

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 5, 2023
LMC & ZOOM
7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Vogt at 7:03 PM on April 5, 2023 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

1. PRESENT

For the Board:	Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Febbraio, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. McGlinchey, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin
Administration:	Dr. Cosentino, Dr. Fernand, Dr. Fildes, and Dr. Leekin
Staff:	15 (3 in person, 12 via Zoom)
Residents:	47 (15 in person, 32 via Zoom)

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS (00:00:36)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (00:01:50)

Molly Garcia, of 22 Church Road, made a comment.

4. ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA (00:06:24)

Mr. Vogt made a motion Move 9.1 to the end of New Business. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to add New Business Item 9.5: Discussion and Possible Approval of 8th Grade Graduation Date for 2023. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to change agenda item #12: Public Comment to Public Comment/Question & Answer. Mrs. Febbraio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (00:07:27)

- 5.1. Review of Minutes:
 - February 15, 2023 Budget Workshop #1
 - February 22, 2023 Budget Workshop #2
 - March 1, 2023 Ed. Specs. Committee Meeting
 - March 1, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - March 15, 2023 Special Meeting
 - March 28, 2023 Negotiations Committee Executive Session
- 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. Laughlin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (00:08:08)

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

7. **ORAL REPORTS** ([00:08:24](#))

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

8. **PRESENTATION** - None

9. **NEW BUSINESS** ([00:12:51](#))

- 9.1. **Discussion of Chromebook Agreement and possible motion to approve that beginning June of 2024, all student chromebooks will be returned to The Sherman School prior to 8th grade graduation.**

A discussion was had. No motion was made as the Chromebook Agreement is not an official Board policy. The Board agreed unanimously to modify the Chromebook Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year which would instruct graduating 8th grade students to turn in their school issued Chromebooks prior to 8th grade graduation.

- 9.2. **Discussion and possible motion to negotiate high school tuition contract with New Fairfield Public Schools and to have Shipman & Goodwin draw up a new contract.**

A discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to allow the Board to set a 1 year tuition contract with New Fairfield Public Schools. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 9.3. **Discussion of modified educational specification square feet allocations and associated space planning.**

A brief discussion was had.

- 9.4. **Discussion and possible action to approve 8th grade graduation date of June 16, 2023**

A brief discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to approve June 16th as the 2023 date for 8th grade graduation. Mr. Laughlin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 9.1. **Discussion of options, logistics, & potential cost to regionalize the Sherman School District**

A discussion was had.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

11. **COMMUNICATIONS** ([01:24:35](#))

A letter from Sherman Resident Lauren Neil to the Board was read aloud by Mr. Vogt.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** ([00:54:19](#))

Don Lowe, Sherman First Selectman, made a comment.

Joanna Wozniak-Brown, of 14 Chapel Hill Road, made a comment.

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

Jane Kim, of 70 Chapel Hill Road, made a comment.

Dillon Quinby, of 10 Atchison Cove Road, made a comment.

Sean Hilderbrand, of 2 Fox Run, made a comment.

Rosmarie D'Ostillio, of 41 Cozier Hill Road, made a comment.

Kasey Diotte, of 30 Hubbell Mountain Road, made a comment.

13. **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS** ([01:26:50](#))

Mr. Laughlin made a comment.

Mr. Vogt made a comment.

Mrs. Frey made a comment.

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS ([01:33:57](#))

14.1. Regular Meeting - May 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM

14.2. Policy Committee Meeting, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Frey, Vice Chair
Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer