

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: Lorelyn Webb, Chris English, Stephanie Fuller...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, July 14, 2025 Re-Organizational Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, July 14, 2025 Re-Organizational 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 August 18, 2025.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants #62, 2, 3, 6, and 7, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.
3. The Appropriation Status/Revenue Status Reports were reviewed.

4. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** made by Christine Cornwell, seconded by Sofia Issa, to approve the following Tax Levy Resolution for the 2025-2026 school year, was carried unanimously 5:0 as follows:

Yeah: Roberts, Cornwell, Issa, Kerber, Chase; Ney: 0; Absent:0 .

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted a budget for the 2025 – 2026 school year requiring a tax levy of \$ 2,521,193 and which has been authorized by the voters on May 20, 2025 to be raised for the current budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education fix the equalized tax rates by town and confirm the extension of the taxes as they appear on the following described tax rolls for 2025 - 2026:

2025– 2026 TAX RATES

True Rate: \$8.33 (Decrease on True: \$1.94)

TOWN	EQUAL RATE	ASSESSED VALUATION	FULL VALUATION	AMOUNT OF LEVY	ESTIMATED RATE PER M
Canajoharie	100.00%	732,477	732,477	6,102.64	08.331509
Root	58.00%	3,605,804	6,216,903	51,796.19	14.364671
Cherry Valley	70.00%	8,548,507	12,212,153	101,745.66	11.902156
Roseboom	70.00%	959,781	1,371,116	11,423.46	11.902156
Carlisle	41.00%	3,012,776	7,348,234	61,221.88	20.320754
Seward	41.00%	3,184,305	7,766,598	64,707.48	20.320754
Sharon	41.00%	109,452,889	266,961,924	2,224,195.69	20.321032
TOTALS		\$129,496,539	\$302,609,405	\$2,521,193.00	

Levy : **\$2,521,193**

3.0 % Increase

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED that the tax warrant of this Board, duly signed, shall be affixed to the above described Tax Rolls, authorizing the collection of said taxes, to begin September 2, 2025 and end at the expiration of October 31, 2025 at which time the Tax Collector shall make an accounting to the Board in writing.

AS IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the delinquent tax penalties shall be fixed as follows:

September 2, 2025	-	October 1, 2025	No Penalty
October 2, 2025	-	October 31, 2025	2% Penalty

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the Tax Collector and Deputy Tax Collector deposit, if possible, daily collections in the NBT Bank of Sharon Springs (School Depository), Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY in a special tax account. Withdrawals are to be made by means of a voucher check signed by the District Treasurer.

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that the payment of taxes be received at the NBT Bank of Sharon Springs, Sharon Springs Branch, Main Street, Sharon Springs, NY.

5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2025 – 2026 ONC BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for Electricity and Natural Gas, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

6. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to declare the following items surplus and deliver to MacFadden's for auction, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0:
 - a. F3680 Kubota Tractor with Mower Deck model number RCK72R-F36 and Snowblower Attachment Model Number F521OB
8. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the Capital Outlay Project #31 low bid from Gallo Construction Corp. in the Amount of \$63,700 with a base pre-finished, hollow metal door price of \$5,900, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, New York, duly held in Sharon Springs, New York on the 18th day of August, 2025:

Present:

Helen Robert, President

Christine Cornwell, Vice-President

Sofia Issa, Board Trustee

Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee

Rose Chase, Board Trustee

Absent: None

Rose Chase presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL VEHICLES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$85,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sharon Springs Central School District, Sharon Springs, New York (the "School District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 20th day of May, 2025, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an

aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$85,000 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 real 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 maximum cost of \$85,000, 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 meeting of May 20, 2025.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$85,000 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 is the acquisition of school vehicles (the “Purpose”) .

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$85,000, (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 State aid and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

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, including renewal 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 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, Sharon Springs, New York, 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 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. A summary of this Bond Resolution shall be published by the Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance

Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the school District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Bond Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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 Brandi Kerber, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

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

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

3. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly given to the general public 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.

Thomas A. Yorke, Deputy District Clerk

10. EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTING \$3,725,550 BOND RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, New York, duly held in Sharon Springs, New York on the 18th day of August, 2025:

Present:

Helen Roberts, President

Christine Cornwell, Vice-President

Sofia Issa, Board Trustee

Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee

Rose Chase, Board Trustee

Absent: None

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

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 18, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$3,725,550 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE (A) THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND SITES, ACQUISITION OF ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY OR APPARATUS AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$2,725,550 AND (B) ENERGY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,000,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUMS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sharon Springs Central School District, Sharon Springs, New York (the "School District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 20th day of May, 2025, duly approved (1) (A) the construction, reconstruction, renovation and improvements of various School District buildings, facilities and sites, the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and the payment of incidental costs related thereto, at a maximum cost of \$2,725,550, and (B) to qualify for an

additional ten per centum (10%) of enhanced building aid from the State of New York, certain energy performance improvements to be made at various School District buildings, facilities and sites, including improvements to increase energy efficiency, at a maximum cost of \$1,000,000; (2) the levy of the necessary tax 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 the amount of State aid received; and (3) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, the issuance of bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,725,550, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due;

