

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the June 14, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 as a virtual meeting.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, Anne Vance

Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Interim Assistant Superintendents: Scott Fellows & Jill Pace

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Rebecca Smith

Guests: Mike Flint (CATV6), Sam Herrick, Charlotte Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board Chair Doug Cahill

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Deborah Rathbun to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal Manning informed the Board that May 7 was "School Nutrition Hero Day". She recognized and thanked Andrea Wilson, cafeteria manager, and Debbie Anderson, cafeteria assistant, for their dedicated work providing meals for the students at Sharon Center School during the Covid-19 pandemic.

During "Spotlight on Student Learning", Superintendent Lisa Carter recognized the CAS Scholar Leaders Leo Cajilima and Olivia Peterson. She also recognized the Litchfield County Superintendents' Award winner, Charlotte Smith.

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 told the Board about the successful Kindergarten registration and informed them that an outdoor graduation ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 16, with a rain date of Friday, June 18. The ceremony will be limited to graduates and their families (4 guests for each graduate).

She also told the Board that Brian Kenny is organizing a Memorial Day parade and ceremony, with Charlotte Smith singing the National Anthem and Savannah Milton playing Taps.

The Town Budget Vote will take place at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, May 14, 2021 here at the school.

The Assistant Superintendents reviewed their May reports for the Board.

Superintendent Lisa Carter reviewed her May report and told the Board about the ESSER III Grant that Sharon Center School will be receiving.

The two bids for the Air-Conditioning installation were reviewed:

Performance Plumbing & Heating \$1,238,500 (\$1,240,000 less \$1,500 deduction)

Sav-Mor Cooling and Heating \$1,094,000 (\$1,100,000 less \$6,000 deduction)

Motion by Anne Vance/2nd by Amanda Thompson that the Sharon Board of Education accept the lowest qualified bid from Sav-Mor Cooling & Heating, accepting their net bid in the amount of \$1,094,000, with the sources of funding being:

ESSER II Grant

Nonrecurring Account

SCS 2021-2022 Budget

ESSER III Grant

Unexpended Funds from SCS 2020-2021 Budget

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

After further discussion, the Board was in full agreement that they would move forward with the motion without setting up a contingency fund.

There was discussion with regard to a Board retreat. Chair Doug Cahill suggested contacting CABA to have them suggest some topics that could be focused on. The general consensus was that fall might be the best time to schedule such a retreat.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Anne Vance to adopt Policy 4000.1 and Regulation 4000.1, with a "Preponderance of Evidence Standard" rather than a "Clear and Convincing Evidence Standard". Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was a request for Early Release for students during the last week of school.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Anne Vance to approve a 1:00 p.m. early release for students on Monday, June 14 – Thursday, June 17 for professional work by staff. Motion carried with three yeas (Cahill, Rathbun, Vance), one nay vote (A. Thompson), and one abstention (P. Petkov)

No Public Comment was heard.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Plamen Petkov to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk