

Sharon Board of Education

January 13, 2025 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, January 13, 2025.

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

Others in attendance: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Principal Carol Tomkalski, Heather Mathews and Board Clerk Cindy Webb.

Virtual: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeanine Rose, Dallas Speranzo and Carol Flaton.

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

Motion made by A. Vance/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to accept the Consent Agenda. P. O'Reilly asked if there were any surprises, Principal Tomalski said no. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment.

Presentation from Reading Interventionist: Heather Mathews presented information regarding the new Universal Benchmark reading program.

Written Communications: Letter from Keith and Sarah Sartorini requesting their children to attend Sharon Center School as tuition students beginning February 1, 2025.

Motion made by A. Vance/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to accept the students and send a prorated invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

Second communication from Chelsea Munning regarding the after school program. Principal Tomkalski reviewed the steps she had taken to secure the Healthy Kids Program at Sharon Center School. At this time interested students will be bussed to Cornwall Consolidated to attend their Healthy Kids Program.

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

Second Reading of Policies: 3542.43- Food Service Charging Policy, 5131.81- Cellular Phone/Electronic Communication Devices and 6148 - FAFSA Completion Program. Superintendent Brady Shanley presented her policy summary.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by A. Vance to accept all three policies. Motion carried unanimously.

School Credit Card: Discussion followed with a request to have a policy created.

Budget First Draft: Discussion followed. Suggestion to change the budget column from estimated to encumbered.

Reviewed 5 Year Capital Building Project Plan: Discussion followed regarding the cabinets and countertops. Principal Tomkalski and Facility Manager, John DiMarco will do a walk through to identify and prioritize the rooms, possibly splitting this into three parts. The 2015 site report needs to be reviewed to determine what the asbestos in the acoustic wall panels are in the gym.

Board Walk Throughs: A Doodle Poll will be sent out to set dates.

Public comment: Carol Flaten asked that Sharon compare their spending to Cornwall. P. O'Reilly asked that the request be put in writing so the BOE knows what the BOF is asking for.

Board of Education Round Table: Superintendent Brady-Shanley read a letter regarding a previous tuition waiver request and board policy. No further action will be taken.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by P. O'Reilly to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk