

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 2, 2022
LMC & ZOOM
7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Berlandi at 7:01 PM on March 2, 2022 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

1. PRESENT

For the Board:	Mr. Berlandi, Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin
Administration:	Dr. Melendez, Mr. Kalkreuth, Mrs. DiBartolo, and Mr. Dudics
SPTO:	Mrs. O'Neill
Residents:	28 (via Zoom)

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS ([00:00:12](#))

2.1. Board of Education Appreciation Month

Dr. Melendez expressed his gratitude to the Board, and thanked them for their time and efforts.

Mr. Berlandi moved, and Mr. Vogt seconded, to move agenda item #8.1 Student XP & Capstone Presentations to the top of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA ([00:39:41](#))

Mr. Berlandi moved, and Mr. Vogt seconded to add New Business agenda item 9.2 regarding the contract of superintendent. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ([00:40:17](#))

5.1. Review of Minutes

January 5, 2022 Regular Meeting, February 2, 2022 Executive Session, February 2, 2022 Regular Meeting, February 16, 2022 Special Meeting

5.2. Personnel Actions

5.2.1. New Hire(s)

Sandra Trimarchi, Preschool Para Educator, effective 2/14/22

Donna Anton, Media Para Educator, effective 2/14/22

5.2.2. Resignation(s)

Anna Knothe, Permanent Building Substitute, effective 2/18/22

5.3. Monthly Enrollment Report

5.4. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS ([00:41:46](#))

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve current bills. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

7. **ORAL REPORTS** ([00:42:15](#))

7.1. **SPTO Update**

Mrs. O'Neill provided a brief update on the SPTO.

7.2. **Sub-Committees**

7.2.1. **Budget and Maintenance**

Mr. Laughlin provided a brief update of the work of the committee to date.

7.2.2. **Policy and Curriculum - NONE**

7.2.3. **Personnel and Negotiations**

Mrs. Diotte provided a brief update of the work of the committee to date.

7.2.4. **Special Education and Transportation**

Mrs. Grasseler provided a brief update of the work of the committee to date.

7.2.5. **Special Committee on Facility Repair and Renovation**

Mr. Vogt provided a brief update of the work of the committee to date.

7.3. **Chair Report**

Mr. Berlandi thanked the board for the time and effort each of them put into the Board and School community.

7.4. **Superintendent Update - Dr. Jeff Melendez**

7.4.1. **Budget Update**

Mrs. Coonan provided a brief budget update and presented a one-page budget summary.

7.4.2. **Stoplight Report**

Mr. Kalkreuth provided an update on strategic plan action item #6.1 and #13.4.

Mrs. DiBartolo provided an update on strategic plan action item #13.1.

8. **PRESENTATIONS** ([00:01:42](#))

8.1. **Student XP and Capstone Presentations**

8.1.1. **Fantasy Football XP**

Students Dillon Quinby and Jordan Greenwald presented a slideshow and spoke about their experience in Mr. Palmer's Fantasy Football XP.

8.1.2. **Nail That Audition XP**

Students Helena Pallante and Ava Pietruska performed a clarinet piece.

Ava spoke of her experience in mentoring Helena and how they prepared for regional auditions.

Isabel Vasquez spoke of her experience in the Nail That Audition XP, and performed a piece of music on her alto saxophone.

8.1.3. **Capstone Presentations**

Eden Bruzinski spoke of Capstone experience and presented her project: Creating an Animatronic.

8.2. **Relationships and Restorative Practices**

Dr. Badger, school psychologist, and MariJo Ficca, School Counselor, spoke on restorative processes and presented a slideshow regarding details.

The Board engaged in a discussion about RPs. The Board requested to continue the rest of the slideshow at its April 6, 2022 meeting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS** ([01:59:18](#))

9.1. **Review draft of 2022-2023 School-wide Calendar**

The Board reviewed the draft calendar, and will add a second reading and possible approval as an agenda item for the April 7, 2022 regular meeting.

9.2 **Discussion and possible action regarding the contract of the superintendent**

A motion was made by Mr. Vogt, and seconded by Mr. Philipakos, to authorize the Board Chair to enter into a resignation agreement with the Superintendent of Schools. A discussion was had, and the motion passed 6-1 (Mrs. Diotte, nay).

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

11. COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Seeger, 5 Farm Road , made a comment. ([02:13:27](#))

Amanda O'Neill, 7 Big Trail, made a comment. ([02:16:55](#))

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Diotte made a comment. ([02:18:35](#))

Mr. Vogt made a comment. ([02:24:10](#))

Mr. Laughlin made a comment. ([02:24:25](#))

Mr. Berlandi made a comment. ([02:27:31](#))

Mrs. Frey made a comment. ([02:29:07](#))

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS ([02:30:13](#))

14.1. Regular Meeting, April 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM

14.2. Budget Workshop, March 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vogt
Vice Chair, Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer