

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the February 14, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 as a virtual meeting.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Interim Assistant Superintendent: Scott Fellows

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Sara Brittingham and Liz Foster

Guests: Meg Flanagan, Mike Flint (CATV6), Katie McEnroe

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board Chair Doug Cahill

Board Chair Cahill requested that two items be added to the meeting's agenda:

1. The minutes from the January 6, 2022 BOE Walk-Through Meeting
2. Discussion on the solar presentation (#5 on the agenda)

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to accept the Agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: Katie McEnroe congratulated Principal Manning on her retirement and asked that she be considered for the principal search committee as a community member and parent.

Staff member Sara Brittingham gave a presentation on the Reset Room and explained how it is used and how it benefits students.

School counselor Liz Foster spoke about "Project Make a Difference" and illustrated her talk with photos from the program.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to endorse the concept of installing solar panels in the Nature Preserve at Sharon Center School. Motion carried with one abstention (Plamen Petkov)

Principal Manning's report began with a Power Point Presentation of student activities at the school.

The Professional Development day was very successful, with much positive feedback from the staff.

Principal Manning updated the Board on the air conditioning project, informing them that as of December 31, it was approximately 55% completed.

The Leadership Team is considering the possibility of beginning an After School Enrichment Program here at Sharon Center School.

The Assistant Superintendent and the Superintendent reviewed their January reports to the Board.

Interim Assistant Superintendent Scott Fellows explained the value of the proposed "Grades 6-8 Needs Assessment" survey, and answered questions from the board members.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve the use of this survey. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The 2022-2023 Proposed Spending Plan Timeline was reviewed.

A Virtual Personnel Committee Meeting was set for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 4:30p.m.

A Special Board of Education Meeting was set for Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to review and approve the 2022-2023 Proposed Spending Plan. (A determination will be made at a later date as to whether this meeting will be in person or virtual.)

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Anne Vance to hire "Education for the Future" at a cost of up to \$2,500 to conduct surveys for parents, students, and staff. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Amanda Thompson to approve the request for two out of district tuition students to attend Sharon Center School for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve the 2022-2023 Regional Sports Participation and Budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Carter outlined the procedure that will be followed during the Principal Search Process.

A virtual non-meeting was set for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for the "Sharon Center School Principal Search Committee"

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Monica Connor to appoint the Board of Education and Superintendent Carter as the core of the Principal Search Committee. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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The Board agreed to table the Daycare's request for additional space in the school building until the February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Anne Vance to approve Policy 4118.237, 4218.237, 5141.8 - Face Masks/Coverings. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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No Public Comment was heard.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Monica Connor to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk