

These minutes to be accepted/amended at the June 8, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 as a virtual meeting, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

PRESENT:

Board of Education Members: Doug Cahill, Monica Connor, Plamen Petkov, Deborah Rathbun, Amanda Thompson, and Kathleen Visconti

Superintendent: Pam Vogel

Assistant Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

SCS Staff: Lilly Barnett & Peter Del Monaco

Guests: CATV6

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Doug Cahill.

Chairman Cahill requested that the agenda be amended to include Lilly Barnett, who will make a presentation during “Focus on Student Learning” and adding “Discussion on Spending – 2019 -2020” as #9 on the agenda.

Motion by Kathleen Visconti/2nd by Amanda Thompson to accept the amendments to the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Focus on Student Learning:

Music Teacher Peter Del Monaco gave a presentation on Quaver Music, a resource he uses to enhance what’s going on in the classroom.

Art Teacher Lilly Barnett gave a visual presentation showing the artwork that students made to encourage the medical teams and health care workers at Sharon Hospital and Sharon Health Care Center. Students also made cards that were distributed to patients battling the Covid-19 virus.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Cahill reviewed the action taken at the May 4, 2020 Special Meeting of the Sharon Board of Education, for anyone who was unable to access the meeting.

No public comment was heard.

Principal Manning reported on how virtual learning is progressing and told of the ongoing discussion about possible ways to reopen the school in a safe manner. During the week of June 8 -11, teachers will arrange their schedules to be available for 2020-2021 curriculum and planning work in the afternoon.

Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter and Superintendent Pam Vogel reviewed their written reports and spoke of the ways that the teaching staff are working to keep students engaged during this virtual learning situation.

Chairman Cahill updated the Board on the Superintendent Search. At the upcoming meeting of the ABC Committee on Wednesday, May 13, a contract for interim Superintendent Lisa Carter will be negotiated.

Principal Manning told the Board she anticipates approximately \$200,000 in unexpended funds as of June 30, 2020.

She suggested the following projects be considered for some of these funds:

1. Complete the work on the stage lights.
2. Two electrostatic machines – “EMist” – which will spray disinfectant into the air, helping to keep classrooms as clean as possible.
3. Replace 2 gym doors and 2 doors going out to the playground
4. Replace student bathroom stalls in 8 bathrooms - some of the partitions are no longer attached.
5. Repoint the bricks and masonry on the exterior of the building. Repair and spray sealant onto the exterior walls as needed.

After these proposed building projects are completed, it is expected that approximately \$100,000 would be returned to the Town to be put into the school’s Non-recurring Funds.

Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2nd by Monica Connor to approve these recommended building projects. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

No public comment was heard.

Motion by Amanda Thompson/2nd by Plamen Petkov to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet
Board Clerk