

**Sherman Central School
Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 19, 2022**

TIME & PLACE: 5:30 PM, Auditorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Bates, Teresa Guzman, Kristin Irwin, Emily Reynolds (arrived at 5:40 pm) and Timothy Sears (arrived at 5:38 pm).

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Yohe, Kimberly Oehlbeck, Ann Morrison, Luke Waygood, Brooke Long and Melva Rowan.

President Brian Bates called the **meeting to order** at 5:36 pm.

Teresa Guzman moved to approve the **board minutes** of the regular board meeting held November 14, 2022. (Att. #1) Kristin Irwin seconded the motion, carried 3-0, with the abstentions of Emily Reynolds and Timothy Sears who arrived late.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
MINUTES**

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

- 2a) **Treasurer Reports** for periods ending 10/31/22 and 11/30/22 (Att. #2)
- 2b) **Extra Curricular Treasurer Report** for period ending 11/30/22 (Att. #2)
- 2c) **Financial Report** for period ending 11/30/22 (Att. #3)

**FINANCIAL
AGENDA
Treasurer Reports
Financials**

Seconded by Kristin Irwin, carried 3-0, with the abstentions of Emily Reynolds and Timothy Sears who arrived late.

Mr. Michael Shimmel, Director of Technology, provided a presentation on the new district website. He showed the new website which went live today. The video will be changed once we have one ready. Information is readily accessible. There will be alerts which will pop up if they apply, such as closings for snow days. He showed several different pages, including the Board of Education page. It is very easy to navigate and to return to the main page. Teresa Guzman suggested making the links for parents and students easier to access. Brian Bates suggested viewing link traffic to see which links are most frequently used to potentially make them easier to view and access.

Presentation

Board of Education President - Mr. Bates said that the Board continues to work on the Superintendent evaluation which will hopefully start in January.

Board President

Superintendent Report - Mrs. Yohe said that there was a Capital Project meeting last week. The school needs to look more closely at each item to determine the overall aid for the project. The district estimated building aid is 90.2%. Young and Wright feel very positive about the plans moving forward. There was a misquote in the Post-Journal which stated that the Capital Project would cost \$2 million or less, however that amount just involves minor renovations and the items mentioned in the building condition survey, not the broader scope of the project. The Capital Project will be more than the quoted \$2 million to address greater needs and room additions. As such, she will be issuing a press release to address this misquote. Mrs. Yohe advised of certain elements which will be done, such as looking at the Cafeteria, the Nurse's office, Special Education classes and the Fitness Center. SCS will look at using Capital Reserves towards the cost of the Capital Project to ease the burden on the taxpayer. With the AG/Tech renovation SCS hopes to include a CTE program. She advised that SCS is working to match instruction needs to the building project. She advised that material costs are considerably higher and gave an example of estimated roofing material costs which have doubled. She would like to have an informational meeting about the Capital Project on January 5th for community members, and there will be quick clips on the website so that the public and stakeholders can stay informed. She asked the Board if they would like her to put something out for feedback regarding the website. She also shared a recent issue that focused on the student dress code. She met with the Student Council last week, who had some great ideas and suggestions. The overall consensus was that people should not be distracting to others, and they felt that the dress code was pinpointing females more than males. The dress code revisions will be posted on the website to allow members of the public to view the revised dress code and people will be able to comment on it over the next 30 days. As such, a revised dress code will go to

**Superintendent
Report**

the Board for approval at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Yohe confirmed that SCS still has a lending closet for clothes. She advised that Luke Waygood has put together a Google Form for Wall of Fame nominations. Emily Reynolds suggested memorializing past inductees on the website. She advised that Luke Waygood had shared out the superintendent evaluation form with the Board. She also advised that there is a revised calendar up for approval to accommodate the correct 3-8 ELA and math tests. She also advised that the revised Board meeting schedule is before the Board for approval as well to accommodate the BOCES component Board voting date. She also advised that there will be a CSP golf team in the 23-24 school year, as well as an added JV team for CSP Baseball this year. Susan Bates has been working with Mrs. Yohe and Mrs. Oehlbeck to use some of the cafeteria funds, including the potential purchase of an ice cream vending machine which may help move students through the line more efficiently. Mrs. Bryant has been working on after-school enrichment programs, which will be funded by Covid money. In Guidance, Mrs. Svenson is working on a course catalog. Mr. McKane has been hosting parties with students and working on the assemblies. She advised that in the Nurse's office they have been working on vision testing. She said that transportation has advised that the arrival of the new buses has been pushed back by another month.

School Business Administrator – Mrs. Oehlbeck said that the motion on the agenda to move money is to pay for the ERS bill. She also advised that the tax collection report is also on the agenda. The January meeting will cover the budgets for maintenance, transportation, administration and the capital side. She advised that the online auction took place and the van was sold above the reserve that was set on it.

