

School District of Shiocton Board of Education
Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing
September 23, 2024

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Board President Brad Ritchie at 6:30PM.
Attendance	<p>The following community members were in attendance: Mrs. Hofacker, Mr. Birch, Mr. Pluger, Mr. Ritchie, Mrs. Warning, Mr. Gomm, Rachel Krueger, Ryan Young, Al Van Straten, and Carol Van Straten.</p> <p>Others in attendance included Nichole Schweitzer and Mike Sippert</p>
Election of Chairperson	Mr. Gomm motioned to elect Mr. Brad Ritchie as chairperson with a second by Mr. Birch. Motions were closed. As there were no further nominations, Mr. Ritchie was unanimously elected as Chairman. 8-0.
Treasurer's Report	The 2023-2024 Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Pluger, Board Treasurer.
Administrative Reports	Mr. Ritchie allowed time for those in attendance to read through the Administrative reports on Pages 4 and 5 of the Annual Meeting booklet.
Presentation/Hearing on Budget	<p>Mr. Sippert, Business Manager walked through the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. He discussed how the 1998 Referendum money was spent from 2020-2021 through 2023-2024. The Funds are allocated to be used for Technology and Maintenance.</p> <p>Mr. Sippert also noted on the Budget Summary that the cost of health insurance is up 9.9%. As well as not having our final numbers in for Equalized Property Valuation, Open Enrollment, and per pupil count. Those finalized number will change some of the budget totals. Food Service Fund is looking to decrease their funds as advised by DPI. They will be investing in new ovens due to a need to replace.</p> <p>It was discussed why the 2023-2024 unaudited numbers were not audited yet. The DPI state requirement gives auditors until December 15 to finalize budget numbers.</p> <p>No additional questions or comments from the community.</p> <p>Mr. Van Straten arrived at 6:44PM.</p> <p>Mrs. Van Straten arrived at 6:52PM.</p>

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:

ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY 23-24 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 \$4,370,000 for the purpose of defraying the costs of operation and maintenance of the public schools, \$241,800 for the purpose of funding referendum debt, and \$74,500 for the community service fund for a total levy of \$4,686,300.

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

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: Mrs. Hofacker Disposition: Carried Unanimously

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: Mr. Pluger Disposition: Carried Unanimously

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: Mr. Birch Second by: Mrs. Hofacker Disposition: Carried Unanimously

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. Warning Disposition: Carried Unanimously

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: Mrs. Van Straten Second by: Mr. Pluger Disposition: Carried Unanimously

TIME & DATE FOR THE 2025 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 2025 Annual Meeting. (September 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.)

Motion by: Mrs. Hofacker Second by: Mrs. Warning Disposition: Carried Unanimously

Other New Business	Mrs. Schweitzer commented on the 1998 referendum of \$160,000; an amount of \$304,274 would need to be levied in order to have the same buying power as \$160,000 did back in 1998.
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Adjournment	Motion by Mr. Van Straten with a second by Mrs. Hofacker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. 10-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM.
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Board President

Board Clerk