

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, Laura Jackson.

Present: Laura Jackson, President
Helen Roberts, Vice-President
Sofia Issa, Board Trustee
Christine Cornwell, Board Trustee
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Thomas Yorke, Principal/Superintendent
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: None

Others Attending: John Walker, Melissa Freeman...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the March 20, 2023 Minutes as presented, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Laura Jackson, was carried unanimously 5:0.

“by Vice-President, Helen Roberts” – “by President, Laura Jackson.”

3) Reports

A.) Business Manager/District Clerk

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

1. The internal claims auditor’s report was presented. The Board accepted the internal claims auditor’s report dated April 3, 2023.
2. The Board reviewed the February 2022 Treasurer’s report.
3. Mr. DiPace presented an overview of the entire 2023-2024 Budget.

4. 2023-2024 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following 2023-2024 School Budget Resolution, made by Laura Jackson and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the Sharon Springs Central School District for the 2023 – 2024 school year in the amount of (\$10,765,751), and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources as provided by law.

5. RESOLUTION REGARDING the DISSOLUTION of the NORTHEAST HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST

WHEREAS, Northeast Health Insurance Trust (the “Trust”) was organized and operates as an intermunicipal cooperative pursuant to Section 119-o of the New York State General Municipal Law, for the purpose of securing group health insurance for its participating public school districts, in accordance with New York State Insurance Law Section 4235; and

6. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Trust has determined that it is in the best interests of the Trust and the remaining participating school districts to dissolve the Trust following the end of the Trust’s current fiscal year on June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that, effective July 1, 2023 the Northeast Health Insurance Trust be and hereby is dissolved in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Trust’s April 26, 2012 Trust Agreement (the “Trust Agreement”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall proceed to wind up the affairs of the Trust, including by marshalling the remaining assets of the Trust and paying any liabilities of the Trust; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall cause to be filed a final Tax Return relating to the Trust; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the paying of all liabilities of the Trust, any remaining assets shall be distributed to the remaining districts in the Trust, to be used in accordance with Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(9), based on each district’s percentage of premium for the current contract year, as determined in the annual settlement calculated by Empire BlueCross; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Trust’s Chairperson is hereby authorized to execute any

documents and take such actions as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Dated: April 3, 2023.

**7. SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
RESOLUTION No. 1 of 2023
(Admission to the Fulmont Health Trust)**

WHEREAS, the Fulmont Health Trust (the “Trust”) operates as an intermunicipal cooperative pursuant to Section 119-o of the New York State General Municipal Law, for the purpose of securing group health insurance for its participating public school districts, in accordance with New York State Insurance Law Section 4235; and

WHEREAS, the Sharon Springs Central School District (the “District”) is eligible to participate in the Trust; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Education has made an independent investigation of the Trust, reviewed its July 1, 2014 Trust Agreement, and concluded that it would be in the interests of the District to join the Trust; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the District hereby determines and agrees to become a member of the Trust and to be bound by the Trust Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Superintendent, Thomas Yorke and/or Business Manager, Anthony DiPace be and hereby are authorized and instructed to execute the Trust Agreement and annexed Admittance & Acceptance Agreement on behalf of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Anthony DiPace be and hereby is designated to represent the District as Trustee in connection with the Trust; and Thomas Yorke be and hereby is designated as Alternate Trustee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the custody of all joint Trust monies by a single fiscal officer under the Trust be and the same hereby is approved.

A **motion** was made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber to adopt the above resolution by the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District at a meeting of April 4, 2023.

**8. BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022 CAPITAL OUTLAY SEQR**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Sharon Springs Central School District (the “District”) held on 3rd day of April, 2023 at the Sharon Springs Central School District School Library, 514 State Highway 20, Sharon Springs, New York 13459, the following members were:

PRESENT: Laura Jackson, President; Helen Roberts, Vice-President; Christine Cornwell, Board Member; Sofia Issa, Board Member; Brandi Kerber, Board Member

ABSENT: 0

EXCUSED: 0

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Thomas Yorke, Superintendent; Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following SEQRA Resolution Capital Outlay Project was **moved** by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District (“Board”) is proposing Reconstruction of Main Building, including reconstruction of Interior Doors and associated reconstruction of adjacent construction and systems, and reconstruction of the Auditorium Sound System 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, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes.
2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or

reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively the construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(7); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8).

3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4. 4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

The Resolutions was thereafter voted upon and carried unanimously 5:0. The resolution was thereafter duly declared adopted.

9. BOCES Budget Vote and Board Election

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following 2023 - 2024 Capital Region BOCES Budget/Board Seat resolutions, ratified on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, made by Laura Jackson and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0:

10. 2023-24 Administrative Budget

RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany – Schoharie – Schenectady – Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$13,492,132 during the school year 2023-24 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

11. Election of BOCES Board Members
(Board is entitled to one vote per vacant seat)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education of Sharon Springs Central School hereby casts its vote for the following candidate(s) to fill four (4) vacant seats for the term of July 1, 2023

through June 30, 2026 on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties:

a. RESOLVED that the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Nancy Del Prado (Home District: Mohonasen Central SD), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.

b. RESOLVED that the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Naomi Hoffman (Home District: Shenendehowa Central SD), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.

c. RESOLVED that the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Catherine Lewis (Home District: Schenectady Central SD), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.

d. RESOLVED that the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education cast its vote for the election of John Phelan (Home District: Guilderland Central SD), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

3.) Privilege of the Floor

John Walker and Melissa Freeman – Praised the students for their performance. They expressed their concerns about the content of the play. They encouraged that a formal process of reviewing the play content takes place in the future.

4.) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

5.) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented or discussed.

6.) New Business

- A. The Board completed a review of the following policies:
 - 1. 7.28 – Education of Homeless Students
 - 2. 7.29 – Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

B. Mr. Yorke presented the final draft of the 2023-2024 School, Holiday, BOE Meeting Calendars. The Board completed the final review of the calendars. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2023-2024 School, Holiday, and BOE Calendars, made by Laura Jackson and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

C. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2023-2024 Out of District Student Requests, made by Laura Jackson and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

1. Hunter Bolster – 9th Grade
2. August Harper – 3rd Grade
3. Dylan Jones – 10th Grade
4. Daniel Jones – 7th Grade
5. Arlen Posson – 4th Grade
6. Bailey Puding – 4th Grade
7. Avaleigh Puding – 2nd Grade
8. Tyler Lyon – 9th Grade
9. Elizabeth Holmes – Kindergarten
10. Sasha Jones – 3rd Grade
11. Gabriella Cornwell – 1st Grade
12. Journey Davis – 4th Grade
13. Taylar Sniffen – 8th Grade
14. Rylan Sniffen – 10th Grade
15. Jonathon Becker – 1st Grade

7.) Other Business

No other business was presented or discussed.

8.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel issues at 8:03 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

Personnel

A. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to grant Tenure of the following teacher, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0:

1. Cecelia Sanchirico – Elementary Education – 09/01/2023

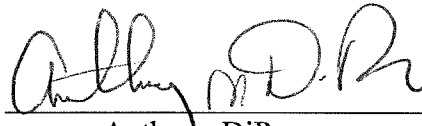
B. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Out of District Student Requests, made by Laura Jackson and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

1. Aden Dennis – 9th Grade
2. Andrew Dennis – 9th Grade

The Board exited executive session at 8:12 PM.

9.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, made by Laura Jackson and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.



Anthony DiPace
Business Manager