

**SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784  
**REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2022**  
**MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**  
**7:00 PM**

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Dr. Melendez at 7:08 PM on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 via Zoom.

**1. PRESENT**

For the Board:	Mr. Berlandi, Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. Laughlin, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Vogt
Administration:	Dr. Melendez, Mr. Kalkreuth, Mrs. DiBartolo, and Mr. Dudics
Staff:	4
Residents:	13

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CELEBRATIONS (00:06:31)**

Mr. Steven Trinchillo was acknowledged and congratulated for receiving a NEA Foundation Student Success Grant.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (00:02:14)**

Dr. Melendez asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Mr. Berlandi requested that two items be added to the agenda: (i) a new Agenda Item # 4.1 as "Nominations and election for Board Chair and Vice-Chair" and (ii) a new Agenda Item # 9.3 as "Discussion and possible action to deem a new Special Committee on Facility Repair and Renovation necessary"

**4.1. Nominations and elections for Board Chair and Board Vice-Chair**

Mr. Vogt nominated Mr. Berlandi for Board Chair. No other nominations present.

Dr. Melendez moved to approve Mr. Berlandi as Board Chair for 2022-2023, and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Dr. Melendez confirmed the election of Mr. Brian Berlandi as Board Chair for the Sherman Board of Education for 2022-2023, and asked that he continue the meeting, beginning with the election of a Board Vice-Chair.

Mr. Berlandi asked for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Laughlin nominated Mr. Vogt for Board Vice-Chair, and no other nominations were present.

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve Mr. Vogt as Board Vice-Chair for 2022-2023 and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA (00:09:51)**

**5.1. Review of Minutes:**

September 29, 2021 Special Meeting, November 16, 2021 Maintenance Committee Meeting, November 30, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting, December 1, 2021 Regular Meeting, December 4, 2021 Board Retreat, December 8, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting #1

- 5.2. Monthly Enrollment Report
- 5.3. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3. Mr. Vogt seconded, no discussion was had, and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (00:11:32)**

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve current bills and Mr. Vogt seconded. No discussion was had, and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**7. ORAL REPORTS (00:12:21)**

- 7.1. SPTO Update - NONE
- 7.2. Sub-Committees - NONE
- 7.3. Chair Report - NONE
- 7.4. Superintendent Update - Dr. Jeff Melendez

**7.4.1. Budget Update (00:14:36)**

Mrs. Coonan provided a brief budget update.

**7.4.2. Stoplight Report (00:21:15)**

- 7.4.2.1. Mrs. Dibartolo spoke briefly on Stoplight Report item #1.3
- 7.4.2.2. Mr. Kalkreuth provided an update on Stoplight Report item #5.5

**8. PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**9. NEW BUSINESS (00:31:17)**

**9.1. Review of RFQ/P for educational services**

Document was reviewed and a discussion was had. Several Board members requested changes for Dr. Melendez to incorporate and re-circulate to the Board for final review.

**9.2. Discussion and possible action to appoint Subcommittee chairs**

Mr. Berlandi proposed 2022 sub-committee appointments.

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve the sub-committee appointments and was seconded by Mr. Laughlin. The Board discussed several modifications to the appointments. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**9.3. Discussion and possible action to deem a new Special Committee on Facility Repair and Renovation necessary**

A discussion was had. (00:52:13)

Mr. Berlandi moved to deem a new Special Committee on Facility Repair and Renovation necessary, and Mr. Laughlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**11. COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joanna Ribisl, 13 Chestnut Hill Road, made a comment. ([01:15:55](#))

**13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS**

Mr. Berlandi made a comment. ([01:17:51](#))

Mrs. Diotte made a comment. ([01:18:22](#))

**14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS**

Budget Committee Meeting #2, January 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Monthly Board of Education Meeting, February 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vogt  
Vice Chair, Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer