child Care where they are serving around 100 children, the Multi-Purpose Facility, and student sports (IE. flag football). The MPF facility is looking to grow its program by adding Pickle Ball per community interest.
- Mrs. Schweitzer noted the increase in the Proposed Property Tax Levy. The State is providing Districts with a one-time opportunity to increase the revenue limit ceiling to \$11,000 per student. This increase is factored into the proposed levy.
- Discussed the importance of grants and the ability to apply for the grants that would best serve the District's needs.

Annual Meeting  
Resolutions

State regulations require that a number of resolutions be acted upon each year at the Annual Meeting. Approval of these resolutions gives the Board the necessary legal authority to operate the school during the coming year. The resolutions are as follows:

**A. ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY 22-23 TAX LEVY**

*(The Board sets final levy in October)*

BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be levied upon the taxable property of the School District the sum of \$4,159,500 for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools, \$249,675 for the purpose of funding referendum debt, and \$82,500 for the community service fund for a total levy of \$4,491,675.

Motion by: Mrs. Van Straten    Second by: Mr. Birch    Disposition: 12 votes yes, 2 votes nay

**B. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is authorized to purchase, operate, and maintain pupil transportation vehicles and to purchase such insurance as is necessary for such vehicles and/ or to finance contracts for the use and services of student transportation vehicles.

Motion by: Mr. Gomm    Second by: Mr. Bellin    Disposition: Carried Unanimously

**C. SALARIES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the salaries be set for members of the Board of Education. Current salaries are:

Per regular meeting	\$55.00
Per all-day meeting held outside of the District	\$70.00
Per evening meeting held outside of the District	\$30.00
Per special meeting held within the School District	\$25.00

Motion by: Mr. Van Straten    Second by: Mrs. Ebert    Disposition: Carried Unanimously

**D. FREE TEXTBOOKS FOR STUDENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board is authorized to furnish free textbooks to students who attend the Shiocton Public Schools.

Motion by: Mrs. Van Straten    Second by: Mr. Bellin    Disposition: Carried Unanimously

**E. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is authorized to sell and dispose of any tangible personal property belonging to the Shiocton School District that is determined by the Board to be no longer needed for school purposes, provided, however, that the maximum aggregate value of such tangible personal property disposed of during the current school year shall not exceed a \$5000 value as evidenced by an independent appraisal and/or competitive bids.

Motion by: Mr. Gomm                      Second by: Mrs. Hofacker                      Disposition: Carried Unanimously

**F. SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAMS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is authorized to maintain a school breakfast and lunch program for the students attending the Shiocton Public Schools and to appropriate funds to be used for that purpose.

Motion by: Mr. Birch                      Second by: Mr. Gomm                      Disposition: Carried Unanimously

**G. TIME & DATE FOR THE 2023 MEETING**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is authorized in compliance with State Statutes governing same to set the time and date for the 2024 Annual Meeting. (September 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.)

Motion by: Mr. Van Straten                      Second by: Mrs. Hofaker                      Disposition: Carried Unanimously

Other New  
Business

Mr. Ebert communicated that he would like public schools to bring back prayer and God.

Mrs. Van Straten asked about a Building Project update.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Hofacker with a second by Mr. Bellin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.

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Board President

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Board Clerk