

Sharon Board of Education

October 21, 2024 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, October 21, 2024.

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

Others in attendance: Superintendent, Melony Brady-Shanley; Principal, Carol Tomkalski; Sam Herrick, Business Manager; Carol Flaton, Dallas Speranzo, Heather Mathews, Justine Smith, Sara Cousins and Cindy Webb, Board Clerk.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by A. Vance to accept the Consent Agenda. K. Visconti said a correction was needed in the September minutes to reflect the half day on February 14, 2024 to be February 14, 2025. Approved the consent agenda with change of date in the minutes and to pull out the Community Relations Committee and add to agenda. Discussion regarding the Community Relations Committee needing direction from the BOE regarding what the goals are for the board. Discussion regarding the timeline of receiving and the BOE's input of the Superintendent's goals. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment.

MBR Notification: Sam Herrick reviewed the notification from the state regarding the MBR being off by \$1,301, discussion followed.

Motion made by A.Vance/2nd by P. O'Reilly to direct Sam Herrick to apply for the exceptions with the state for the MBR. Motion carried unanimously.

IRS Communication: Sam Herrick reviewed the letter from the IRS and will respond asking the IRS to remove the penalty.

Written Communication: Parent request to have their student remain at Sharon Center School until June 2026 and to use school transportation. Discussion followed.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by A. Vance to accept the student with the condition of a pro-rated tuition from October 19 to June 2025. Transportation is pending until insurance liability is investigated. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Principal Tomkaski reviewed the standardized performance results and answered questions

from the board. The board would like to see an item for Student data on every agenda.

Motion made by D. Cahill/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to direct the Superintendent of Schools to send out a Firearms Safety Letter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by K. Visconti to table until the next meeting the Interest Survey for School Resource Officer/Armed Resource Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to deposit the FY24 surplus amount of \$81,152 into a Non-Lapsing Fund BOE line in the general funds for the Town of Sharon. Motion carried with five yes votes: D. Cahill, A. Vance, P. O'Reilly, N. Hegy Martin, K. Visconti and one opposed, Plamen Petkov.

The Sharon Board of Education will hold their goal meeting on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by A. Vance to approve the PMT Training Stipend as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by A. Vance/2nd by P. O'Reilly to accept the 2025 Sharon Board of Education Meeting Dates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by A. Vance to approve all five policies as presented.

School Climate Policy 5131.911

Sexual Harassment/Title IX 4000.1/4200.1/5145.44

Reserve Account 3171.1

Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process 5114

Nondiscrimination Policy and Notice 0521. Motion carried unanimously

Public Comment: none

Board of Education Round Table: Superintendent's Goals

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by P. Petkov to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb

Board Clerk