SBA Report

Director of Pupil Services - Mrs. Morrison showed some of the Fall data. Last spring SCS brought back the Ice8 collaboration with Erie2 BOCES. There was a panorama survey of students last spring and again in fall in grades 5-12. She showed which areas the team focused on, which included self-management and growth mindset. When looking at student supports and environment from the fall survey, there was a great increase in teacher-student relationships, sense of belonging and school climate compared with last spring. In the high school there was an increase in a number of areas, with the exception of diversity and inclusion. Generally the majority of the student body have similar ethnic backgrounds which accounts for why diversity and inclusion is low. Students are having Social Emotional Learning in grades K-8 which is positively impacting overall scores. iReady testing data is on par with last year's results. She has met with grade levels and AIS providers to create intervention groups. Groups are meeting daily for 30 mins for both ELA and Math in grades K-3; grades 4-6 meet for 30 mins daily but alternate ELA and Math on gold and blue days. Mrs. Yohe advised that the math camp which took place over the summer and AIS pull-outs are very beneficial for students and have helped to increase scores. Overall, SCS is outperforming State level proficiency norms. Mrs. Morrison advised that the NYSED school report card data is publicly available if people wish to see the data in greater detail. The future 5th and 8th grade science tests will all be conducted via computer based testing after this year. SCS has a very high passing and proficiency rate, but not a high mastery rate in Regents testing. Teresa Guzman asked if SCS has done any trending analysis. However, Mrs. Morrison advised that it is very difficult to compare years due to the impact of Covid-19, especially as testing standards may have changed to accommodate for Covid-19.

Dir. of Pupil Services Report

No members of the public addressed the Board.

Public participation

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

Old Business

- 3a) Approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar (*Att #4*)
- 3b) Approve the revised 2022-2023 SCS Board of Education schedule:

2022-2023 SCS Board of Education Meeting Dates	
July 11, 2022 (Re-Org Meeting)	January 23, 2023
August 15, 2022	February 27, 2023
September 12, 2022	March 20, 2023
October 17, 2022	April 19, 2023 (Wednesday)
November 14, 2022	May 8, 2023 (Regular Session & Annual Budget Hearing)
December 19, 2022	June 12, 2023

- 3c) Vote to allow public comment on the revised Student Handbook/Code of Conduct.

Seconded by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Emily Reynolds moved to **amend 4c) of the new business consent agenda** to include policies # 6570 Remote Working, # 7150 Remote Instruction and # 7316 Student Use of Personal Technology, and to table approval of # 6411 Use of Email in the District.

Seconded by Timothy Sears, carried 5-0.

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

New Business Agenda

- 4a) **CPSE/CSE Placements** as per the recommendation of the CSE/CPSE chair for the attached roster of students. (*Att #5*)
- 4b) Approve the transfer of district funds in the amount of \$131,136 from the Retirement Reserve Fund account to General Fund account to pay for the ERS bill.
- 4c) Approve the following policy updates (*Att #6*):
- # 5511 Maintenance of Fund Balance
 - # 5551 Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds in the District
 - # 5674 Data Networks and Security Access
 - # 6570 Remote Working
 - # 7150 Remote Instruction
 - # 7316 Student Use of Personal Technology
 - # 7630 Committee on Special Education (CSE) - Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)
- 4d) Adopt the following resolution regarding bid award for upcoming capital outlay project, based upon the Letter of Recommendation from Young & Wright (*Att #7*):
- RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education awards the November 15, 2022 Capital Outlay Project 2022-23 General Trades Contract to Allgaier Construction Corp. in the amount of \$76,700.00.
- Further, the Superintendent is authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the entire Board of Education.
- 4e) Approve the request of combined sports in Baseball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, and Track with Sherman, Panama and Clymer Central Schools for 2023.
- 4f) Approve the request of combined sports in Softball and Volleyball with Sherman and Clymer Central Schools for 2023.

- 4g) Approve a pay rate increase for certified substitute teachers to \$120.00 and for uncertified substitute teachers to \$110.00 due to the increase in minimum wage, effective 12/31/2022.
- 4h) Approve the school tax collection report for 2022-23 tax year in the amount of \$242,481.20 (includes penalty of \$4,754.59).

Seconded by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

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

New Personnel Agenda

- 5a) Approve the following individuals as Fitness Center Monitors, effective 12/20/2022:
 - David Maleski
 - Aziel Rivera
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 - Carrie Sands
 - Curtis Smith
- 5b) Approve the appointment of Amber Gustafson as Clerk II, effective 12/20/2022.
- 5c) Approve the appointment of Amaya Lewczyk as Substitute Teacher's Aide for the 2022-2023 academic year, effective 12/20/2022.

Seconded by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Teresa Guzman said that the Board cannot meet on Zoom unless there is a resolution approved by the Board. It was agreed by the Board that a resolution would be on the agenda for the next Board meeting to accommodate this.

Teresa Guzman moved to enter into executive session at 6:58 pm for the purpose of discipline and a student issue with no action to be taken after. Seconded by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Teresa Guzman moved to leave executive session at 8:41 pm. Seconded by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Teresa Guzman moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:42 pm. Second by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Waygood
District Clerk