

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2026
Jasonville, Indiana

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Shakamak met in regular session in the Shakamak Jr/Sr. High School, at 6:00 p.m., with the following people present: Braionna Barber, Jodi Barton, Jeremiah Faulk, David Smith and Ian Matthews; Board Members; Dr. Jacinda Smith Superintendent; Travis Turpen and Shane Reese, Building Administrators; and Cortney Givens, Corporation Attorney.

Regular Session

The public meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Board President Braionna Barber leading the pledge of allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approve - Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026 regular Board Meeting, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve - Claims

A motion to approve accounts payable vouchers 99682 through 99787, payroll direct deposit advices 108365 through 108769, made by Jeremiah Faulk and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Patron Comments

Henry Buell expressed his support of the boys basketball coach.

Approve – Addition of Preschool Teacher Position

A motion to approve adding a preschool teaching position, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – K. Wasnidge

A motion to approve Katelyn Wasnidge as Preschool Teacher, made by Jeremiah Faulk and seconded by David Smith, was unanimously approved.

Approve – B. Dowell

A motion to approve Brock Dowell as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, made by Jeremiah Faulk and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – B. A. Shipman

A motion to approve B.A. Shipman as Girls JV Basketball Coach, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – B. Crowe

A motion to approve Brodie Crowe as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved. Prior to the vote, Jodi Barton made the following statement: “I want my vote and concerns to reflect the importance of professionalism, accountability and transparency within our athletic programs. It was concerning to learn that communication occurred with only certain board members, as all members deserve equal respect and consideration in the process. If the planned decision is to retain Coach Crowe under a performance improvement plan, I sincerely hope this experience has been humbling enough to motivate meaningful growth, improved communication, and future progress for the benefit of our students and community.” Braionna Barber also made the following statement to Coach Crowe: “I also was not contacted, which was disappointing. I know you have my number.”

Approve – J. Miller

A motion to approve Jon Miller as Boys JV Basketball Coach, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – B. Griffith

A motion to approve Brooklyn Griffith as Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Re-employment

A motion to approve the re-employment of classified permanent employees, part-time instructional aides, bus drivers, bus aides and custodians for the 2026-2027 school year, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – ECA Assignments

A motion to approve the following ECA Assignments for the 2026-2027 school year, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk was unanimously approved:

- Academic Spell Bowl – Carol McDonald
- Academic Quiz Bowl – Carol McDonald
- Academic Super Bowl – Carol McDonald
- Art Club – David Gill
- BPA – William Fisher
- Chess Club – Amanda Wampler
- Drama Club Sponsor – Morgan Sparks
- FCCLA (Jr. High) – Charla Byers
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- FFA (Jr. High) – Kenna Slough
- FFA – Kenna Slough
- Foreign Language Club – William Fisher
- Media Club – Stacy Samm
- National Honor Society – Carol McDonald
- Robotics (High School) – Carol McDonald
- Robotics (Jr. High) – Carol McDonald
- International Robotics Honor Society – Carol McDonald
- Student Council (Jr. High) – Paige Wolf
- Junior Class Sponsor Lead – Nicole Walters
- Sophomore Class Sponsors – Paige Wolf & Haven Wonders
- Band Director – Virgil Franklin

- Chorus Director – Morgan Sparks
- Yearbook – Stacy Samm

Approve – NEOLA Policy Updates/Revisions

A motion to approve the NEOLA policy updates/revisions, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Resolution Authorizing Administration Regarding Auditor Certification

A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Administration Regarding Auditor Certification, made by Jeremiah Faulk and seconded by Braionna Barber was unanimously approved.

Approve – Virtual School Proposal

A motion to approve the virtual school proposal, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Application for Virtual Academy School Number

A motion to approve applying for a virtual academy school number, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Food Service Management Company Bid

A motion to approve the bid from Chartwells as Food Service Management Company, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Preschool Handbook

A motion to approve the preschool handbook, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report

- ___ Reach program
- ___ New diploma pathways
- ___ Pre-K expansion
- ___ Summer projects
- ___ Thanked staff and students for hard work & dedication

Principals' Reports

Shane Reese and Amy Hammond reported on current news and activities in the Jr/Sr. High School and Elementary School.

Other Board Business

- Board Members continued having discussion on the possibility of adding a soccer program. Dr. Smith listed the fees associated with starting and sustaining the program.
- Board Members discussed soliciting bids for athletic training services. A vote was held, but Ian Matthews had to leave the meeting prior to the vote. A motion to approve the solicitation of bids for athletic training services was made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk. A 2-2 vote was cast, with David Smith and Jeremiah Faulk voting for the motion, and Braionna Barber and Jodi Barton voting against the motion. The motion was tabled until the next regular board meeting.

- Board Members thanked the teachers, staff & students for a great year of many accomplishments. Board Members also thanked the patrons in attendance. Board Members noted to those interested in the soccer program, that they are still discussing the program and working to understand the scope of the needs of the program. Board Members congratulated Amy Hammond and wished her well as she moves on to her next role. Board Members congratulated Lincoln Hammond on his award. Board Members thanked Carol McDonald and her team members for representing Shakamak well. Board Members wished luck to the spring sports during sectionals. Board Members also congratulated the 2026 graduates and wished them success in their futures.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.; motion made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton; approval was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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