

Sharon Board of Education

January 12, 2026 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, January 12, 2026.

In attendance were Board members: Philip O'Reilly, Nancy Hegy Martin, Pam Jarvis, Peter Birnbaum and Cathy Winburn. Virtual: Konrad (Chip) Kruger.

Others in attendance: Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley, Principal Carol Tomkalski, Michael Nolan, Janell Mullen and Board Clerk Cindy Webb. Virtual: Karen Rios, Heather Mathews, Justine Smith and Allison Bryant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair O'Reilly.

Motion made by P. Birnbaum/2nd by C. Winburn to add the PTO communication report to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by P. Birnbaum/2nd by T. Vance to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Comment from the Board Chair: Reminder Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Tri-Board meeting at 5:30 PM.

Written Communication:

The Board acknowledged receiving a letter from the 8th grade students requesting funds to help with their Washington trip.

The Board acknowledged receiving a letter from Michael Nolan regarding the School-Based Health Center.

The Board forwarded the PTO questions to the Superintendent.

Sub-Committees: Superintendent Brady-Shanley said minutes should be attached to the agenda.

Communication Committee:

N. Hegy Martin requested that the Board Minutes be given to the Communication Committee for the highlights to be included in the newsletter.

Building Committee: No meeting, the committee is waiting for a report from the Architects.

Sharon Town Plan of Conservation and Development: Janell Mullen updated the Board on the procedure for updating the plan.

Superintendent Brady-Shanley and Principal Tomkalski reviewed the Forum Feedback and Action Plan regarding the Staff and Parent forums. This plan was presented in detail regarding the feedback from both forums and the action plan moving forward.

Motion made by N. Hegy Martin/2nd by T. Vance to put the 2% allowable (\$86,568) of the unexpended funds into the non-lapsing fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Tomkalski and Superintendent Brady-Shanley asked if there were any questions regarding their reports.

The NESDEC School Enrollment Report was reviewed and will be put on the Sharon Center School website.

Public Comment: None

Board of Education Roundtable: Chair O'Reilly recommended that Superintendent Brady-Shanley invite the School Based Health Center director to attend a meeting so the board can learn more about the Center. Also to discuss expanding our services to include the medical portion.

Motion made by P. Birnbaum/2nd by P. Jarvis to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk