

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 as a virtual meeting.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Monica Connor, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Interim Assistant Superintendents: Scott Fellows & Jill Pace

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Jane Caputo, Liz Cash, Kate Brimley Manning

Guests: Mike Flint

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board Member Anne Vance.

Principal Karen Manning requested an amendment to the agenda, explaining that item #3 (Spotlight on Student Learning) will be on the agenda for the May 10, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal Manning recognized and thanked the Sharon Center School Teaching Assistants for all their work, especially during these months of the pandemic: Bruce Adam, Jane Caputo, Liz Cash, Clark Eddy, Tanya Furey, Emily Liodice, Kate Manning, Jennie-Lyn Selino, Kara Wagner

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Monica Connor to accept the Consent Agenda with the March 8, 2021 minutes as amended:

“After discussion of both the positive and the negative aspects of a part-time Library Media Specialist at Sharon Center School, there was a motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to support the contract extension for Jill Pace as .4 Co-Assistant Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year.” Motion carried with five yea votes (Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Deborah Rathbun, Anne Vance, and Kathleen Visconti) and two nay votes (Plamen Petkov and Amanda Thompson).

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

No Public Comment was heard.

Principal Manning gave a brief report, beginning with a Power Point Presentation of recent activities at Sharon Center School.

She thanked the Policy Committee Members for their hard work and dedicated service reviewing and updating the entire Board of Education Policies.

She announced that both the Town Budget Hearing and the Town Vote will be held here at the school. The Town Hearing will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021 and the Town Vote will take place on Friday, May 14, 2021 time TBD.

The Assistant Superintendents reviewed their April reports for the Board.

Superintendent Lisa Carter reviewed her April report.

She also spoke of the HR Audit, which she said was very beneficial and indicated that there was no professional HR personnel in Central Office currently. Region 1 is moving forward to create an HR position which will support all the schools in the Region.

Principal Manning informed the Board that Emily Loiodice is being recommended for hire as the Upper Elementary Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Amanda Thompson to approve the recommendation to hire Emily Loiodice as the Upper Elementary Math Teacher as an MA Step 3 at an annual salary of \$51,436.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal Manning also updated the Board that Aneta Haratyk was hired as the Library Teaching Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year at an hourly rate of \$20.00.

Healthy Food Certification:

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Kathleen Visconti: "I move that Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Sharon Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in Sharon Center School, 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, 2021, through June 30, 2022. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including the school store, the school cafeteria, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Food and Beverage Exemptions:

Motion by Amanda Thopson/2nd by Monica Connor: "I move that 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 sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, the sale is at the location of the event, and the food and beverage items are not sold from the school store."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was a request from a non-resident family that their daughter be allowed to attend Sharon Center School as a tuition student for grade K for 2021-2022. Principal Manning recommends approving this request.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to approve this request for a non-resident student to attend Sharon Center School during the 2021-2022 school year, as a kindergarten student.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Monica Connor to adopt the entire 2000 policy series as reviewed and recommended by the Policy Committee.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

First Reading – Policy 4000.1 & Regulation 4000.1- Title IX - Personnel

First Reading - Policies 3000 Series: 3510, 3511, 3514, 3515, 3516.11, 3516.12, 3517, 3520.12, 3520.14, 3524, 3531, 3532, 3532.1, 3532.3, 3533, 3541, 3541.1, 3541.5, 3542, 3542.22, 3542.31

No Public Comment was heard.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk