

Sharon Center School Board of Education

The regular meeting was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 in the school library.

Present:

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: Jennifer Anderson, Doug Cahill, Jenny Hansell, Michele Pastre, and Kathleen Visconti

SUPERINTENDENT: Patricia Chamberlain

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Pam Vogel

PRINCIPAL: Karen Manning

REGION ONE REPRESENTATIVE: Bob Whelan

BOARD CLERK: Kathryn Amiet

SCS STAFF: Kolleen Indorf and Barbara Yohe

GUESTS: Mike Flint, Lynsey Anderson, Stacy Duncan, Dennis Fallon, Kim Fallon, Leila Hawken, William Kelsey, Aliza Luminati, Darlene Luminati, Shari Marks, Heather Ongley, Cathy Winburn

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Aliza Luminati, an 8th grade student at Sharon Center School, thanked the Board for their financial support of the class trip to Washington, D.C. She also listed the other fund raisers they have done or plan to do.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by Chairman D. Cahill.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by J. Hansell/2nd by M. Pastre to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular BOE meeting. Motion carried.*
- III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** *Motion by Chairman D. Cahill that the agenda be amended to move "B. Parent Communications" to just before "F. Public Comment"/2nd by M. Pastre to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.*
- IV. **FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING:** no report
- V. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - A. **ABC Committee** – The committee has finished their search for Assistant Superintendent. Lisa Carter was selected to fill this position effective July 1, 2017.
 - B. **Sharon Representative to Region One BOE** – Representative Robert Whelan reviewed his written report.
 - C. **Sharon Day Care** – a letter was received from the Sharon Day Care, requesting additional space in Sharon Center School. This request will be tabled for the time being and will be addressed at a future meeting, after more information is received.
 - D. **Sharon Energy & Environmental Commission** – a letter was shared from this commission, in reference to building projects at the school. The letter was addressed to the Town of Sharon SCS Building Committee.

- E. Parent Communications** – a number of parents in the audience expressed their opinions about the proposed schedule changes at HVRHS.
- F. Public Comment** – W. Kelsey spoke of the problem he has been made aware of where some students are smoking in the restrooms at the High School. He also said that in reference to the declining student enrollment, he feels that the high cost of day care is impacting this situation.

Assistant Superintendent P. Vogel said that the administration is aware of the situation in the High School restrooms and hallways, and that many of the teachers are now out in the halls between classes and checking the restrooms periodically, to help alleviate problems.

She also mentioned that there has been teacher training on SRBI for the past 6 years.

In regard to the issue of substitute teachers not being as effective as desired, she thinks that more in-house training might help address this problem.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Superintendent P. Chamberlain reviewed her written report.

VIII. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- B. Assistant Superintendent P. Vogel reviewed her written report. She also mentioned that she is working with NW Community College, Western Connecticut State University, and U Conn with the hopes of increasing the number of dual credit courses available at HVRHS.

IX. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- A. **Students** – Principal Manning gave a Power Point presentation of some of the recent activities at the school and reviewed upcoming events and dates to remember.

Wednesday, March 15 – Grade 4 Arts @ Hotchkiss (snow day – Thursday, March 16)

Thursday, March 16 – HVRHS counselors will meet with 8th grade students
Friday, March 24 at 6:30 PM & Saturday, March 25 at 2:00 PM – musical theater selection of “Beauty and the Beast”

Pasta Dinner – 8th grade fundraiser – Saturday, March 25 – 5:30–7:00 PM

Kindergarten Registration will be on April 25 & 26

Smarter Balanced Testing for grades 3–8 will be take place March 27 – April 7
8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. – June 6 – June 9

Tuesday, March 14 – Budget draft to Board of Finance

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM – BOE presents budget to Board of Finance

Friday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing at Town Hall

Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. – Town Vote on Proposed 2017–2018 Budgets

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Policy Revisions – Second Reading:

Policies 2120, 2140, 2231, 2232, 3323, 3250, 3313, 3324.1, 3560
Motion by M. Pastre/2nd by J. Hansell to approve as a block these policy changes. Motion carried.

**B. Proposed 2017–2018 Sharon Center School Spending Plan & Timeline –
*Motion by M. Pastre/2nd by J. Hansell to approve the proposed budget of \$4,136,039 and to send it to the Sharon Board of Finance. Motion carried.***

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Non–Resident Tuition Rate – 2017–2018 School Year:

Motion by J. Hansell/2nd by M/ Pastre to keep the non–resident tuition rate at \$9,000 for the 2017–2018 school year. Motion carried.

B. Policy Revisions & Deletions – First Reading:

Policies 3160, 3240, 3320(a), 3320.1, 3410, 3440, 3523.2, 3524, 3531, 3541.44, 3542(a), 4000, 4111, 4111.1(a), 4211.1, 4111.3(a)(c), 4211.3, 4112.4, 4212.4, 4112.6, 4212.6, 4112.7, 4117.4, 4118.11, 4218.11, 4118.111(a)(b), 4118.112, 4218.112, 4118.112(a), 4218.112, 4118.113(a), 4218.113, 4118.2(a)(b)(c), 4153, 4155, 4211, 4212.4, 4246.5, 4250, 4251 (policy), 4251 (regulation), 4253
The 2nd reading will be at the April 17th BOE meeting.

**C. Board Member Attendance – Chairman D. Cahill asked the Board’s permission to send a letter to board member Marilyn Yerks, requesting that either she come to Board of Education meetings or resign her position, since there has been no contact since May 2016. A copy will be sent to the Democratic Town Committee.
*Motion by M. Pastre/2nd by K. Visconti to authorize Chairman D. Cahill to send a letter to board member Marilyn Yerks, asking her to either resign her position or to begin attending BOE meetings. Motion carried.***

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – none

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Anderson/2nd by M. Pastre to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Amiet, board clerk

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