

## Sharon Center School Board of Education

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 as a virtual meeting.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance, Kathleen Visconti, Plamen Petkov (joined at 6:25 p.m.)

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Interim Assistant Superintendents: Scott Fellows & Jill Pace

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Cindy Webb

Guests: Mike Flint (CATV6), Bethany Keck, Kathleen McEnroe

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Doug Cahill.

The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) was recognized for all its support to staff, students, and families. Principal Manning recognized and thanked Bethany Keck who represented HYSB at the meeting.

Spotlight on Student Learning focused on the Sharon page of the upcoming Region 1 Newsletter and was presented by Principal Manning.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to accept the Consent Agenda and also to accept the retirement of Mark Pastre, with regret. Motion carried by unanimous vote after a question about the cash report was answered.*

No Public Comment was heard.

Principal Manning gave a Power Point Presentation showing photos of students in various classrooms and also outside for P.E. classes.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families will meet with HVRHS counselors in preparation for their transition to High School in the fall.

A virtual Read-Aloud is in the planning stages.

Kindergarten registration will take place in May, hopefully outdoors.

Student-involved conferences are scheduled for March 24 & 25.

The Sharon Energy Task Force is looking for the best spot in town for solar panels.

A virtual regional band and chorus concert is being planned.

In terms of the Regional Calendar for 2021-2022, the early release days in January and May will be regional, while those days in September and March will be for local professional learning.

The bid for the ultra violet lights is ready to go out.

There are more on-site inspections that will take place in order to prepare the bid for the air conditioning project.

The Assistant Superintendents and Superintendent reviewed their January reports to the Board.

Superintendent Lisa Carter updated the Board on FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act).

ABC Committee Update:

1. The Superintendent's contract will be finalized at the ABC Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021.
2. Chairman Cahill updated the Board about the Assistant Superintendent search, and said that there would be an internal search initially.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Thompson to accept the Region 1 Calendar as amended, with the September and March professional learning days for Sharon being local learning. Motion carried with one abstention (Plamen Petkov).*

The Proposed Spending Plan Timeline was reviewed.

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Policies 2000, 2000.1, 2001, 2010, 2100, 2111, 2112, 2120, 2121, 2130, 2131, 2131.1

2<sup>nd</sup> reading of 1000 Policies series:

*Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to approve the entire 1000 series as proposed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

The Proposed 2021-2022 Spending Plan was reviewed and the Board agreed on changes to several of the line items. Board members will receive an updated copy of the proposed spending plan, and this will be reviewed again at the March 8, 2021 board meeting.

There was discussion of a possible board retreat. The consensus of the members was that they would like to have some sort of retreat during the summer or later in the year.

No Public Comment was heard.

*Motion by Amanda Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to adjourn.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet  
Board Clerk

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