

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
Sofia Issa, Board Trustee
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee
Thomas Yorke, Principal/Superintendent

Absent: None

Excused: Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Others Attending: Danielle Connors, Jennifer Field, Shivani Patel, Elijah Rechnitzer, Sam Bonderoff, Jacquelyn Insogna, Jayna Manko, Sophia Insogna,...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

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 25, 2023, October 9 and October 16, 2023.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer # 3, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants # 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and Capital H-4 & H-5, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.
4. The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
5. The Appropriation Status Report was reviewed.

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

- Mr. Yorke acknowledged Board of Education Recognition Week and thanked the Board for all their hard work. Special gifts were presented from the District and the SSTA, along with special treats from the cafeteria.
- Mr. Yorke updated the Board on DASA and promoting student agency and voice.
- Mr. Yorke discussed the Professional Development on Trauma – Informed practices.

CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

Presentation

Members of the Senior Class of 2024 presented an overview of the itinerary for their Senior Trip to Virginia Beach. The Board gave consensus approval for the class to move forward with their plans.

4.) Privilege of the Floor

- Jen Field – Reflected on positive experience attending the Clay Target Competition.
- Clay Target Team – Invited everyone to attend the final shoots for their fall season on October 21st and October 28th at the Sprout Brook Rod & Gun Club at 9:00 a.m.
- Point of Clarification – Board of Education Meeting Minutes are posted to the website after their BOE Approval at the following meeting.

5.) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Roberts encouraged the Board members to attend the Schoharie Area School Boards Fall Dinner Meeting at SUNY Cobleskill – Champlin Hall on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm. The presentation will be on Artificial Intelligence in Education.

6.) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was presented for discussion.

7.) New Business

- A. The Board completed a review of the following policies:
 1. 12.5 Senior Citizens Admission Fees
 2. 12.6 Visitors to the School

8.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel and contractual issues at 7:48 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

The Board exited executive session at 8:05 PM.

9.) Other Business

A. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to acknowledge with the retirement of Karen Seegers as a full time bus driver with thanks for 19 years of service, effective October 31, 2023, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

B. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Maddison Smith as a Non-Certified Substitute made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

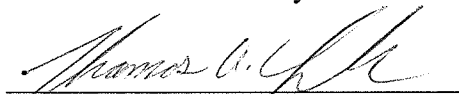
This appointment is effective the first time Maddison is called to substitute. Non-Certified Substitutes are paid at the per diem rate of \$105 per day, \$115 with a bachelor’s degree and \$130 with a teaching certification. Teaching Assistants/Aides are paid at the current minimum wage.

C. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Kelly Ferrone as a Non-Certified Substitute made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

This appointment is effective the first time Kelly is called to substitute. Non-Certified Substitutes are paid at the per diem rate of \$105 per day, \$115 with a bachelor’s degree and \$130 with a teaching certification. Teaching Assistants/Aides are paid at the current minimum wage.

10.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.



Thomas A. Yorke
Deputy District Clerk