

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
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: None

Others Attending: Renee Bade, Caroline Bade ...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, 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 Board reviewed the November and December 2023 Treasurer's Reports.
2. The internal claims auditor's report was presented. The Board accepted the internal claims auditor's report dated February 12, 2024.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer # 7, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants #34, 36, and Capital H-10, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
5. The Appropriation Status/Revenue Status Reports were reviewed.
6. The Board received an ESSER/ARPA State Reserve update.

7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following resolution with NY CLASS, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 5:0:

Municipal Cooperation Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS the Sharon Springs Central School District wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS the Sharon Springs Central School District wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Anthony M. DiPace, Business Manager 8. of Sharon Springs Central School is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019.

8. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion to pass the following bus purchase resolution, made by Christine Cornwell and second by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:

BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION -02-12-24

SHALL the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District be authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$170,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$170,000, and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

9. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion to pass the following bus bond resolution, made by Christine Cornwell and second by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, Sharon Springs, New York, duly held on the 12th day of February, 2024:

Present: Helen Roberts, President
Christine Cornwell, Vice-President
Sofia Issa, Board Trustee
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee

Absent:

Christine Cornwell presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL VEHICLES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$160,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sharon Springs Central School District, New York (the "School District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 16th day of May, 2023, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160,000 to finance the acquisition of school vehicles, the expenditure of such sum for such purposes, and the levy of the necessary tax therefor, to be levied upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The School District shall acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$160,000, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at the annual School District meeting of May 16, 2023.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$160,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the “Purpose”) is the acquisition of school vehicles.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education is \$160,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds received as aid from the State of New York, funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds,

including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the Sharon Springs Central School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Bond Resolution shall constitute the School District's "official intent", within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, to finance the cost of the Purpose with Bonds and notes herein authorized. The School District shall not reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds or notes for any expenditures paid more

than sixty days prior to the date hereof, unless specifically authorized by Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 10. Reserved.

Section 11. Barclay Damon LLP is hereby appointed bond counsel to the School District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein.

Section 12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The Motion having been duly seconded by Sofia Issa, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

| <u>AYES</u> | <u>NAYS</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| Helen Roberts President Christine Cornwell, Vice-President Sofia Issa, Board Trustee Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee Rose Chase, Board Trustee | 0 | |

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE)

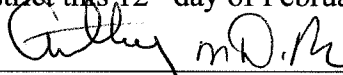
I, the undersigned Clerk of the Sharon Springs Central School District, do hereby certify as follows:

1. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, State of New York, was duly held on February 12, 2024, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the Minutes of meetings of said Board. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extracts.

2. Said Minutes correctly state the time when said Meeting was convened and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.

3. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly given to the public and the News media in accordance with Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), and that the members of said Board had due notice of said Meeting and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Sharon Springs Central School District this 12th day of February, 2024.



District Clerk

[Seal]

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

Presentation

4.) Privilege of the Floor

No questions or comments were raised.

5.) Correspondence

The Board received information regarding the Capital Region BOCES Annual Meeting.

6.) Unfinished Business

a. The Board extended their congratulations to Yasmin Issa on her state-wide honors in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and wished her luck in the National Sons of the American Revolution Contest.

- b. The Board extended their thanks to the Business Office Staff for the successful completion of the 2022 – 2023 Audit.

7.) New Business

- a. The Board completed a review of the following policies:
 - 1. 2.2.3.4 Preparation for Meeting
 - 2. 2.2.3.5 Voting
- b. The Board completed the second reading of the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy.

8.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel and contractual issues at 7:50 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

The Board exited executive session at 8:09 PM.

PERSONNEL:

- a. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Alyssa Webb as a FTE Teacher Aide, effective February 2, 2024, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0. Alyssa’s salary will remain at the same contractual rate of \$16.81 per hour. Benefits are based on the current NTO contract.
- b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Yvonne VanPatten as a Part Time Teacher Aide, effective February 26, 2024, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0. Yvonne’s salary and benefits are based on the current NTO contract. The current salary is \$15.80 per hour/3 hours per day.
- c. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Stephanie Thurley as a non-certified substitute, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

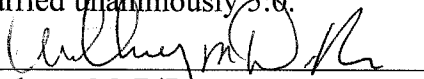
Stephanie’s appointment is effective the first day she is called to work. Non-Certified substitutes for teachers are paid \$105/per day, \$115 per day with a Bachelor’s Degree and \$130/per day with certification. Substitute cafeteria workers, teacher aides/assistants, and custodial workers are paid at the current NYS minimum wage.

9.) Other Business

No other business was presented or discussed.

10.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5-0.



Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk