

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 Vice-President, Christine Cornwell.

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

Absent: None

Excused: Helen Roberts, President

Others Attending: Renee Bade, Christine Lyon, Breanna Parrotti, Kirsten Kennedy, Cadance Belfance, Michael Kerber, Kora Dunston, Mikayla Attaway, Jayden Kendle, Jaiden Brown, Dezi Lasky, Rock Lasky...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

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 November 13, 2023.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer #4, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants #18,19, 20, 22 and Capital H-6, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.
4. The Board reviewed the Updated June 2023, July, August and September Treasurer’s Reports.
5. The Appropriation Status Report was reviewed.
6. The Board reviewed the 2022 – 2023 Sharon Springs Central School Financial Audit. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the 2022 – 2023

Sharon Springs Central School Financial Audit by R.G. Preusser, CPA, PC, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 4:0.

7. The Board reviewed the 2022 – 2023 Sharon Springs Central School Extra – Curricular Financial Audit. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the 2022 – 2023 Sharon Springs Central School Extra-Curricular Financial Audit by R.G. Preusser, CPA, PC, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 4:0.
8. The Board reviewed the 2022 – 2023 Corrective Action Plan for the 2022 – 2023 Sharon Springs Central School Financial Audit. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the 2022 – 2023 Corrective Action Plan for the 2022 – 2023 Sharon Springs Central School Financial Audit, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 4:0.
9. The Board reviewed the 2022 – 2023 Extra – Curricular Corrective Action Plan for Sharon Springs Central School. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the 2022 – 2023 Corrective Action Plan for the 2022 – 2023 Sharon Springs Central School Extra-Curricular Audit, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 4:0.
10. The Board reviewed the 2023 – 2024 Tax Collection Report. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the 2023 – 2024 Tax Collection Report, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa was carried unanimously 4:0.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICES (NYSMEC) FOR ELECTRICITY

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following resolution authorizing participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0:

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, *Sharon Springs Central School District*, (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 *Sharon Springs Central School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Anthony M. DiPace, Business Manager 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 delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, 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.

12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the governing body of the municipal corporation named therein at a duly convened meeting thereof, held upon due notice and in accordance with all applicable laws, charters, by-laws and ordinances, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Law, as follows:

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2023

Vote: Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstaining/Absent: 1

Clerk of governing body
of municipal Participant

Date

SEAL

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICES (NYSMEC) FOR NATURAL GAS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following Resolution authorizing participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Natural Gas, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0:

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, *Sharon Springs Central School* (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 Sharon Springs Central School to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Anthony M. DiPace, Business Manager to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas 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 natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$.0656 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, 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.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the governing body of the municipal corporation named therein at a duly convened meeting thereof, held upon due notice and in accordance with all applicable laws, charters, by-laws and ordinances, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Law, as follows:

Date of Meeting: November 13, 2023

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SEAL

Clerk of governing body
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- 12. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of the following Workers’ Compensation Trustee and Alternates, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0:
 - a. Workers’ Compensation Trustee – Anthony M. DiPace
 - b. Workers’ Compensation Alternate Trustees – Thomas Yorke, Denise Perrotti

- 13. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of the following Fulmont Trust Trustee and Alternates, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0:
 - a. Fulmont Trust Trustee – Anthony M. DiPace
 - b. Fulmont Trust Alternate Trustees – Thomas Yorke, Denise Perrotti

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

Presentation - None

4.) Privilege of the Floor

Michael Kerber – Would like to see football available at Sharon Springs CSD.

5.) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

6.) Unfinished Business

7.) New Business

- A. The Board completed a review of the following policies:
 - 1. 2.2.1 Annual Organizational Meeting
 - 2. 2.2.2 Agenda of the Annual Organizational Meeting

8.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel and contractual issues at 7:47 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0.

The Board exited executive session at 7:50 PM.

PERSONNEL:

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following winter sports coaching recommendations, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0:

- a. BV Basketball – Christopher Smith
- b. BJV Basketball – Cyle Conley
- c. GV Basketball – Tammy Behr
- d. GJV Basketball – Brittany Pitonza
- e. Cheer Coaches - Samantha Holmes/Melissa Simpson
- f. BM Basketball – TBD
- g. GM Basketball – Randi Korona
- h. Scorebook – Renee Bade
- i. Clock/Shot Clock Keeper – Lorelyn Webb

2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the recommendation of David A. Hayner as a FTE bus driver in training, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0. This position will become a FTE Bus Driver position as soon as all the NYS DOT requirements for a school bus driver are met.

The salary for this position is based on the current SSNTO Contract with benefits and a salary of \$22.19 per hour and will become effective upon notification of successful completion of the training.

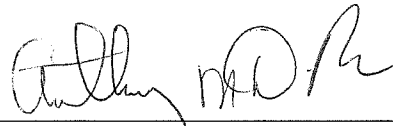
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Meghan Keaney as Assistant Director of the Sharon Springs Central School After School Program, effective November 2nd, 2023, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0. The hours for this position are from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a ½ hour lunch at the hourly rate of \$25.00/hour.

9.) Other Business

No other business was presented or discussed.

10.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 4:0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony M. DiPace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "D".

Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk