

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the May 9, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 in the school library.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance, and Kathleen Visconti
Board member Plamen Petkov attended the meeting by remote access

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Interim Assistant Superintendents: Scott Fellows and Jill Pace

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Teacher: Emily Loiodice

Guest: Attorney Christine Chinni – attended by remote access

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Chair Doug Cahill.

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Monica Connor to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

No public comment was heard.

Board member Plamen Petkov was this month's honoree for sharing with the students in grades 6-8 facts about his life growing up behind the Iron Curtain.

There was discussion regarding the Proposed 2022-2023 Spending Plan, after the Board of Finance instructed the Board of Education to reduce this proposed budget by \$600,000. Attorney Chinni gave the Board legal advice as to how to best proceed and warned repeatedly that the State will fine the Board if they exceed the MBR limits.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to reduce the proposed 2022-2023 Sharon Education Spending Plan by \$236,791 with \$50,000 from Capital Savings and \$186,791 from building repairs.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to postpone the request for a Town Meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal Manning spoke of the Smarter Balanced, Next Generation Science, and MySAEBRS (a social emotional screener) assessments and when these assessments will take place for students in grades 3-8.

Principal Manning gave a Power Point presentation highlighting some of the activities and programs at the school recently.

She also described the Staff Training (“Run, Fight, Hide”) provided by the State Police for School Safety and how to respond in the event of an active shooter.

8th grade graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14.

June 16 is expected to be the last day of school for students.

In addition to the written Assistant Superintendents’ report, Jill Pace reported that earlier today, Sharon Center School hosted a 4th Grade Arts Day for our students.

As part of the Superintendent’s written report, Lisa Carter thanked Berkshire Taconic Foundation for their generous grant which will cover the transportation costs for our students for Summer School this year.

Healthy Food Certification:

Motion by Amanda Thompson/Deborah Rathbun that Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Sharon Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in Sharon Center School, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including the school store, the school cafeteria, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Food and Beverage Exemptions:

Motion by Monica Connor/Amanda Thompson that the Sharon Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes, provided that the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, the sale is at the location of the event, and the food and beverage items are not sold from the school store.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Anne Vance to approve the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau’s survey, which will be given only to middle school students.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal Manning read letters from four families, requesting that their children be permitted to attend Sharon Center School during the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve all four enrollment requests.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson to approve the following Regional policies: 0200, 1110.1, 3542.43, 4118.11, 5113, 5113.2, 6159.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was a First Reading of additional Policies and Regulations from the 5000 series. There were no comments or questions on any of these policies.

Timeline for the 2022-2023 Sharon Board of Education Proposed Spending Plan:

Friday, April 29, 2022 – Town Hearing

Friday, May 13, 2022 – Town Vote

Request from Sharon Day Care for additional space in Sharon Center School:

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun that we grant the request from the Sharon Daycare Center to occupy and use Room 208 and the adjacent office space for a two-year period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. We ask Principal Karen Manning to work with Town of Sharon legal representatives and Sharon Daycare Center representatives to amend the lease currently in effect so that it reflects the decision to include these spaces.

Motion carried with five (5) yea votes, with two (2) members (Doug Cahill and Plamen Petkov) recusing themselves.

No public comment was heard.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Monica Connor to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk