

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the April 17, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

## Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held via zoom on Monday, March 13, 2023.

### PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Deborah Rathbun, Mandy Thompson, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti - Plamen Petkov joined the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Assistant Superintendent: Jeanine Rose

Principal: Carol Tomkalski

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Allison Bryant

Guests: Meghan Flanagan & Heather Socci

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Board Chair Doug Cahill.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to add two items to the agenda:*

- 1. A grant opportunity for a Student-Based Health Center at Sharon Center School. This will be added as #9 on the agenda.*
- 2. Two parent letters that will be included in #5 - written communications.*

*Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

The Sharon Board of Education was recognized and thanked for everything they do and all their hard work to support Sharon Center School.

During the "Focus On Student Learning" portion of the meeting, Kindergarten Teacher Allison Bryant spoke about her role as a "Collegial Calibrator", which means she is a complimentary observer in the classroom, looking at instruction to see ways in which it can be improved for the students.

*Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to approve the consent agenda as presented.*

*Mandy Thompson had a question regarding the Region 1 costs which showed 90% expended after only 75% of the school year. After a brief explanation of the timing of payments to Region 1, the motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Principal Tomkalski read a letter of resignation from Music Teacher Bethany Franklin, effective at the end of this school year. The Board accepted her resignation with regrets.

Principal Tomkalski read a letter from Stephanie Alvereze. The family is temporarily relocating to Lakeville, and she is requesting that her daughter,

Lorelei Keasbey who is in Kindergarten, be allowed to remain at Sharon Center School for the remainder of the school year.

Principal Tomkalski read a letter from Carrie Olsen requesting that her daughter, Charlotte Olsen, be allowed to continue her education at Sharon Center School for the 2023-2024 school year.

*Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to approve these two requests. Both requests have the support of Principal Tomkalski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment was heard.

The principal, superintendent, and assistant superintendent reviewed their written reports.

*Motion by Monica Connor/2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Vance to move ahead on an engineering study for the roof replacement project. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Deborah Rathbun proposed that the Board set up a building committee to work with the town on future building projects. Chair Doug Cahill asked the board members to consider whether they would agree to serve on this new committee.

Superintendent Lisa Carter explained School-Based Health Centers and reviewed the proposed survey.

*Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Vance to approve this survey (for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students) Motion carried with 5 Yea votes (Cahill, Connor, Rathbun, Vance, Visconti) and 2 Nay votes (Petkov & Thompson)*

Superintendent Carter told the Board of the possible grant opportunities for School-Based Health Centers. This would initially be for a three year period.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to move forward with this grant opportunity. Motion carried with 5 Yea votes (Cahill, Connor, Rathbun, Vance, Visconti) and two Nay votes (Petkov & Thompson)*

Current tuition rate (2022-2023) for students out-of-district:

\$2,200 for 1<sup>st</sup> child    \$2,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> child    \$1,800 for 3<sup>rd</sup> child

*Motion by Mandy Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Vance to keep the out-of-district tuition rate the same for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

Healthy Food Certification:

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Deborah Rathbun:*

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Sharon Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

*Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor:*

The Sharon Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;
- 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and
- 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

*Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment was heard.

*Motion by Monica Connor/2<sup>nd</sup> by Kitty Visconti to adjourn.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet  
Board Clerk