

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 5, 2019
THE SHERMAN SCHOOL - LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Diotte at 7:00 PM in the Library Media Center on June 5, 2019.

1. PRESENT:

For the Board:	Dr. Alexander, Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Lenihan and Mrs. Seeger
Absent	Mrs. Enright, Mr. Laughlin and Mr. Neunzig
Administration:	Dr. Melendez
School Staff:	Mr. Luchsinger, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Rowella and Mrs. Schipul

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS:

Dr. Melendez provided an update from the Music in the Parks festival. The students had a great time and placed extremely well. Dr. Melendez acknowledged the Board's commitment to the music program. Following are the results:

- Chorus - 3rd Place
- Jazz Band - 1st Place
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- Best Jazz Solo - Hans Pitt

Dr. Melendez shared the Shepaug Valley High School Fox 61 Student News Award Nominees:

- Daran Racaj
- Ella Penna
- Isabella Fazzone

Dr. Melendez proudly shared that Sherman senior, Jacob Matthews is the New Milford High School Salutatorian. He noted this is the third year in a row that a Sherman student has been held with such high distinction. Last year a Sherman senior was the New Fairfield High School Valedictorian, and the prior year New Milford High School Valedictorian.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comment

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

No additions to the agenda

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mrs. Diotte moved and Dr. Alexander seconded the Board approves the Consent Agenda items 5.1 to 5.4 and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

- 5.1 Minutes - Regular Meeting, May 1, 2019
Minutes - Executive Session, May 30, 2019
Minutes - Executive Session, May 22, 2019
Minutes - Executive Session, May 1, 2019
Minutes - Executive Session, April 3, 2019
- 5.2 Personnel Actions
Resignation - Christine Ceccolini, Teacher, Effective 6/17/2019
- 5.3 Monthly Enrollment Report
- 5.4 Monthly Budget Report 18-19: Budget by Function & Summary of Funds

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS:

Mrs. Diotte moved and Mrs. Lenihan seconded that the Board approve the current bills as presented, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0

- 6.1 2018-2019 Current Bills Enclosure 6.1

7. ORAL REPORTS:

7.1 SPTO Update

No update

**7.2 Sub-Committee
Policy Committee**

Mrs. Seeger shared that the Policy Committee met to discuss the 1000 and 2000 Series. Modifications have been made and will be presented as First Readings at the next Board of Education meeting.

7.3 Chairperson

No update

7.4 Superintendent Update - Dr. Jeff Melendez

Dr. Melendez shared that the Annual Art Show was a success. He complimented Jessica Yagid for her efforts.

Dr. Melendez also shared that Heidi Jacobs led focus groups on May 22nd with the teachers. Mrs. Snowden also facilitated a Bold Moves book study luncheon and Dr. Melendez noted great discussions were generated.

The third XP Expo will be held on June 13th. Dr. Melendez shared an exciting selection of course offerings will be rolled out for the new school year.

Upon Board approval of the MOU, Patrick Flynn will lead a Steering Committee with scheduled meeting dates for June 24 - 25 and August 26 (half day).

8. PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Technology Committee Recommendations

Jim Luchsinger, Director of Technology discussed the current status of the Wi-fi server and switches. He proposed infrastructure recommendations to the Board and provided an estimated cost projection for improvements.

9.2 Discussion and Possible Ratification of a Tentative Agreement between the Sherman Board of Education and Local 1303-319 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO

Mrs. Diotte moved and Dr. Alexander seconded to approve the tentative agreement between the Sherman Board of Education and Local 1303-319 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

9.3 Discussion and Possible Approval of MOU with Sherman Education Association

Mrs. Diotte moved and Dr. Alexander seconded the approval of MOU with Sherman Education Association, and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Dr. Alexander noted that she supports the MOU and feels it is an opportunity to build a necessary shared governance infrastructure. She feels the MOU should be revisited next year for possible adjustments and reviewed for potential long-term implications.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Update from Design and Innovation Committee

Mrs. Diotte shared that the 27 member committee, representing different stakeholders in the district and community, have met three times thus far. Mrs. Diotte provided the following update:

- Discussions have been lively with good questions generated.
- The committee toured the building.
- The Friar study has been shared with the committee.
- The Board will seek guidance from committee regarding spending and potential planning options (i.e. healthy building, renovated k-wing, education enhancements, potential community needs).
- The Board will provide more concrete details regarding costs to the committee.
- Discussion with the State have been initiated regarding funding and they will be visiting the school in the near future.
- SWAT Analysis will take place.
- The committee will reconvene at the end of the summer.

Mrs. Diotte feels it has been a worthy process and is happy to engage the community.

Dr. Alexander noted the importance of the Bold Moves working group which may come into play when discussions arise regarding educational enhancements to the building. She also noted that the MOU will impact the project once the shared governance infrastructure has been established.

Mrs. Seeger suggested visiting one of the schools that Heidi Jacobs worked on. She noted a tour would be helpful, as well as hearing about the process from another district.

11. COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Diotte shared a thank you note received with fellow Board members.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

No Board of Education comment

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS

14.1 Board of Education Meeting - June 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM - Library Media Center

14.2 Special Meeting - June 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM - Superintendent's Office

14.3 Maintenance Committee Meeting - TBD

14.2 Curriculum Committee Meeting - TBD

14.3 Board of Education Retreat - July 20, 2019

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Diotte moved and Dr. Alexander seconded that the Board adjourn at 7:48 PM and the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Neunzig
Vice Chair, Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Nancy Winkler