

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 16, 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, David Smith and Ian Matthews; Board Members; Dr. Jacinda Smith Superintendent; 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

A motion to approve the following additions/deletions to the agenda, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

(Personnel - Additions)

- Accept resignation from Bill Newton
- Removal of Tracy Hamilton from substitute bus driver list

Approve - Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2026 regular Board Meeting, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve - Claims

A motion to approve accounts payable vouchers 99863 through 99919, payroll direct deposit advices 108990 through 109154, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Patron Comments

Brodie Crowe and Mark Messmer stated their support of Samuel Messmer as Athletic Trainer.

Accept – Resignations

A motion to accept the following resignations, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

- William Fisher – Spanish/Construction Teacher
- Jennifer Scott – Jr/Sr. High Guidance Counselor
- William Newton – Math Teacher

Approve – J. Barcus

A motion to approve Jennifer Barcus as the School Nutrition Director, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – C. Weir

A motion to approve Chad Weir as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Approve – E. Andrades

A motion to approve Elena Andrades as Elementary Special Education Teacher, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

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Approve – T. Dowell

A motion to approve Truman Dowell as Jr. High Cross Country Coach, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Permission to Hire – Personnel

A motion to approve hiring personnel prior to the August 20th board meeting, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Removal from Substitute List

A motion to approve the removal of Tracy Hamilton from the substitute bus driver list, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – NEOLA Policy Updates/Revisions

A motion to approve the NEOLA Policy Updates/Revisions, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – 2026-2027 Elementary Student Handbook

A motion to approve the 2026-2027 Elementary Student Handbook, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Approve – 2026-2027 Crossroads Academy

A motion to approve 2026-2027 Crossroads Academy, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Transfer

A motion to approve the June 30, 2026 transfer of \$40,739.63 from Debt Service Fund to Operations Fund (*per HEA 1210-2026 which allows schools to spread the financial impact of the new supplemental homestead credit provided under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.7 across all non-exempt funds that levy property taxes, rather than only the operations fund.*), made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Accept – Greene County Foundation Awards

A motion to accept the following awards from the Greene County Foundation, made by David Smith and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

- After School Program - \$13,470
- Brown Bag Program - \$9,500
- Broadcasting Program - \$5,000

Approve – ECA Financial Reports

A motion to approve the 2025-2026 ECA financial reports for the Elementary and Jr/Sr. High, made by Ian Matthews and seconded by Jodi Barton, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Athletic Training Services Bid

A motion to approve the 2026-2027 Athletic Training Service Bid from Shakamak Rehab, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by Ian Matthews, was approve by a vote of 3-1. David Smith voted against the motion.

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Approve – Music Instruction Services Proposal

A motion to approve the music instruction services proposal with Rhythm Garden Music LLC, made by David Smith and seconded by Ian Matthews, was unanimously approved.

Superintendent’s Report

Other Board Business

Board Members thanked the summer staff for their hard work. Board Members welcomed Elena Andrades to Shakamak.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.; motion made by Ian Matthews and seconded by David Smith; approval was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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