

Sharon Center School Board of Education

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

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, 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: Liz Foster and Cindy Webb

Guests: Janet Carlson

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

Chair Doug Cahill requested an amendment to the agenda, suggesting that item #9 be an open discussion regarding the extension of the appointment of Jill Pace to serve as Co-Assistant Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board could then move into Executive Session for further discussion if they felt it necessary to do so.

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

Spotlight on Student Learning focused on School Counselor, Liz Foster. Mrs. Foster shared the Community Resources with whom she collaborates in her work with students and families.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

No Public Comment was heard.

Janet Carlson of the One Eleven (111) group reviewed the work they have completed to date, and shared with the Board their goals for next year.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Anne Vance to accept the One Eleven Group's proposal for 2021-2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Assistant Superintendents reviewed their March reports to the Board.

Principal Manning reported that the Virtual Read-Aloud was very successful, with some of the readers commenting that they would like to do it again.

Congratulations go to 8th grade students Keiana Wallace and Charlotte Smith, winners of the CAS Elementary Art Award. They will be honored on March 30th.

Superintendent Lisa Carter reviewed her March report. March is Board Appreciation Month, so she thanked the Board members for their dedication and support and for all they do for the school and Region 1.

ABC Committee Update: A 2 ½ year contract with Lisa Carter for the position of Superintendent was approved and signed at the ABC Committee meeting on February 24, 2021.

Update on the Assistant Superintendent search: The Search Committee gave a unanimous vote of approval for continuing the current dual role of Jill Pace and Scott Fellows to share the Assistant Superintendent position for the 2021-2022 school year. Jill would be at a .4 position, with Scott at a .6 position.

Discussion followed regarding approval of extending the appointment of Jill Pace to serve as Co-Assistant Superintendent at a .4 position. Jill spoke in detail about her plans as Media Specialist at Sharon Center School and how this dual role would benefit both Sharon Center School and Region 1.

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 by Anne Vance/2nd by Monica Connor to maintain the Tuition Rate for Non-Resident Students for 2021-2022 at the current rate:

1st child in family \$2,200.00

2nd child in same family \$2,000.00

3rd child in same family \$1,800.00

First Reading - Policies 2000 Series: 2133, 2210, 2231, 2234, 2240, 2300, 2300.1, 2400, 2500

First Reading - Policies 3000 Series: 3010, 3110, 3111, 3113, 3120, 3130, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3270, 3280, 3281, 3293.1, 3310, 3313, 3320, 3320.1, 3323, 3324, 3324.1, 3326, 3326.1, 3410, 3420, 3432, 3434, 3435, 3440, 3450, 3453

Motion by Kathleen Visconti/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to accept the bid from Sharon Lawn and Landscape for a three year contract with Sharon Center School. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to accept the bid from Electroservice LLC for the UV Light Installation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Monica Connor to move ahead with the Proposed 2021-2022 Spending Plan, as amended, and send it on to the Board of Finance. 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.

Motion by Monica Connor/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve this request for a non- resident student to attend Sharon Center School during 2021-2022 school year, as a kindergarten student. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

No Public Comment was heard.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Anne Vance to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk

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