

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 Vice-President Roberts in the School Library.

Present:

Helen Roberts, Vice – President
Dorothy Harding
Kevin Kutzscher
Patterson Green, Superintendent/Principal
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: Laura Jackson, President
James MacFadden

Others Attending: Tammy Behr, Anne Allen, Shaun Wayman, Joe Hilts, Ethan Keller, Rob Keller...

2) 72-Hour Waiver

A **motion** to waive the 72 hour notice to change the agenda, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Dorothy Harding, was carried unanimously 3:0.

3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, December 22, 2014 regular meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, made by Kevin Kutzscher and seconded by Dorothy Harding, was carried unanimously 3:0.

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 January 12, 2015.
2. The Board reviewed the October and November 2014 Treasurer’s Reports.
3. The Board reviewed the December 2014 Extra-Curricular Treasurer’s Report.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants # 27, 29, 30 and 31, made by Kevin Kutzscher and seconded by Dorothy Harding, was carried unanimously 3:0.
5. The comprehensive budget was reviewed.

6. Mr. DiPace gave the Board a building site/condition update and received authorization to proceed with the generator project.
7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following resolution authorizing participation in NYSMEC, made by Kevin Kutzscher and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 3:0:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE
ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE (NYSMEC) FOR ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, _____ (Insert name of school district, town, village, etc.) (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the _____ (Insert name of school district, town, village, etc.) to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs _____ (insert name or title of Participant representative) to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$.1126 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

- Mrs. Behr and Mr. Green met with the Tri-Valley League to formally request that Sharon Springs Central School be allowed to enter the Tri-Valley League.

- FFA Members, Shaun Wayman and Ethan Keller and their advisor, Mrs. Allen presented an overview of their trip to the Fall National FFA Convention. Using their slide presentation, they provided an insight into the many educational, often interactive, tours and exhibits in which they participated.
- The Board directed Superintendent Green to contact the NYS Board of Regents to urge them to reject the proposal making field testing mandatory. Sharon Springs Central School has been consistent in its support of educational reforms that enhance the education excellence of all schools in New York State. This includes the Department of Education’s recent request to minimize non-essential testing of students in order to maintain or increase instructional time. Rejecting mandatory standalone field testing would ensure that no student, in Sharon Springs CSD or across the state, would have to forfeit valuable classroom learning. This especially includes testing which does not allow for discussion of test questions that might provide educational opportunities for the students.

PERSONNEL - NONE

C) CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented for approval.

5) Privilege of the Floor

No questions or comments were raised.

6) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

7) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented for discussion.

8) New Business

The Board reviewed the following board policies:

1. 7.15 Graduation Requirements (First read of updates to policy)
2. 7.15.1 Alternatives to Classroom Instruction in Art, Music and Physical Education

9) Other

No other business was presented for discussion.

10) Executive Session

A **motion** to enter into executive session at 7:59 PM to discuss a student issue, made by Dorothy Harding and seconded by Kevin Kutzscher, was carried unanimously 3:0.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:25 PM.

11) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Kevin Kutzscher, was carried unanimously 3:0.

Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk