

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 15, 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, following a Board of Finance Meeting at 6:00 p.m., with the following people present: David Smith, Braionna Barber, Jodi Barton, Jeremiah Faulk, and Ian Matthews; Board Members; Dr. Jacinda Smith Superintendent; Jennifer Barcus, Corporation Treasurer; Travis Turpen and Shane Reese, Building Administrators.

Board of Finance Meeting

The Board of Finance meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., by President David Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to appoint Braionna Barber as President of the Board of Finance, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was approved by a vote of 4-0, with Braionna Barber abstaining from the vote.

A motion to appoint Jeremiah Faulk as Secretary of the Board of Finance, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by David Smith, was approved by a vote of 4-0, with Jeremiah Faulk abstaining from the vote.

David Smith reported that MSD of Shakamak currently doesn't have any funds invested.

There being no further business, the Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m., with a motion made by Braionna Barber and seconded by Jodi Barton, being unanimously approved.

Student Spotlight Presentation

- Hart Buell was recognized for being the recipient of the Character Counts Award at the Graves Classic.
- BPA members were recognized for their many accomplishments. BPA Sponsor, Haven Wonders noted that Shakamak is the smallest school in BPA, but has the largest number of student members.

Regular Session

The public meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m., by Board President, David Smith.

Reorganization of Board

A motion to elect the following officers, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

- President – Braionna Barber
- Vice-President – David Smith

A motion to elect the following officer, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was approved by a vote of 4-0, with Jeremiah Faulk abstaining from the vote.

- Secretary – Jeremiah Faulk

Appoint – Legislative Liaison

A motion to appoint Ian Matthews as Legislative Liaison, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

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Appoint – Treasurer of the Board and Corporation

A motion to appoint Jennifer Barcus as Treasurer of the Board and the School Corporation, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Schedule – Regular Board Meetings

A motion to schedule regular Board Meetings for calendar year 2026 at 6:00 p.m., on the third Thursday of each month, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Set Board Member Compensation

A motion to set the compensation for School Board Members for calendar year 2026 at \$2,000, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve - Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 regular Board Meeting, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve - Claims

A motion to approve accounts payable vouchers 99353 through 99388, payroll direct deposit advices 107372 through 107583, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Patron Comments

Members of the Shakamak Youth League Board were in attendance to request more gym time for the biddy basketball program. A meeting with the athletic director had already been scheduled for tomorrow, to discuss possible options for adding more scheduled gym time for the program.

Resignation – S. Green

A motion to accept the resignation of Samantha Green as elementary teacher, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Termination – K. Flanders

A motion to terminate Keisha Flanders as part-time evening custodian, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – J. Byrne

A motion to approve Jeffrey Byrne as maintenance director, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – B. A. Shipman

A motion to approve B.A. Shipman as varsity girls basketball volunteer assistant, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – J. Williams

A motion to approve John Williams as part-time evening custodian, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – J. Sexton

A motion to approve Jodi Sexton as long-term substitute instructional aide through the end of the semester, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – V. McCracken

A motion to approve Vicki McCracken as long-term substitute teacher through the end of the semester, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Leave of Absence

A motion to approve leave of absence request from Jennifer Hart as instructional aide, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Substitute Teacher Rate Increase

A motion to approve the substitute teacher rate increase to \$75 per day, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by David Smith, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Reorganization of Responsibilities

A motion to approve reorganizing responsibilities for a special services coordinator and paying a \$1,500 semester stipend for those responsibilities, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Pre-payment of Claims Resolution

A motion to approve the 2026 Pre-payment of Claims Resolution, made by David Smith and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Policy Analytics

A motion to approve the property tax service quote from Policy Analytics, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

First Reading – 2026-2029 Strategic Plan

A first reading was held of the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan.

Superintendent's Report

- Strategic Plan
- School Calendar
- Capital & Facilities Planning
- Feasibility Study of Food Services/School Nutrition
- School Safety Conference
- Legislative Update

Principals' Reports

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

Other Board Business

The Board Members thanked administration, faculty, staff and students for a smooth first semester; as well as Dr. Smith for the phenomenal job she has done on the strategic planning. Board Members congratulated the BPA for their accomplishments and representation of Shakamak; as well as Hart Buell for the character award he received. Board Members welcomed new staff to Shakamak.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.; motion made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Jeremiah Faulk; approval was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

President

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Vice-President

Member

Secretary