

## Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting of the Sharon Board of Education was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 in the school library.

### PRESENT:

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

Superintendent: Pam Vogel

Assistant Superintendent: Lisa Carter

Principal: Karen Manning

Board Clerk: Kathryn Amiet

Guests: Mike Flint and Emma Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Doug Cahill. Chairman Cahill requested that the agenda be amended to add discussion, with possible action, regarding the possibility of making Good Friday an early dismissal day. This discussion will be added after item #6 on the agenda.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Thompson to accept the agenda as amended. Carried by unanimous vote.*

Emma Johnson from the McCall Foundation spoke about the suicide prevention programs available through this organization.

Deborah Rathbun reviewed the CAFE conference she attended and recommended this well-run conference to other Board Members.

*Motion by Monica Connor/2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Thompson to approve the consent agenda. Carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment was heard.

Superintendent Pam Vogel gave a power point presentation of her trip to China. This trip was for the purpose of visiting Chinese schools and attending the international conference. She then briefly reviewed her written report.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter reviewed her written report.

The Board was also told that the Superintendent is in the process of setting up an orientation for new Board of Education members.

Principal Karen Manning gave a power point presentation of recent activities and events at the school.

The Primary concert will take place on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m., with the Middle School concert scheduled for Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

There was discussion regarding changing Good Friday to ½ day of school with an early dismissal.

*Motion by Anne Vance/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to approve Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) as a half day with a noon dismissal. Motion carried with five yeas votes and one nay vote (P. Petkov).*

The 9000 series had its second reading.

*Motion by Amanda Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Plamen Petkov to accept the 9000 Policy series. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

*Motion by Amanda Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to move forward with the “Signs of Suicide Survery” program.*

Discussion followed, and the Board’s decision was to table the vote until the January meeting.

Policy 5118 – Resident/Non-Resident Policy was reviewed and discussed. Chairman Cahill suggested amending Sharon’s policy to include item #6 from Cornwall Consolidated School’s policy and also to amend Sharon’s policy to allow non-resident children of Sharon Day Care employees and non-resident children of Town of Sharon employees to attend Sharon Center School tuition free. The policy will be amended and reviewed as a first reading at the next board meeting.

*Motion by Doug Cahill/2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Thompson to appoint Anne Vance as the Alternate Representative to the Region One Board of Education. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

There was brief discussion about Janet Carlson’s proposed marketing campaign. No action was taken.

*Motion by Deborah Rathbun/2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda Thompson to ratify the letter Chairman Cahill sent to the Sharon Board of Finance requesting that all unexpended funds from the 2018-2019 budget year be placed in the non-recurring account. Motion carried by unanimous vote.*

No public comment was heard.

*Motion by Amanda Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Connor to adjourn @ 8:49 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet  
Board Clerk