

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the September 18, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, June 12, 2023 in the school library.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance, and Kathleen Visconti
Monica Connor (via zoom)

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Assistant Superintendent: Jeanine Rose (via zoom)

Region 1 Business Manager and Executive Secretary: Sam Herrick and Sara Woloszyn
(via zoom)

Principal: Carol Tomkalski

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Jill Pace

Guests : (via zoom) CATV6, Meghan Flanagan, John Hecht, Terry Vance

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chair Doug Cahill.

Chair Cahill requested the following amendments to the agenda:

#15 Public Comment - amend time limit on speaking to 5 minutes, as per BOE Bylaws

#15 Public Comment - move to #14 position, prior to Executive Session

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

Kathryn Amiet, Board Clerk, was recognized and thanked by the Board for her 40 years of service to Sharon Center School. She is retiring from her position effective June 30th.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Plamen Petkov to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried with 6 yes votes and 1 abstention (M. Thompson)*

The Electric School Bus Project and grant was described in detail by Sam Herrick and Sara Woloszyn. They answered numerous questions from the Board and will follow through in finding answers to additional questions from the Board.

Under Written Communications: The Board accepted the resignation from Ashley Hamilton, school secretary. Her last day will be June 19, 2023.

No Public Comments were heard.

The Principal, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent reviewed their written reports.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Monica Connor to hire Ryan McNulty for the position of music teacher, at BA step 1, with a starting salary of \$50,555 per year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ann McNeil and Lisa Carter explained the current status of the Middle School Sports Program and reviewed the various documents that the Board had received and the funding options that are available.

Motion by Mandy Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to continue the Middle School Sports Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Mandy Thompson/2nd by Monica Connor to approve as long as it includes funding option 1 or option 3. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Update on hybrid meetings: Principal Tomkalski and Superintendent Carter have been working on this. They feel that the current system they're testing at this time has been good, so they're going to stick with this system and improve on it as time goes on. This system can be transported so is able to be used for many types of meetings and activities.

Principal Tomkalski discussed the Sharon Day Care After School Program survey and how this might relate to the school. She also hopes that the school could eventually become a 501(c)(3) organization.

Discussion of Board Bylaws - 9000 series: Chair Cahill asked the board members to review this series over the summer, so that this can be further discussed in the fall. He also suggested establishing a community relations committee. This would be a committee of the Board of Education, with 1 or 2 board members and then a number of community people as well.

Superintendent Carter is looking at CAFE'S public comment policy.

Supt. Carter and Principal Tomkalski will be hosting some parent meetings.

A fall BOE retreat with Jonathan Costa was suggested.

Doug Cahill will send out a write up of #12 as a suggestion for the board's consideration over the summer, to be discussed at a board meeting in the fall.

Roof update: Doug Cahill met with the Board of Finance who voted unanimously to send the recommendation of the lowest qualified bidder to the Board of Selectmen so that they can set up a Town Meeting. The Board of Finance is also recommending a 30 year warranty on the roof.

No Public Comment was heard.

Motion by Mandy Thompson/2nd by Plamen Petkov to move into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Superintendent Goals and Performance Reflection 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Chair Cahill has invited Lisa Carter and Carol Tomkalski into the executive session initially. After each gives a brief statement, they will be excused from the executive session.

The Board moved into Executive session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:52 p.m.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Mandy Thompson to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk