

# SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008  
THE SHERMAN SCHOOL - CAFETERIA  
7:00 PM

## Mission Statement

We are dedicated to creating an educational environment that encourages all children to reach their potential as self-confident, responsible and caring citizens, equipped to succeed in a rapidly changing society.

## AGENDA AND SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL BY CHAIRPERSON

### 2. CELEBRATIONS

Presentation of Science Fair Project

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anyone wishing to make a public comment is asked to please state their name and address and limit comments to three minutes.

### 4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additional business may be considered at a regular meeting upon a 2/3 vote of those members of the Board present and voting, per State Statute.

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are considered to be routine in nature, which the Board may not need to discuss individually and may be voted on as a group. Any board member who wishes to discuss a particular item in this section may request the Chairperson to remove it for later discussion and a separate vote if necessary.

MOTION: That the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items:

5.1 Minutes of 4/2/08 regular meeting (Encl. 5.1A), 4/24/08 Policy Committee (Encl. 5.1B);

5.2 Personnel Actions: None

5.3 Reports – receive and file the following documents: Current Expenditures Report (Encl. 5.3A) and Monthly Enrollment Report (Encl. 5.3B);

5.4 Grants – Authorize the application for IDEA Part B funds

## 6. ORAL REPORTS

### 6.1 Advisory Groups

First Selectman: Andrea O'Connor and Joe Keneally, Chairman of the Conservation Commission will address the Board regarding the possible benefits of Sherman becoming a Clean Energy Community

SPTO

Other

### 6.2 Sub-Committees

Budget: Discussion of newsletter explaining 08/09 Budget

Curriculum: Update on recent meetings

Maintenance: Update on capital improvement items and repair issues

Personnel: Update on Non Cert memorandum of understanding and the start of the negotiating process with the Sherman Ed. Assoc.

Policy: Report on current status of policy revision and the distribution of the 3000 Series to committee members

Technology: Report on the lease agreement and new equipment to be added

Transportation: Update on the renewal of the transportation contract

### 6.3 Chairman

### 6.4 Superintendent and Administrative Team

- New Fairfield Tuition Resolution
- Budget Analysis 2007-08: Discussion of balances and deficits at the end of the third quarter
- Special Education Program Analysis: Continued presentation of responsibilities and caseload of specific specialists
- Special Meetings Coverage Analysis: Statistics for April
- New Technology Hire: Information on the candidate hired
- Spring Book Fair: Recognition and thanks for support
- Professional Development: Math Assessment work
- National Mathematics Advisory Panel: Summary of final report
- Education in Finland: Findings of local educators who visited
- Writing of Song Lyrics: Explanation of volunteer project with Grades 4 & 5
- Grade 6 Science Fair: Description of activities and projects
- Kindergarten Orientation: Report on event held 5/1/08
- Talent Show: Performances to be held on Wednesday, 5/7 and Thursday, 5/8
- Academic Awards Night: General information on the event being held on 6/12  
At 6:30 pm. The Board is invited to attend
- Graduation: General information on the event being held on Friday, 6/13 at  
6:30 pm. The Board is invited to attend
- Last Day of School: General information on the last day of school which is on  
Tuesday, 6/17/08
- Sherman School Sports: Update on the performance of our teams
- Recycling Assembly: Recognition for Grade 3 through 5 students
- Senior Project: Recognition for Alex Ehrenreich's project
- Maintenance: Update on projects and situations not covered in the committee report above

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1 None

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Discussion and Possible Action RE: School Bus Transportation Contract

The Board will discuss and take possible action on the proposed five year transportation contract with All Star Transportation (Will be distributed as soon as it is received)

MOTION: That the Board approve the proposed five year contract for school bus service as presented in Enclosure 8.1

- 8.2 Discussion and Possible Action RE: Progress and Achievement Meeting

The Board will discuss and take possible action regarding hearing a report on progress and achievement in the Sherman School District during the 07/08 school year

MOTION: That the Board set a meeting date to hear a report from the administrative team on progress and achievement in the district during the 07/08 school year

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

### 10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anyone wishing to make a public comment is asked to please state their name and address and limit comments to three minutes.

### 11. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

### 12. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS

- 12.1 Next regular meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 7:00 pm  
12.2 Policy Meeting, May- Date and time to be determined  
12.3 Public Forum: Math Program, May 28, 7:00 pm

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Reminder: Agenda suggestions for the next business meeting are due to the Chairman or Superintendent by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 06/04/08.

Copies of agenda enclosures are available for examination at the Superintendent's Office at the Sherman School during business hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday