

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, Helen Roberts.

Present: Helen Roberts, President
Christine Cornwell, Vice-President
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee
Thomas Yorke, Principal/Superintendent
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: Sofia Issa, Board Trustee

Others Attending: Lindsay Blowers, Meghan Fancher, Brittany Pitonza, Ruthann Galasso, Alexander Yorke, Kirsten Kennedy, Shivani Patel, Jayna Manko, Elijah Rechnitzer...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes with the following change, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0:

“Present:
Helen Roberts, President
Christine Cornwell, Vice-President”

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 September 11, 2023.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants #11, 12, and Capital H-3, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 4:0.
3. The Appropriation Status Report was reviewed.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2023 – 2024 Transportation Request to Faith Bible Academy, made

by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 4:0:
a. Worcester, Jonathan

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

1. The Senior Class of 2024 represented by Kirsten Kennedy, Shivani Patel, Jayna Manko and Elijah Rechnitizer presented a letter to the Board of Education, requesting Senior Privileges.

The Board gave consensus approval for the Seniors request for privileges according the contract set forth by the class and the school district.

CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

Presentation

Mr. Yorke introduced the following 2023 – 2024 new faculty members:

- Lindsay Blowers – Guidance Counselor
- Meghan Fancher – Elementary Education
- Brittany Pitonza – Elementary Education
- Ruthann Galasso – Special Education
- Alexander Yorke – Secondary Science

4.) Privilege of the Floor

Rose Chase – PTO Update. There will be a PTO Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

5.) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel and contractual issues at 7:45 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0.

The Board exited executive session at 7:55 PM.

6.) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented or discussed.

7.) New Business

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

1. 12.3 Concerns of the Public
 2. 12.4 School Related Associations
- B. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2023 – 2024 Out of District Student Requests made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 4:0:
1. Andrew Dennis – Grade 10
 2. Aaden Dennis – Grade 10
- C. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the request for Computer Science as a High School Math Elective Course, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 4:0.
- D. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion to pass the following resolution regarding the New York State Clay Target League made by Brandi Kerber, and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District hereby approves the participation of eligible students in grades 7-12 in the New York State Clay Target League, and authorizes the use and association of the District's name and likeness with the League to allow for team play in the 2023-24 school year.

As such, the district's involvement with the Clay Target League is limited to allowing the use of the school's name and likeness.

8.) Other Business

No other business was presented or discussed.

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the medical leave request for Heather Bivins, Library Media Specialist, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 4:0.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to appoint, J. Blake Smith as a Certified Long Term Substitute for the Library Media Specialist leave, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 4:0.

Blake will be paid a per diem rate of \$400/daily, effective September 5, 2023.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to appoint, Victoria Edwards as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, made by

Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 4:0.

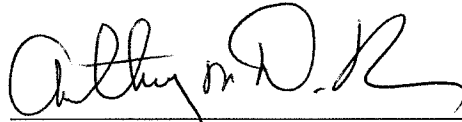
Victoria's appointment is conditional upon receipt of NYS Fingerprint Clearance. Substitute appointment dates are effective the first day they are called to substitute. Non-Certified substitute teachers are paid at the per diem rated of \$105/day. Non Certified substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree increases to \$115/day. Teacher Assistants, aids, cafeteria and custodial substitutes are paid at minimum wage.

4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to appoint, Hilary Fox-Lusk as a Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

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9.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0.



Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk