

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the May 8, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held in person and also via zoom on Monday, April 17, 2023.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Monica Connor, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, Mandy Thompson, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Assistant Superintendent: Jeanine Rose (via zoom)

Principal: Carol Tomkalski

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Jill Pace and Heather Mathews (via zoom)

Guests: Meghan, Jack, and Casey Flanagan and Patee Hecht (& others via zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Board Member Anne Vance.

Principal Tomkalski has received two additional parent letters and is requesting that they be included in item #5 - written communications.

Michelle Christen & Lori Fredenburg from AllStar Transportation were recognized and thanked for all they do for Sharon Center School and its students.

During the "Focus On Student Learning" portion of the meeting, Library Media Specialist Jill Pace told of some of the many activities that she provides for the students on a daily basis to excite them and get them involved.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal Tomkalski told the Board that she has received letters from 4 Sharon Faculty members, requesting that their child or children be permitted to attend Sharon Center School during the 2023-2024 school year. She has also received letters from several families, hoping to get Board approval for their child/children to attend Sharon Center School next year as a tuition student. These requests will be tabled until after Kindergarten registration which is taking place later this week.

She also received a letter from a current staff member indicating their interest in the Early K position next year.

Public Comment - there was conversation about the roof project and also audio/video conferencing.

The Principal, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent reviewed their written reports and answered questions from the Board.

There was discussion regarding the Jacunski Humes Phased Proposal for the roof replacement. This is a 4 phase proposal, with a total cost of \$24,800.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to approve this proposal. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Lisa Carter reviewed the Updated Teacher Position Description and told the Board it would be a real benefit to have a consistent description region-wide. This will be voted on at the May BOE meeting.

The “Youth Voices Count Survey” for 7th and 8th grade students was reviewed and discussed. Parents will have the opportunity for their child to opt out of taking this survey.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to approve this survey for the 7th and 8th grade students at Sharon Center School. Motion carried with three YES votes (Connor, Rathbun, Visconti) and two NO votes (Petkov & Thompson)

There was an update on audio/video options for the Board meetings. Deborah Rathbun has contacted Graham Stone who will be providing suggestions and costs for various options.

Public Comments centered around ideas for audio/video solutions for hybrid meetings, and a possible alternative meeting location.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Plamen Petkov to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk