

Sharon Board of Education
February 10, 2025 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2025.

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

Others in attendance: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Principal Carol Tomkalski, Business Manager Sam Herrick, Heather Mathews, Sara Cousins, Terry Vance and Board Clerk Cindy Webb.

Virtual: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeanine Rose, Keeley Rossi, Justine Smith, John Hecht and Carol Flaton.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by K. Visconti to approve the Consent Agenda. No questions, motion carried unanimously.

Question and answer session with Maria Horn. Discussion of the MBR and possible actions that can be taken by the state to give Sharon an exception. The MBR calculations cannot be done at this time because the state does not have the student count. Board asked Maria to see if the student count could be done earlier so the MBR could be calculated before the budgets were created. Maria would be back in touch with the board.

No public comment.

Written Communications: Letters regarding tuition students will be revisited in March after the Kindergarten registration process. Superintendent Brady-Shanley will respond to the Salazar letter.

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

School Credit Card: Board would like the policy to be reviewed by the attorney and rewritten.

Budget Second Draft: Principal Tomkalski presented the second draft pointing out the changes from the first draft. Suggestion to change the budget column from encumbered to estimated. A

budget workshop will be set up for further discussion. Sam Herrick shared a powerpoint comparing Sharon Center School and Cornwall Consolidated School. Nancy Hegy Martin would like to see a one page summary at the beginning of the budget similar to Cornwall's.

5 Year Capital Building Project Plan: Tabled until next meeting.

Board Walk Through is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Board of Education Summer Goals and Objectives meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Place TBD.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by K. Visconti to set a special board meeting for July 16, 2025. Three yes votes: N. Hegy Martin, K. Visconti, A. Vance and one abstention, P. O'Reilly.

Public comment: Carol Flaton asked about the comparison between Cornwall and Sharon. Superintendent Brady-Shanley asked if she would like to meet with her and Sam Herrick to go over the comparison. They will set up a meeting.

Board of Education Round Table: Capital Plan to be reviewed.

Motion made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk