

1) Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Jackson in the School Library.

Present: Laura Jackson, President
Helen Roberts, Vice – President
James MacFadden
Dorothy Harding
Kevin Kutzscher
Patterson Green, Superintendent/Principal
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: None

Others Attending: Emily Herman, Alyssa Webb, Marshall Hubbell, Roxanne Cardone, Graham Wright, Mark Tessier, Theresa Tessier, Megan Tessier, Charles Willoughby, Donald Harding...

2) 72-Hour Waiver

A **motion** to waive the 72 hour notice to change the agenda, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 5:0.

3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, September 8, 2014 regular meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Kevin Kutzscher, was carried unanimously 5:0.

4) Reports

A) Business Manager/District Clerk

1. The internal claims auditor’s report was reviewed. The Board accepted the internal claims auditor’s report dated September 22, 2014.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrant # 15, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Laura Jackson, was carried unanimously 5:0.
4. The comprehensive budget was reviewed.
5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion to approve the following Emergency Project Resolution, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Kevin Kutzscher, was carried unanimously 5:0:

Emergency Project Resolution

WHEREAS, the Sharon Springs Central School District (“School District”) is a rural school district located in Sharon Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2014, the school, and the area surrounding the school, received approximately nine (9) inches of rain over a two (2) day period, causing extensive flood damage to the School District’s buildings and property, rendering portions of the property unusable for the delivery of educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the students and staff is threatened by the state of the School District’s buildings if the affected portions are to be occupied and the immediate remediation, repair, and reconstruction of the buildings and property is necessary in order to return them to an acceptable safe and healthy level to resume use for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above, the buildings and property of the School District were significantly damaged by water, debris, and other consequences of the flooding, to an extent that they are incapable of being used for educational purposes as a public school district without immediate and substantial remediation, repair, and reconstruction efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the School District to provide a safe and healthy environment for the students, staff, and public who may visit or use the buildings and property of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Law allows the school district to declare a state of emergency, for those conditions that arise from accidents or other unforeseen occurrences or conditions that require immediate corrective action which cannot await execution of proper bidding procedures as set forth in General Municipal Law §103; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the District to declare a state of emergency to take the appropriate mitigation activities to address the emergency and make the school district suitable for the use of students and staff.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

- 1. The Sharon Springs Central School District Board of Education hereby declares the school district to be in a state of public emergency, as defined in the General Municipal Law, and authorizes any capital repairs that are immediate in nature and to take those necessary corrective actions that cannot await competitive bidding.*
- 2. The Board of Education hereby determines that the immediate remediation, repair, and reconstruction of the School District’s buildings and property is an ordinary contingent expense that is necessary to preserve property and to assure the health and safety of students and staff. The Board of Education further determines that the current condition*

of the buildings and grounds is a condition that affects the health and safety of students and staff and that the remediation, repair, and reconstruction of the School District's buildings and grounds requires emergency, immediate action to preserve the property.

3. *The School District is hereby authorized to expend up to a maximum of \$350,000 from the General Fund to undertake the necessary remediation, repairs, and reconstruction of the buildings and grounds necessary to return them to a habitable and acceptable space to resume the educational program as soon as possible.*
4. *The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to file any necessary and proper paperwork with the State Education Department, or any other State or Federal agency, to proceed with the emergency work and to work with the District's architect, legal counsel, and other resources to immediately accomplish this action.*
5. *This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.*

B) Superintendent/Principal

The Superintendent/Principal's Report was previously submitted to the Board for their review.

Mr. Green introduced the following 2014 – 2015 new staff:

1. Roxanne Cardone – Part-Time Teacher Aide
2. Emily Herman – School Nurse
3. Alyssa Webb – Part-Time Teacher Aide
4. Graham Wright – Computer Support Specialist

PERSONNEL – NONE

C) CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

5) Privilege of the Floor

Mark Tessier – Comments on Common Core, Math, and the promotion of ethical learning.

6) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

7) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

8) New Business

- a. The Board completed the final reading of the following policies:
 1. 6.4 Sexual Harassment of Personnel
 2. 6.11 Complaints and Grievances by Employees

3. 7.3.4 Equal Opportunity Policy
 4. 7.27 Sexual Harassment of Students
- b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to ratify the following Board of Education Policies, made by Kevin Kutzscher and seconded by Dorothy Harding, was carried unanimously 5:0:
1. 6.4 Sexual Harassment of Personnel
 2. 6.11 Complaints and Grievances by Employees
 3. 7.3.4 Equal Opportunity Policy
 4. 7.27 Sexual Harassment of Students
- c. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the use of Sharon Springs Central School as an evacuation site for the Marchand Manor Adult Home, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 5:0.

9) Other

No other business was presented for discussion.

10) Executive Session

A **motion** to enter into executive session at 8:05 PM to discuss personnel, contractual, and student issues, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Laura Jackson, was carried unanimously 5:0.

The Board returned to regular session at PM.

11) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at PM, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Laura Jackson, was carried unanimously 5:0.

Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk