

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the February 13, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

## Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held in person on Monday, January 9, 2023.

PRESENT:

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

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Assistant Superintendent: Jeanine Rose (via ZOOM)

Principal: Carol Tomkalski

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Heather Mathews (and Holly, therapy dog)

Guests: Christine Beer and Cooper Sheldon (Sharon Historical Society)

Parents: Steven Haung, Beth Klippel, Carolyn Salas, Adam Smith, Heather Socci

Students: Brandon and Brodyn Huang-Stack, Payton Klippel, Odettarose and Sunday Smith, Giuseppe and Luciano Socci

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 P.M. by Board Chair Doug Cahill

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Principal Carol Tomkalski recognized the Sharon Historical Society and staff members Christine Beer and Cooper Sheldon. Christine and Cooper then spoke in more detail about the Sharon Historical Society and some of the plans they have for working with our students in the After School Enrichment Program that the school is setting up.

During the “Focus On Student Learning” portion of the meeting, SCS teacher Heather Mathews spoke about Holly, her certified therapy dog, and the benefits of having Holly in school with her. Some of the students with whom Heather interacts were at the board meeting and read short statements they had written about Holly and the happiness she brings to them when she visits the school.

*Motion by Mandy Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Vance to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

There was a correction to the minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board meeting. Plamen Petkov was the board member who had a question about the school’s oil costs on the cash report, not Deborah Rathbun as indicated in the minutes.

*Motion then carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment was heard.

Principal Tomkalski reviewed the Next Generation Accountability results that were included in her written report.

The Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent briefly reviewed their written reports. Assistant Superintendent Rose updated her report by informing the board that the 3 “Sign and Sub” recruiting events that were held across Region 1 were very successful with 12 individuals signing up as possible substitute teachers.

Board Chair Doug Cahill updated the board concerning the MBR issue. The proposed budget adjustment was approved by the town, and Doug will meet with Sam and Lisa at a future date regarding the MBR and its potential impact on future budgets and how this can best be handled.

The Board of Finance and Board of Education will meet on January 17 at 6:00 p.m. Board Chair Doug Cahill will be presenting his Capital Plan to the Board of Finance at that time.

The Solar Panel project is moving forward and installation is planned for this summer. Hopefully, it will be up and running by December.

The Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The retreat will be held at the school.

The Middle School Athletics and Activities budget was reviewed.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Kitty Visconti that Sharon participate in this program in the 2023-2024 school year.*

*Motion carried by unanimous vote*

There was a first reading of updated policy 5118 – “Resident and Non-Resident Attendance”.

No public comment was heard.

*Motion by Mandy Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Plamen Petkov to adjourn.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet  
Board Clerk

