

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 4, 2023
LMC & ZOOM
7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Vogt at 7:02 on January 4, 2023 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

1. PRESENT

For the Board:	Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin
Administration:	Dr. Cosentino, Dr. Fernand, Dr. Fildes, and Dr. Leekin
Staff:	3
SPTO:	0
Residents:	1

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS - None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA (00:01:05)

Mr. Vogt requested that Consent Agenda item 5.2.1.1, New Hire Justin Quader, be moved to New Business item 9.8. Mr. Vogt also requested that New Business Agenda items 9.2, 9.4, and 9.5 be moved to after section 14 of the agenda as Executive Session is anticipated.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (00:02:26)

- 5.1. Review of Minutes
- 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. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (00:02:52)

Mr. Vogt moved to approve current bills. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. ORAL REPORTS (00:03:09)

- 7.1. SPTO Update
- 7.2. Sub-Committees
- 7.3. Chair Report
- 7.4. Superintendent Update

8. PRESENTATION - None

9. NEW BUSINESS (00:06:34)

- 9.1. **Mid-Year Review of Superintendent's Goals**

A discussion was had.

9.2. Discussion of Superintendent's mid-year performance *(Executive Session anticipated)*

Item 9.2 moved to the end of the agenda to allow for Executive Session.

9.3. Approval of additional 20 days for Dr. Cosentino for the 2022-2023 school year

A discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt made a motion for the Board to approve an additional 20 days for Dr. Cosentino for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.4. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged correspondence regarding a contractual matter *(Executive Session anticipated)*

Item 9.4 moved to the end of the agenda to allow for Executive Session.

9.5. Discussion and Possible Action to appoint a Board member to manage contractual discussions pertaining to Dr. Melendez separation agreement

A discussion was had.

9.6. Discussion and Possible Action to approve and adopt the Sherman School's new Strategic Plan.

A discussion was had. The Board moved to form an ad hoc subcommittee with the charge of finalizing the strategic plan document. Mr. Laughlin will act as chair, with Mrs. Grasseler and Mr. Philipakos also serving on the subcommittee.

9.7. Discussion of HYA's contract and services

A discussion was had.

9.8 Hire of Mr. Justin Quader, Paraprofessional

A discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt moved to approve the hire of Mr. Justin Quader, Special Education Paraprofessional. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS [\(00:44:14\)](#)

10.1. Review and Possibly Approve the 2023-2024 School-wide Calendar

Mr. Vogt moved to approve the 2023-2024 School-wide Calendar. Mrs. Frey approved the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

10.2. Second Reading of Policy 5141.4(a) Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect and Sexual Assault

Mr. Vogt moved to approve Policy 5141.4(a). Mrs. Frey Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

10.3. Second Reading of Policy 6123(1) Use of Certified Therapy Dogs in School

Mr. Vogt moved to approve policy 6123(1). Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

10.4. Second Reading of Policy 9322 Public and Executive Sessions

Mr. Vogt moved to approve Policy 9322. Mr. Laughlin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

11. COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS [\(00:49:19\)](#)

Mr. Philipakos made a comment.

Mr. Vogt made a comment.

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS [\(00:52:23\)](#)

14.1. Regular Meeting

14.1.1. February 1, 2023

14.2. Committee Meetings

14.2.1. Policy Committee Meeting - January 31, 2023 at 5:00 PM (Zoom Only)

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (00:58:10)

15.1. Discussion of Superintendent's mid-year performance

15.2. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged correspondence regarding a contractual matter

Mr. Vogt made a motion to move into executive session. Mrs. Frey Seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

The board moved out of executive session at 8:26 PM.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to remove the interim designation from our part-time Superintendent position. Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mrs. Frey made a motion for the Board to appoint Mr. Matt Vogt to manage contractual discussions pertaining to Dr. Melendez's separation agreement. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Frey, Vice Chair
Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer