

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

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Vogt at 7:00 PM on September 7, 2022 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

**1. PRESENT**

For the Board:	Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. McGlinchey, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin
Administration:	Dr. Cosentino, Dr. Fernand, Dr. Fildes, and Dr. Leekin
Staff:	4
Residents:	5

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CELEBRATIONS** ([00:00:53](#))

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** ([00:01:42](#))

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

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

**5.1. Review of Minutes:**

June 29, 2022 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2022 Special Meeting, August 30, 2022 Executive Session, August 30, 2022 Special Meeting

**5.2. Personnel Actions**

**5.3. Monthly Enrollment Report**

**5.4. Monthly Budget Report**

Mr. Vogt moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4. Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

**6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS** ([00:02:44](#))

Mr. Vogt moved to approve current bills. Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

**7. ORAL REPORTS** ([00:02:58](#))

**7.1. SPTO Update**

**7.2. Sub-Committees**

**7.3. Chair Report**

**7.4. Superintendent Update**

Dr. Cosentino introduced the administrative team: Dr. Mary Fernand, Principal; Dr. Renee Leekin, Director of Special Education; and Dr. Karen Fildes, Assistant Principal/Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation. Dr. Cosentino also provided a brief recap of the first week of school and expressed her gratitude to teachers, parents, and students for the success.

**8. PRESENTATION** ([00:07:24](#))

**8.1. Opening of School - Dr. Mary Fernand, Principal**

Dr. Fernand spoke of how successful our 2022-2023 opening day was. She presented a slide show that included photos from the first week of school.

**9. NEW BUSINESS (00:14:10)**

**9.1. First Reading of P5113.2 Student Truancy**

No Discussion at this time. Will return to October 2022 agenda for second reading.

**9.2. First Reading of P5144.4(a) Student Discipline**

No Discussion at this time. Will return to October 2022 agenda for second reading.

**9.3. First Reading of P5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations**

No Discussion at this time. Will return to October 2022 agenda for second reading.

**9.4. First Reading of P6111(a) School Calendar**

Mrs. Diotte requested that New Business item number 9.4 be stricken from the agenda, as no changes are being presented.

**9.5. First Reading of P9321.2(a-e) Remote Meetings under the Freedom of Information Act**

No Discussion at this time. Will return to October 2022 agenda for second reading.

**9.6. Discussion & possible action on Enrollment Projection Proposals**

A discussion was had.

Mr. Laughlin moved to adopt the superintendent's recommendation to engage the School Development Council for enrollment projections, at no cost, on October 1st. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

**9.7. School Building Committee Update**

Mrs. Bonner provided a brief update on the status of the committee to date.

**9.8. Facility Update**

Mr. Lombardozzi provided a brief update on the status of the committee to date.

**9.9. HYA Update**

Mr. Vogt provided an update on HYA's next steps now that the community survey closed.

**9.10. Discussion and possible action to elect a board member to the position of Vice Chair**

Mr. Vogt spoke briefly about the importance of the role of vice chair before asking for nominations. Mr. Laughlin nominated Mrs. Kate Frey. No other nominations were made.

Mr. Vogt moved to elect Mrs. Kate Frey as Vice Chair of the Sherman Board of Education. Mrs. Diotte seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**11. COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (00:50:14)**

Pam Bonner, of 44 Anderson Road, made a comment.

Susan Seeger, of 5 Farm Road, made a comment.

**13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS (00:54:09)**

Mr. Laughlin made a comment.

Mr. Vogt made a comment.

Mr. Philipakos made a comment.

Mrs. Diotte made a comment.

Mrs. Frey made a comment.

**14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS (00:58:10)**

14.1. Regular Meeting, October 12, 2022

14.2. Committee Meetings

14.2.1. Policy Committee Meeting, October 4, 2022

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Frey, Vice Chair  
Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer