

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 7, 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 April 7, 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, Mr. Dudics, and Mrs. Coonan
Staff:	13 (via Zoom)
SPTO:	Mrs. O'Neill
Residents:	9 (1 in person, 8 via Zoom)

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS ([00:00:47](#))

Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ([00:01:23](#))

NONE

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA ([00:01:53](#))

NONE

5. CONSENT AGENDA ([00:02:00](#))

5.1. Review of Minutes

January 12, 2022 - Budget Committee Meeting #2, February 2, 2022 - Special Committee on Facility Repair & Renovation, February 7, 2022 - Budget Workshop, February 9, 2022 - Budget Committee Meeting #3, February 16, 2022 - Executive Session, February 16, 2022 - Budget Workshop, February 23, 2022 - Budget Committee Meeting #4, February 23, 2022 - Special Committee on Facility Repair & Renovation, February 28, 2022 - Special Education & Transportation Cmte. Executive Session, March 2, 2022 - Executive Session, March 2, 2022 Regular Meeting, March 7, 2022 - Special Education & Transportation Cmte. Executive Session, March 7, 2022 - Budget & Maintenance Committee Meeting, March 9, 2022 - Special Meeting, March 22, 2022 - Special Education & Transportation Cmte. Executive Session, March 22, 2022 - Special Meeting, March 22, 2022 - Budget & Maintenance Committee Executive Session, March 28, 2022 - Advisory Committee Executive Session.

5.2. Personnel Actions

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. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (00:04:20)

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

7. ORAL REPORTS

7.1. SPTO Update (00:05:20)

Mrs. O'Neill provided a brief update on current SPTO activities.

7.2. Sub-Committee Updates

7.2.1. Budget and Maintenance (00:09:44)

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

7.2.2. Policy and Curriculum (00:10:02)

Mr. Vogt to provide an update later in the agenda under New Business.

7.2.3. Personnel and Negotiations (00:10:13)

No update at this time.

7.2.4. Special Education and Transportation (00:10:24)

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

7.2.5. Special Committee for Facility Repair and Renovation (00:10:47)

Mr. Vogt to provide an update later in the agenda under New Business.

7.3. Chair Report (00:10:54)

7.4. Superintendent Update (00:18:17)

Dr. Melendez provided a brief update on the status of the Pirate Ship Playground, Current COVID-19 cases, and discussed potential mitigation strategies for students returning from spring break.

7.4.1. Budget Update (00:11:07)

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

7.4.2. Stoplight Report (00:15:12)

Mr. Kalkreuth provided a brief update on Stoplight Report item 5.3.

Mrs. DiBartolo provided a brief update on Stoplight Report item 3.6.

Mr. Dudics provided a brief update on Stoplight Report items 1.3 and 6.2.

8. PRESENTATIONS (00:26:40)

8.1. Presentations by Firms Regarding Strategic Planning and Administrative Services

8.1.1. Jonathan Costa from EdAdvance (00:28:24)

8.1.2. Laurie Kimbrel from Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates (00:41:10)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Review and Possible Approval of 2022-2023 School-Wide Calendar (01:23:01)

The Board reviewed the draft 2022-2023 School-Wide Calendar.

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve the 2022-2023 School-Wide Calendar as presented. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

9.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Firm to Conduct Strategic Planning and Administrative Services (01:28:38)

A discussion was had.

Mr. Berlandi moved to select HYA for the Strategic Planning and Administrative Services Consulting Endeavor, and that the Board enter into a contract with them. The motion was seconded by Mr Vogt, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

9.3. Discussion Related to Policy Series 7000 and the Advice of Counsel (01:44:47)

A discussion was had.

9.4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Recommendation Regarding Capital

Planning Goals ([01:56:13](#))

A discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt moved to accept the recommendation regarding Capital Planning Goals to help the formation of educational specifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berlandi, and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

9.5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Recommendation Regarding a School Building Committee and Educational Specifications ([02:19:24](#))

A discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt moved that the Board request the formation of a school building committee from the Board of Selectmen and formulate, prepare, and approve educational specifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berlandi, and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

9.6. Discussion Related to Capital Planning Timing, Requirements & Next Steps ([02:32:31](#))

A discussion was had.

Mr. Berlandi moved to add an addition to the agenda, item number 9.7 to approve the grad date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laughlin and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

9.7. Approval of 8th Grade Graduation Date ([02:35:27](#))

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve June 17, 2022 as the date for this year's 8th grade graduation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vogt, and the motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ([02:36:21](#))
NONE

11. COMMUNICATIONS ([02:36:27](#))
NONE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ([02:36:33](#))
NONE

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS
Mr. Philipakos made a comment. ([02:37:13](#))

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS

14.1. Regular Meeting

14.1.1. May 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM

14.2. Sub-Committee Meetings
TBD

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vogt
Vice Chair, Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer