

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
SPECIAL MEETING - OCTOBER 20, 2021
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM

A Special Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Neunzig at 7:34 PM on October 20, 2021 via Zoom.

1. PRESENT

For the Board: Mr. Laughlin, Mr. Vogt, Mr. Neunzig, and Mr. Berlandi
Administration: Dr. Melendez, Mrs. Coonan, and Mr. Lombardozzi

2. DISCUSSION

Mr. Laughlin provided an overview of the Maintenance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Education utilize prior bid responses and select the lowest bidder for the Alternate 1 scope of work to repair certain roof sections of the Sherman School from Imperial Company (\$142,900). He noted that all received bids were still valid and that the total funding request made should be \$150,000, this would allow a similar material to be utilized via a change order should the specified material not be as readily available.

Mr. Berlandi made a motion to approve the recommendation as stated and transmit such a request to the Board of Selectmen for funding approval, Mr. Neunzig seconded the motion.

Mr. Berlandi then thanked the Maintenance Committee for their work in looking at all options expeditiously in order to make modifications that would address roof leaks while additional discussions took place related to longer term solutions. Mr. Vogt noted that the repair as proposed was an interim measure to stop leaking, and that a longer term solution, whether that be a stand alone project or as part of a more comprehensive approach was in active discussions and this repair was simply a temporary measure.

Mr. Neunzig acknowledged the missteps that had been made in regards to this project and the broader capital planning process. He noted these modifications were the right thing to do for both students and taxpayers and would permit an immediate solution while discussions continued on defining a smart path forward for a long term plan.

Mr. Neunzig called the role and all members present were in favor of the motion. He then discussed a communication to the First Selectman being sent that would outline the request and further reinforce our desire to move forward working together. Mr. Laughlin noted a conversation he had with the First Selectman who was appreciative of scheduling constraints to these meetings and was expecting a communication regarding this matter from the Board of Education.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Berlandi
Vice-Chair
Sherman Board of Education