

Sharon Board of Education
November 17, 2025 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, November 17, 2025.

In attendance were Board members: Philip O'Reilly, Nancy Hegy Martin, Konrad (Chip) Kruger, Terri Vance, Pam Jarvis, Peter Birnbaum and Cathy Winburn.

Others in attendance: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Principal Carol Tomkalski, Sara Cousins, Jessica Fowler and Board Clerk Cindy Webb. Virtual: Sandra Buerger, Lisa Coon, Casey Flanagan, Meghan Flanagan, Blake Hutchins, Meghan Kenny, Heather Mathews, Lynn Kearcher, Carol Flaton and James Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by P. Jarvis to nominate Philip O'Reilly for Chairperson. Motion made by T. Vance/2nd by P. Jarvis to nominate Nancy Hegy Martin for Chairperson. Nominations closed. Philip O'Reilly was declared the Chairperson with 6 votes and 1 vote for Nancy Hegy Martin.

Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley handed the meeting over to Chair O'Reilly.

Motion made by P. Jarvis/2nd by T. Vance to nominate Nancy Hegy Martin for Vice Chairperson. No other nominations, nominations closed. Nancy Hegy Martin was declared the Vice Chairperson with 7 votes.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by C. Kruger to nominate Peter Birnbaum for Secretary. No other nominations, nominations closed. Peter Birnbaum was declared the Secretary with 7 votes.

P. O'Reilly welcomed and thanked the board. The board members were sent a document to sign up for Board Committees. Board was asked to email P. O'Reilly or N. Hegy Martin their sign up choices by the December meeting. Discussion followed.

Motion made by P. Birnbaum/2nd by C. Winburn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Jessica Fowler wanted to let the board know that she will be setting up a Tri board meeting with the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Education to discuss the Town of Sharon finances.

Motion made by P. Birnbaum/2nd by P. Jarvis to accept Andrew Deacon's resignation with regret. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by P. Jarvis/2nd by T. Vance to accept the retirement of Steven Muthig as of November 30, 2025 with regret, congratulations and thank you for his service. Motion carried unanimously.

Letter for Town Plan - more information to come.

Motion made by C. Winburn/2nd by C. Kruger to approve the Sharon Board Goals as a working document in progress. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by T. Vance/2nd P. Birnbaum to approve Steve Muthig's severance allowance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by C. Winburn/2nd by C. Kruger to have a parent forum. Superintendent Brady Shanley was thinking about a plan with groups to rotate through topics. It was suggested that the PTO give a monthly report at the Board of Ed meetings. Superintendent Brady Shanley will send out a doodle poll. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Date - a doodle poll will be sent out to set a date.

School lighting email - P. O'Reilly will respond.

Principal Tomkalski and Superintendent Brady-Shanley reviewed their reports.

Public Comment: None

Board of Education Round Table: There will be a meeting for board members on December 4, 2025 with Thomas Mooney. Champions discussion. Discussion regarding the Sharon Community Foundation receiving a grant.

Motion made by P. Birnbaum/2nd by C. Winburn to adjourn at 7:53 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk