

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
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 4, 2024 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:	0
Residents:	1

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS

- 2.1. Teacher Recognition
 - 2.1.1. Teacher of the Year - Mr. Stephen Rianhard
 - 2.1.2. Years of Service
 - 2.1.2.1. Mrs. Suzy Reynolds, 15 years
 - 2.1.2.2. Mrs. Shaela Hillman, 20 years
 - 2.1.2.3. Mrs. Bernadette Linero, 20 years
 - 2.1.2.4. Mrs. Christine Schipul, 20 years
 - 2.1.2.5. Mrs. Jill Vermilyea, 20 years
 - 2.1.2.6. Ms. Shannon Lathrop, 25 years

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

- 4.1. Mrs. Grasseler requested that the June 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes be removed from the consent agenda and added for discussion due to a typographical error. Mr. Vogt moved this agenda item to New Business 9.8.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1. Review of Minutes:
 - July 10, 2024 - Special Meeting
 - July 23, 2024 - Special Meeting & Public Hearing
 - August 13, 2024 - Policy Committee Meeting
- 5.2. Personnel Actions
- 5.3. Monthly Enrollment Report
- 5.4. Monthly Budget Report
- 5.5. Donation Acceptance

Mr. Vogt moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1 (all except 6/26 Regular Meeting), 5.2, 5.3, 5.4., and 5.5. Mrs. Febbraio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS

Mr. Vogt moved to approve current bills for FY2024, FY2025. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

7. ORAL REPORTS

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

8. PRESENTATIONS ([00:22:00](#))

8.1. Review of Spring 2024 Test Scores

Dr. Fildes presented slides and provided a brief overview of the Spring 2024 test scores.

8.2. Review Strategic Plan Priorities for 2024-2025 School Year ([00:35:48](#))

No discussion was had. The Board reviewed Strategic Plan Priorities for this school year.

9. NEW BUSINESS ([00:40:56](#))

9.1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve & Extend Term of Employment Compensation Agreement for the Superintendent

Mr. Vogt made a motion to approve & extend the term of employment compensation agreement for the Superintendent. Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

9.2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Educational Specifications for the Renovation Project at Sherman School and the Central Administrative Space Project at Sherman School

The Board opted to move New Business Item 9.2: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Educational Specifications for the Renovation Project at Sherman School and the Central Administrative Space Project at Sherman School to a future meeting date.

9.3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Total Project Cost Inclusive of Financing Expenses for the Renovation Project at Sherman School and the Central Administrative Space Project at Sherman School, for an Amount Not To Exceed \$42,800,000 as Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Also Acting as the Board of Finance

Mr. Vogt made a motion to approve a total project cost inclusive of financing expenses for the Renovation Project at Sherman School and the Central Administrative Space Project at Sherman School, for an amount not to exceed \$42,800,000 as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, also Acting as the Board of Finance. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, 7-0.

9.4. First Reading: Shipman Series 4000 - 4000.1 and 4200.2: Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment

No discussion was had. Policy to be added to next month's agenda for a second reading.

9.5. First Reading: Shipman Series 5000, 5145.44: Students Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment

No discussion was had. Policy to be added to next month's agenda for a second reading.

9.6. First Reading: CAGE Policy 5114: Suspension and Expulsion Process

No discussion was had. Policy to be added to next month's agenda for a second reading.

9.7. First Reading: CAGE Policy P0521: Mission - Goals - Objectives

No discussion was had. Policy to be added to next month's agenda for a second reading.

9.8. Discussion and possible revision of the June 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mrs. Grasseler noted that under agenda item number 9.3, the "second" should be listed as Mrs. Grasseler, not "Mr./Mrs." as was posted. Mr. Vogt approves the change and asks that the minutes be returned to next month's consent agenda for approval.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. COMMUNICATIONS - None

- 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- 13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS** - None
- 14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS** ([00:47:11](#))
 - 14.1. Regular Meeting
 - 14.1.1. October 2, 2024
 - 14.2. Committee Meetings
 - 14.2.1. Policy Committee Meeting - September 24 (via zoom)
 - 14.2.2. Special Meeting - September 16, 2024 at 7pm (in person)
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Frey, Vice Chair
Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer