

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 in the school library.

Present:

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti

SUPERINTENDENT: Lisa Carter

INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Scott Fellows

PRINCIPAL: Karen Manning

BOARD CLERK: Kathryn Amiet

SHARON CENTER SCHOOL STAFF: Heather Mathews

GUESTS VIA REMOTE ACCESS: Mike Flint and Interim Asst. Superintendent Jill Pace

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Superintendent Lisa Carter. The first agenda item was the election of officers.

Anne Vance nominated Doug Cahill as Board Chair. 2nd by Monica Connor. Doug Cahill was elected by unanimous vote.

As newly elected Board Chair, Mr. Cahill then assumed responsibility for running the remainder of the meeting.

Deborah Rathbun nominated Kathleen Visconti as Board Vice-Chair. 2nd by Monica Connor. Kathleen Visconti was elected by unanimous vote.

Kathleen Visconti nominated Deborah Rathbun as Board Secretary. 2nd by Monica Connor. Deborah Rathbun was elected by unanimous vote.

Kathleen Visconti nominated Anne Vance as the Alternate Sharon Representative to the Region 1 Board of Education. 2nd by Monica Connor. Anne Vance was elected by unanimous vote.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Anne Vance to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

In the "Spotlight on Student Learning" segment, Heather Mathews, Reading Interventionist for K-4, introduced the Fastbridge Assessment Tool to the Board. She also spoke about the Fountas & Pinnell programs that are being used by teachers at the school.

Principal Manning reviewed the Fall 2021 Benchmark Assessments in Fastbridge.

Principal Manning recognized the volunteers who staffed the Art Garage for the Regionwide 7th & 8th grade students.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Anne Vance to accept the consent agenda as presented.

There was a correction to the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Board meeting. Anne Vance's name was omitted from the list of board members who will be meeting to discuss student enrollment at Sharon Center School. The committee consists of Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Plamen Petkov, and Anne Vance.

Deborah Rathbun voiced her concerns about the Board of Finance minutes from the joint meeting that was held on October 26, 2021.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to cancel the first motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to accept the consent agenda with the addition of Anne Vance's name to the Enrollment Committee and to not receive the Board of Finance's minutes, as currently written, into our records. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

No public comment

Principal Manning highlighted some of the recent activities and happenings at the school, including Parent Conferences.

First Selectman Brent Colley will be meeting with Principal Manning regarding the Sharon Energy Task Force's findings relating to the possibility of installing solar panels for the school.

Principal Manning gave a power point presentation with highlights from students participating in the Ropes Course, Red Ribbon Week (healthy life style choices), the Halloween Parade, and 3-D pens creations.

Representatives from HVRHS and Oliver Wolcott gave presentations to the 7th & 8th grade students about the programs available at their schools.

The Assistant Superintendents and the Superintendent reviewed their written reports and answered questions from the Board members.

The Superintendent Goals for 2021-2022 were shared with the Board.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Anne Vance to approve the "Region-Wide Policy Review Process". Motion passed by unanimous vote.

First reading of policies in the 4000 series.

No public comment

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet, Board Clerk