

Sharon Center School Board of Education

November 13, 2023 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Center School Board of Education was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 in the Library Media Center of Sharon Center School.

In attendance were Board members: Doug Cahill, Anne Vance, Plamen Petkov, Philip O'Reilly, Nancy Hegy-Martin, and Kathleen Visconti (via Google).

Others in attendance: Lisa Carter, Superintendent; Dr. Jeanine Rose, Assistant Superintendent; Carol Tomkalski, Principal; Sara Cousins, Region 1 Board Representative; Lilly Barnett; Carol Flaton and Cindy Webb, Board Clerk.

Attendance via Google: Casey Flanagan, Meghan Flanagan, Deborah Suby, Heather Socci, Melissa Golden and David Levinson.

Superintendent Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Nominations of Officers.

Motion made by Anne Vance/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to nominate Doug Cahill as Chair. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Kathleen Visconti/2nd by Philip O'Reilly to close nominations. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Doug Cahill/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to nominate Anne Vance as Vice-Chair. No discussion. No further nominations.

Motion made by Nancy Hegy-Martin/2nd by Anne Vance to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Anne Vance/2nd by Nancy Hegy-Martin to nominate Kathleen Visconti for Board Secretary. No discussion. No further nominations.

Motion made by Anne Vance/2nd by Nancy Hegy-Martin to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Carter turned the meeting over to Chair Cahill. Chair Cahill welcomed the new board members.

Appointment of Committee Members:

Building Committee - Doug Cahill and Anne Vance

Personnel Committee - Philip O'Reilly, Plamen Petkov, Doug Cahill and Anne Vance

Region 1 Policy Committee - Nancy Hegy-Martin and Philip O'Reilly

Community Relations Committee - Nancy Hegy-Martin, Kathleen Visconti, and Doug Cahill

Middle School Athletics - Nancy Hegy-Martin and Doug Cahill

Recognition of Lilly Barnett for all of her behind the scenes work of the Mural Project and the celebration.

Motion made by Kathleen Visconti/2nd by Anne Vance to approve the consent agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion carried with four yes votes (Doug Cahill, Kathleen Visconti, Plamen Petkov and Anne Vance), 0 no votes, 2 abstentions (Philip O'Reilly and Nancy Hegy-Martin).

No public comment.

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

Doug Cahill gave an overview of the solar panel project. Discussion followed.

Principal Tomkalski gave a presentation of the Student Achievement Data. Sharon Center School was named a School of Distinction in the category: Highest Growth for Students with High-Needs - Math.

The following policies were presented for a second first reading:
Policy 6159, 5125, 6162.51 and the 7000 series.

No action taken. The policies will be brought to the December meeting for a second reading and approval.

Public Comment: David Levinson spoke about the Solar Panel Project and the history of the piece of property the panels will be placed on.

Motion made by Nancy Hegy-Martin/2nd by Philip O'Reilly to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk