

**Sharon Board of Education**  
October 20, 2025 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, October 20, 2025.

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

Others in attendance: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Principal Carol Tomkalski, Pam Jarvis, Terry Vance, Andrew Deacon, Heather Mathews and Board Clerk Cindy Webb. Virtual: Chip Kruger, Sandra Buergi, Susan Bayer, Nichole Blass, Lisa Coon, Sara Cousins, Carol Flaton, Karen Rios, Justine Smith, and Rebecca Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

**Motion** made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to add to the agenda as #5 Administrative Recommendation for French/Visual Arts. Remove under Written Communication Tuition Student Request. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** made by A. Vance/2nd by K. Visconti to accept the consent agenda as written/presented. P. O'Reilly asked Principal Tomkalski if there were any surprises, Principal Tomkalski said not at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Spotlight on Community: Principal Tomkalski thanked our outgoing Board members Doug Cahill, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti and Plamen Petkov for their service.

**Motion** by A. Vance/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to accept the resignations of Dallas Speranzo and Madeleine Stern with regret. Motion carried unanimously.

The school lighting email was tabled to the November meeting.

**Motion** by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to approve the position of a .5 Art and .5 French teacher. Superintendent Brady-Shanley explained the positions, discussion followed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** made by K. Visconti/2nd by A. Vance to approve Sharon Board of Education Beliefs, Focus Areas and Assessment Standards 2025-26 as amended. Superintendent Brady-Shanley

will finalize, share and put on the November agenda to share with the incoming board members. The document is a working document and can be updated or changed at any time. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Tomkalski and Superintendent Brady-Shanley reviewed their reports.

**Motion** made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to accept the second reading of policies:

- a. 5131.911(a) Connecticut School Climate Regulations
- b. 5131.601(a) Medical (Palliative) Use of Marijuana
- c. 5141.25(a) Students with Special Health Care Needs
- d. 5142(a) School Safety: Preparation, Response, and After Action
- e. 6161.12(a) 1312.3 Library Material Review and Reconsideration Policy
- f. 6161.13 1312.4 Library Collection Development and Maintenance Policy
- g. 6161.14 1312.5 Library Display and Program Policy

Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education Round Table: Add the Assistant Superintendent's survey to the November meeting.

**Motion** made by P. O'Reilly/2nd by N. Hegy Martin to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb  
Board Clerk