

**1) Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education was called to order in the school library at 7:30 PM by President, James MacFadden.

**Present:** James MacFadden, President  
Helen Roberts, Vice-President  
Christine Cornwell  
Thomas Yorke, Principal/Superintendent  
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Laura Jackson, Sofia Issa

**Others Attending:** Lora Newell, Dan Fay, Brian Manning, Renee Bade, Mark Tessier, Terri Tessier...

**2) Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Monday, November 15, 2021 Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the minutes with the following change, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by James MacFadden, was carried unanimously 3:0:

“Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to appoint Elizabeth Jones, as COVID 19 Coordinator, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0. This stipend for this position is \$3000.”

**3) Reports**

**A.) Business Manager/District Clerk**

The Business Manager’s Report was previously submitted to the Board for their review.

1. The Board reviewed the November 2021 Extra-Curricular Treasurer’s Report.
2. The Board reviewed the October 2021 Treasurer’s Report.
3. The internal claims auditor’s reports were presented. The Board accepted the internal claims auditor’s report dated December 13, 2021.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants # 21, 22, 23, 24 and HL # 3, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 3:0.
5. The Appropriation Status Reports were reviewed.

**6. APR PROJECT SEQR RESOLUTION # 25**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ARP Project 54 14 01 04 0 001 025**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sharon Springs Central School District (the "District") held on December day of 13, 2021 at the Sharon Springs Central School District School Library, 514 State Highway 20, Sharon Springs, New York 13459, the following members were:

PRESENT: James MacFadden, President; Helen Roberts, Vice-President; Christine Cornwell

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Laura Jackson, Sofia Issa

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Anthony DiPace, Business Manager; Thomas Yorke, Superintendent Dan Fay, Brian Manning of Teitsch-Kent-Fay Architects.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following SEQRA Resolution American Rescue Program Project was moved by Christine Cornwell and seconded by James MacFadden.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a project consisting of Reconstruction of Main Building, including Mechanical /Electrical Improvements, Outdoor Classroom Construction, and Greenhouse construction adjacent to the existing Ag/Tech Classroom, as well as associated reconstruction of adjacent construction and systems at the K-12 school building located at 514 State Highway 20, Sharon Springs, New York 13459 ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to all involved agencies, together with notification of the Board's desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have either consented to the Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project, or have failed to raise any objection thereto within thirty (30) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form and supporting documentation prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves various interior improvements, system upgrades, sitework grading, and infrastructure improvements at the District's K-12 school building.
2. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7©, and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

3. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. Physical disturbance associated with the project is minimal, and any additional storm runoff can be adequately managed by existing ground conditions. No NYSDEC or Federal regulated wetlands or water bodies will be impacted by this project. Other than temporary, short term noise associated with construction activities, the project will not result in any permanent increase to existing noise levels.
4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources.
5. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.
6. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
7. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. Prior to performing any work, the project will be submitted for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office regarding any potential impacts to historic and/or archeological resources, if any, and any recommendations received will be incorporated into final project planning. The proposed project is not within a scenic vista nor does it contain a designated scenic resource and, thus, will not impact any such resource.
8. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.
9. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.
10. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.
11. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action
12. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak) and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the Proposed Action.

The Resolutions was thereafter voted upon and carried unanimously 3:0. The resolution was thereafter duly declared adopted.

Anthony DiPace, District Clerk  
Sharon Springs Central School District

**7. Capital Outlay Project # 26 SEQR Resolution**

December 13, 2021

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAPITAL PROJECT SED Project No. 54 14 01 04 0 001 026 (assumed)**

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ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Laura Jackson, Sofia Issa

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Anthony DiPace, Business Manager; Thomas Yorke, Superintendent  
Daniel Fay, Brian Manning – of Teitsch-Kent-Fay Architects

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following SEQRA Resolution American Rescue Program Project was moved by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a project consisting of Reconstruction of Main Building and Bus Garage Building, including Roof Reconstruction, Mechanical /Electrical Improvements, Exterior Envelope Reconstructions, Various Interior Reconstructions, Site Improvements including reconstruction of Girls' Varsity Soccer Field, as well as associated reconstruction of adjacent construction and systems at the K-12 school building and Bus Garage Building located at 514 State Highway 20, Sharon Springs, New York 13459 ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to all involved agencies, together with notification of the Board's desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have either consented to the Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project, or have failed to raise any objection thereto within thirty (30) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form and supporting documentation prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

13. The proposed action involves various interior improvements, system upgrades, sitework grading, and infrastructure improvements at the District's K-12 school building and Bus Garage Building.
14. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR 617.7©, and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
15. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. Physical disturbance associated with the project is minimal, and any additional storm runoff can be adequately managed by existing ground conditions. No NYSDEC or Federal regulated wetlands or water bodies will be impacted by this project. Other than temporary, short term noise associated with construction activities, the project will not result in any permanent increase to existing noise levels.
16. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources.
17. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.
18. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
19. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. Prior to performing any work, the project will be submitted for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office regarding any potential impacts to historic and/or archeological resources, if any, and any recommendations received will be incorporated into final project planning. The proposed project is not within a scenic vista nor does it contain a designated scenic resource and, thus, will not impact any such resource.
20. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.
21. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.
22. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.
23. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action
24. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions

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RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the Proposed Action.

The Resolutions was thereafter voted upon and carried unanimously 3:0. The resolution was thereafter duly declared adopted.

Anthony DiPace, District Clerk  
Sharon Springs Central School District

**B) Superintendent/Principal**

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

**PRESENTATION** – Dan Fay and Brian Manning of Teitsch-Kent-Fay Architects presented an over view of projects 25 and 26. The Board agreed to begin the process for building project 026.

**PERSONNEL**

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of the following After School Student Interns, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by James MacFadden, was carried unanimously 3:0. This position's salary is \$12.50 per hour.
  - Paige VanPatten
  - Serenity Marquez
  
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of the following Non-Certified Substitutes, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 3:0. Non-Certified Substitutes are paid at the per diem rate of \$85.00 per day. With proof of a four year degree the per diem rate increases to \$95.00 per day.
  - Ian Rohac
  - Katilyn Hall
  
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to acknowledge with regret and thanks, the retirement of Vocal Music Teacher, Sylvia Letteron effective January 3, 2022, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by James MacFadden, was carried unanimously 3:0.

C.) CSE - NONE

4) **Privilege of the Floor**

Mark Tessier – Questions regarding vaccine mandates and bullying.

5) **Correspondence**

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

6) **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was presented or discussed.

7) **New Business**

a. The Board completed a review of the following policies:

1. 7.14.2 Units of Credit & High School Homeroom Status
2. 7.14.3 College Courses for Credit

b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve 2021 – 2022 Bassett Health Care Contracts for Students and Employees, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 3:0.

8) **Other Business**

No other business was presented or discussed.

9) **Executive Session**

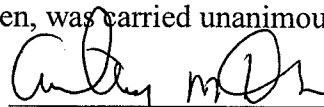
Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular contractual issues at 8:31 PM, made by James MacFadden and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 3:0.

The Board exited executive session at 8:48 PM.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Meghan Keaney as a long term sub for the Guidance Counselor medical leave, effective January 3, 2022 made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by James MacFadden, was carried unanimously 3:0. Meghan will be paid at Step 1, Bachelor's of the SSTA Contract pro-rated salary of \$44,195.00.

10) **Adjournment**

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by James MacFadden, was carried unanimously 3:0.



Anthony M. DiPace  
District Clerk