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Sharon Center School Board of Education

February 12, 2024 Minutes

A hybrid meeting of the Sharon Center School Board of Education was held on Monday, February 12, 2024 in the Library of Sharon Center School.

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

Others in attendance: Superintendent, Lisa Carter; Principal, Carol Tomkalski; Liz Foster, Devin Ruot, Carrie Ann Olsen, Sarah Rees Stapleton, Sara Cousins and Cindy Webb, Board Clerk.

Attendance via Google: Heather Black and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jeanine Rose.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Motion made by Anne Vance/2nd by Nancy Hegy Martin to approve consent agenda. Discussion - Nancy Hegy Martin asked that the minutes show a correction from "The Community Relations Committee met but decided to include a discussion at the Board Retreat." to "The Community Relations Committee met but decided to wait till after the Board Retreat before developing a communications plan to submit to the full Board."

Motion made by Anne Vance/2nd Kathleen Visconti to accept minutes with the change, no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Public comment - none

DayCare made a presentation and requested to have a five year lease (current is two) and to be able to give a two year notice of vacancy (currently one). Discussion followed.

Motion made by Philip O'Reilly/2nd by Nancy Hegy Martin to accept DayCare lease for five years with a two year vacancy. Discussion - Anne Vance is in favor of a three year lease. Five yes votes: Anne Vance, Philip O'Reilly, Nancy Hegy Martin, Plamen Petkov, Kathleen Visconti, one abstention, Doug Cahill. Motion carried.

Middle School Sports and Activities spending proposal for 2024-25. This spending plan is by allocation of the number of students participating from each school in the program.

Motion made by Nancy Hegy Martin/2nd by Kathleen Visconti to accept the MSAA Spending Plan. Carried unanimously.

The Principal, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent reviewed their written reports and answered questions from the Board.

Motion made by Philip O'Reilly/2nd by Anne Vance to accept the 2024-2025 Sharon Center School Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Anne Vance/2nd by Nancy Hegy Martin to approve the All-Star Transportation Contract as presented. Discussion followed. Superintendent Carter said the bus transportation did not go out to bid and the bid from All-Star was competitive. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Hegy Martin was appointed as the Region 1 alternate.

Principal Tomkalski presented the 2024-25 Sharon BOE Spending Plan. Discussion followed. A budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 and a personnel committee meeting for Wednesday, February 28, both being virtual.

Public comment - none

Motion made at 8:37 PM by Kathleen Visconti/2nd by Nancy Hegy Martin to go into a combined Executive Session for all three purposes as described in the agenda, inviting in Superintendent Carter and Principal Tomkalski. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Webb
Board Clerk

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 9:37 PM.

Motion made for Principal's salary in the 2024-25 budget to be in the amount of \$139,000 with a 2% annuity by Philip O'Reilly/2nd by Nancy Hegy Martin. Five yes votes (Doug, Anne, Philip, Nancy and Kathleen), one abstention, Plamen Petkov. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 PM by Philip O'Reilly/2nd by Plamen Petkov. Motion carried unanimously.