

Sharon Board of Education

March 10, 2025 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, March 10, 2025.

In attendance were Board members: Anne Vance, Nancy Hegy Martin, Kathleen Visconti and virtually Philip O'Reilly.

Others in attendance: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Principal Carol Tomkalski, Sara Cousins, Carol Flaton, Lynn Kearcher, Audra Salazar, John Brett, Patee Hecht, John Hecht, Terry Vance and Board Clerk Cindy Webb.

Virtual: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeanine Rose, Keeley Rossi, Justine Smith, Heather Mathews, Allison Bryant, Susan Bayer, Dallas Speranzo, and Rebecca Smith.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by K. Visconti to approve the Consent Agenda. No questions, motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Written Communications: Letters regarding tuition students.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by K. Visconti to accept three tuition students (Murtagh, Cafiero, Morey) for the 25-26 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Healthy Food Certification:

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by K. Visconti:

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Sharon Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, 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, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by P. O'Reilly:

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 following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

The Principal presented her slideshow, Assistant Superintendent reviewed her written report, the Superintendent presented her slideshow and answered questions from the Board.

Budget: Principal Tomkalski presented the budget going through the changes series by series. Discussion followed. N. Hegy Martin reminded the Board of their mission to provide a quality education.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to pass the budget and present to the Board of Finance with a gross total cost of \$6,158,332 which is a 1.20% increase.

5 Year Capital Building Project Plan: Tabled until next meeting.

Public comment: Audra Salazar would like the Board of Education to look at their tuition policy. Superintendent Brady-Shanley suggested Audra put in a formal request with all of her requests so it can be reviewed in an executive session.

Board of Education Round Table:

N. Hegy Martin asked the board members if they would like to put in \$10 each to purchase a half page ad in the yearbook. She will send out an email. Also asked if the board had heard back from Maria Horn or anything more regarding the solar panels.

Public comment: Carol Flaton would like to have the MBR number for the Board of Finance Meeting. She believes this budget increases the town's MBR.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by K. Visconti to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk