

**Sherman Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 23, 2023**

**TIME & PLACE: 5:30 PM, Auditorium**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Bates, Teresa Guzman, Kristin Irwin and Timothy Sears. Emily Reynolds was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carrie Yohe, Kimberly Oehlbeck, Nicole Marino, Jared Oehlbeck, Andrea Bryant, Luke Waygood, Andrew Minton, Brooke Long, Ashley Pinzok, Leah Hayes, Carol Chase and Melva Rowan.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Carol Chase provided the District Clerk with signature pages from District residents requesting that a proposition be placed in the June 2023 ballot concerning a tax levy. A copy of these pages was also given to the Board President.

President Brian Bates called the **meeting to order** at 5:30 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL**

Teresa Guzman moved to approve the **board minutes** of the regular board meeting held December 19, 2022. (Att. #1) Kristin Irwin seconded the motion, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

**MINUTES**

Teresa Guzman moved to **approve the financial consent agenda:**

- 2a) **Treasurer Reports** for period ending 12/31/22 (Att. #2)
- 2b) **Extra Curricular Treasurer Report** for period ending 12/31/22 (Att. #2)
- 2c) **Financial Report** for period ending 12/31/22 (Att. #3)

**FINANCIAL  
AGENDA  
Treasurer Reports  
Financials**

Seconded by Timothy Sears, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (DRESS CODE)** – No one addressed the Board concerning the proposed revisions to the dress code.

**Public comment  
(dress code)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING (VIDEOCONFERENCE OF BOARD MEETINGS RESOLUTION)** – No one addressed the Board concerning the proposed resolution which would permit Board members to attend meetings virtually under extraordinary circumstances.

**Public hearing /  
comment  
(videoconference  
resolution)**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Brooke Long of 3221 Waits Corners Rd, Sherman addressed the Board concerning the importance of Social Emotional Learning and how it relates to behavior by school staff, volunteers, students and community members both inside and outside of the school setting. She also shared concerns over elected members and their behavior as they represent the school district.

**Public participation**

**Board of Education President** - Mr. Bates said that the Board will be working on wrapping up the Superintendent evaluation process towards the end of February.

**Board President**

**Superintendent Report** - Mrs. Yohe said that the Fitness center has reopened and that the community hours may be modified at some point. She provided updates from Mr. Emory including the spring introduction of flag football for girls as an intramural/club sport for grades 9-12. She also provided updates from the cafeteria and transportation. She also advised that the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System is being implemented at Sherman with training offered through BOCES. Mrs. Yohe is looking into a Distance Learning grant to update/upgrade one of the DL Rooms rooms.

**Superintendent  
Report**

**School Business Administrator** – Mrs. Oehlbeck went over the maintenance, capital, transportation and administrative parts of the budget, including projections for next year. At the February meeting she will go over the program part of the budget, as well as the whole budget less revenue. She will also go over BOCES and the tax cap calculations. SCS received a check for the proceeds from the auction of \$19,475, the majority of which was the sale of the van.

**SBA Report**

**PreK-12 Principal** - Mrs. Marino provided updates from Mrs. Svenson and Mr. McKane, the guidance counselors, and Mrs. Kopta, School Nurse. Mr. McKane will have a counseling intern under his supervision until April 21st. Mrs. Marino also provided updates on her activities. She also noted that the school has finally received the composite photo for the class of 2021, which was on display during the meeting.

PreK-12 Principal  
Report

**Director of Facilities** - Mr. Oehlbeck provided some updates on the lead in drinking water testing. The next round of sampling has to be completed between 2023 - 2025. He also provided updates on the fencing project, noted that the tile work has been completed for the Capital outlay project and provided a recommendation on the proposed installation of vape detectors.

Director of Facilities  
Report

**Curriculum Coordinator** - Mrs. Bryant said that SCS has been piloting a math program in grades 2 and 5 with a view to implementing it next year - currently Envisions is the front runner. The ELA program will be reviewed next year. She advised the Board about the various after school enrichment programs which are currently being offered to students, including the popular robotics program.

Curriculum  
Coordinator Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board held a discussion on the Wall of Fame and Capital Project. The Board consensus is that the Wall of Fame induction ceremonies should continue and remain a fall event. It was agreed that a work group or subcommittee to bring recommendations to the Board for inductions should be set up, to whom evaluation criteria should be provided. There was support for the idea of having the inductees speak to students at the honors dinner. Submitting Wall of Fame nominations electronically via a Google Form was acceptable to the Board. It was agreed that further discussion on the Wall of Fame would take place in coming months. Mrs. Yohe gave an update on the Capital Project and mentioned the community meeting she held. There was discussion of potentially moving the nurse’s suite to the current STEM room, the cafeteria to the Ag/Tech area, and creating a fitness area in the existing cafeteria space. The main points of the project are improved accessibility for all, location, creating additional classrooms and modifying existing facilities to meet the needs of the future. She will have another community meeting concerning the Capital Project.

Old Business

Timothy Sears moved to approve the **new business consent agenda:**

New Business Agenda

- 3a) **CPSE/CSE Placements** as per the recommendation of the CSE/CPSE chair for the attached roster of students. (Att #4)
- 3b) Approve the acceptance of 13 2’x8’ tables from Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant. Value of donated items: \$1,950.00.
- 3c) Approve the modification of the title of Records Manager to Records Management Officer to align with policy verbiage.
- 3d) Approve the following policy updates (Att #5):
  - # 3320 Confidentiality of Computerized Information
  - # 5550 Maintenance of Fiscal Effort (Title I Programs)
  - # 5670 Records Management
  - # 6411 Use of Email in the District
  - # 7315 Student Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
  - # 7550 Dignity for All Students
  - # 7613 The Role of the Board in Implementing a Student's Individualized Education Program
  - # 7614 Preschool Special Education Program
  - # 8271 Internet Safety/Internet Content Filtering
- 3e) Approve the tentative itinerary for the Class of 2023 trip to Oak Hill, West Virginia on June 9 through June 11, 2023. (Att. #6)
- 3f) Adopt the revised dress code, effective 1/24/2023.

- 3g) Approve the transfer of district funds in the amount of \$1,493.16 from the Unemployment Reserve account to General Fund account to pay for the unemployment bill.
- 3h) Adopt the following resolution, effective 1/24/2023:

**WHEREAS**, by passing Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 (“Chapter 56”), the New York State Legislature amended Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 56 adds Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, permitting the Sherman Central School District to authorize its members to attend meetings by videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires the Sherman Central School District to adopt a resolution following a public hearing authorizing the limited use of videoconferencing under such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2) allows for hybrid meetings by requiring “that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body’s quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(c) requires that members be physically present at any such meeting “unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances . . . including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member’s physical attendance at such meeting”; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 103-a(2)(d), any members attending by videoconference must, except during executive session, be “heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(g) requires that any meeting where a member attends by videoconference be recorded, posted to the Sherman Central School District webpage within five business days, and transcribed upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(h) requires that members of the public be permitted to attend and participate, if authorized, in any meeting by videoconference when a member attends by videoconference.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sherman Central School District authorizes its members who experience an extraordinary circumstance, as described above and further defined by any rules or written procedures later adopted, to attend meetings by videoconference: (i) as long as a quorum of the members attend in-person at one or more locations open to the public; (ii) as long as the member can be seen, heard, and identified while the open portion of

the meeting is being conducted; and (iii) as otherwise permitted under Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Sherman Central School District shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

Seconded by Teresa Guzman, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

Teresa Guzman moved to approve the **personnel consent agenda** including the following items:

**New Personnel Agenda**

- 4a) Approve Faith Gormley as Fitness Center Monitor, effective 1/12/2023.
- 4b) Approve the maternity leave request for **Tenille Thompson** from approximately April 8, 2023 for a duration of 6-8 weeks. (Att. #7)
- 4c) Approve Rebecca Cullum as a school counseling intern from 1/24/2023 to 4/21/2023 under the direction of Shawn McKane.
- 4d) Approve Jared Oehlbeck as Fitness Monitor fill-in, effective 1/24/2023.

Seconded by Kristin Irwin, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

Timothy Sears moved to enter into executive session at 6:51 pm for the purpose of discussion of a personnel issue with no action to be taken after. Seconded by Teresa Guzman, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

**Executive Session**

Teresa Guzman moved to leave executive session at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Timothy Sears, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

Teresa Guzman moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:36 pm. Seconded by Timothy Sears, carried 4-0, with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was absent.

**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Waygood  
District Clerk