

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the November 8, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

## Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 in the school library.

Present:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:**

**IN PERSON:** Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson

**VIA REMOTE ACCESS:** Plamen Petkov, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Lisa Carter

**INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS:** Scott Fellows and Jill Pace

**PRINCIPAL:** Karen Manning

**BOARD CLERK:** Kathryn Amiet

**GUESTS VIA REMOTE ACCESS:** Mike Flint and Katie McEnroe

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairman Doug Cahill.

*Motion by M. Connor/2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Rathbun to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

During the "Spotlight on Student Learning", Principal Manning showed photos of "Nature's Classroom on Wheels" and read letters from some of the students who participated in this program.

*Motion by D. Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Thompson to accept the consent agenda as presented.*

There were several questions from board members concerning the Emergency Line in the budget. Principal Manning responded, explaining the recent expenses to this line item.

*Motion then carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment

Principal Manning reviewed Sharon Center School's 2021-2022 Strategic Plan. She also highlighted some of the recent activities and happenings at the school. The Sharon Energy Task Force came to the school recently to pursue the possibility of installing solar panels for the school.

The Assistant Superintendents and the Superintendent reviewed their written reports and answered questions from the Board members.

*Motion by A. Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Connor to accept the MOA as presented and to authorize Chairman Cahill to sign it on behalf of the Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

*Motion by D. Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Thompson to accept the Proposed 2022 Meeting Dates. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

First reading of the 4000 policy series.

Superintendent Carter explained a possible change to the policy review process. Her suggestion is to have 1 or possibly 2 representatives from each local Board of Education on a Regional Policy Committee. They would review new policies that were received and then send their revised policy to each Board for their consideration. Each local Board would have the ability to make minor changes in order to better fit their individual school. The consensus of the Board members was to move forward and give this policy review procedure a try.

In a discussion about school enrollment, it was suggested that a sub-committee be established to look into what affects enrollment, such as home schooling, private schools, demographics, available affordable/moderate income housing, etc. Then the sub-committee would bring their findings back to the Board for their consideration as to how to proceed, based on this information.

*Motion by A. Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Rathbun to create a sub-committee whose focus will be on school enrollment and what might be done to increase enrollment in the future. The committee members will be Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, and Plamen Petkov, with Principal Manning involved as the Administration.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment

*Motion by A. Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Vance to adjourn.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet, Board Clerk