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

Section 1. The School District shall (A) construct, reconstruct, renovate and improve various School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings facilities and sites are to be used and pay incidental costs related thereto, at a maximum cost of \$2,725,550, and (B) undertake certain energy performance improvements to be made at various School District buildings, facilities and sites, including improvements to increase energy efficiency, at a maximum cost of \$1,000,000, 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 meeting of such voters duly held on May 20, 2025.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,725,550 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State 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 is (A) the construction, reconstruction, renovation and improvements of various School District buildings, facilities and sites, the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and the payment of incidental costs

related thereto (the “Capital Project Purpose”), and (B) undertake certain energy performance improvements to be made at various School District buildings, facilities and sites, including improvements to increase energy efficiency (the “Energy Improvements Purpose” and, collectively with the Capital Project Purpose, the “Purpose.”

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of said Capital Project Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$2,725,550 and (B) the maximum cost of said Energy Improvements Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$1,000,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of said Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds received from the State of New York as building aid, including enhanced building aid, and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said Purpose is thirty (30) 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 issuance of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and/or bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and/or bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the determination to use substantially level or declining annual debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and/or 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/or bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and/or bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District. The President of the Board of Education is further authorized to execute and deliver any documents, including a financing agreement, as may be required to finance the Purpose through the sale of Bonds to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, if applicable, and to take such other action as may be necessary and proper to carry out the intent and provisions hereof.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and/or 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 said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable, taking into account State aid received.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and/or bond anticipation notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. A summary of this Bond Resolution shall be published by the Clerk of the School District together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the school District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Bond Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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 Helen Roberts, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

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

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

Thomas A. Yorke, Deputy District Clerk

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

- Mr. Yorke welcomed Mrs. Fuller as Part-Time Assistant Principal.
- Mr. Yorke discussed the upcoming school year preparations and the Community Kick-Off BBQ Event that will be held on September 5, 2025.
- Mr. Yorke discussed the Regionalization meetings he and Mrs. Cornwell have been attending.

C) CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

4.) Privilege of the Floor

No questions or comments were raised.

5.) Correspondence

No other correspondence was presented to the Board.

6.) Unfinished Business

- a. The Board opened the floor for discussion related to the 2025 – 2026 District Wide Safety Plan.
- b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to adopt the 2025 – 2026 SSCS District Wide Safety Plan, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

7.) New Business

- a. The Board completed a review of the following policies:
 1. 7.1.1 Truancy
 2. 7.2.1 Medication Guidelines and Procedure
- b. The Board completed the final reading of the following policies:
 1. 7.18.1 Use of Internet Enabled Devices
 2. 7.13.1 Extreme Heat Policy

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to adopt the following board policies, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa was carried unanimously 5:0:

1. 7.18.1 Use of Internet Enabled Devices
2. 7.13.1 Extreme Heat Policy

- b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2024 – 2025 Out of District Student Requests, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:
 1. Taylar Sniffin – Grade 10

2. Juniper Dixon – Grade 2

- d. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the request from Marchand Manor to use Sharon Springs Central School as an emergency evacuation site and emergency relocation with Sharon Springs Central School buses if needed, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

8.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel issues at 7:43 PM, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

The Board exited executive session at 8:05 PM.

PERSONNEL:

- a. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Part-Time Business Instruction Coaching Agreement with Barbara Handy, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0. This position pays a stipend of \$10,000.
- b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Part – Time Assistant Principal Agreement with Stephanie Fuller, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0. This stipend position pays \$ 10,000.
- c. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 1 year maternity leave extension request from Meghan Fancher from September 2, 2025 – June 30, 2026, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.
- d. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion to appoint McKenzie Rivenburgh as a FTE Elementary Education Teacher, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

McKenzie's appointment will be conditional on verification of New York State Department of Education Fingerprint Clearance. will be placed at Step A1 with a salary of \$ 47,532 and benefits as per the SSTA Contract. Additional credits will be verified upon receipt of an official transcript.

- e. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the declination of the offer of a FTE Spanish Teacher position from Fernando Albarran, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

- f. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the resignation of FTE Bus Driver, Charles Parks, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.
- g. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following resolution, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 5:0:

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 2025 – 2026 school year.

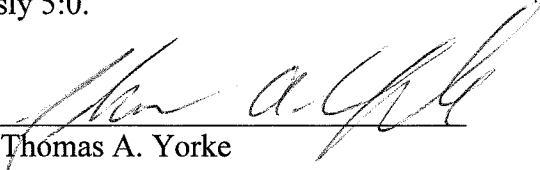
As such, the district's involvement with the Clay Target League is limited to allowing the use of the school's name and likeness.

9.) Other Business

A discussion took place to look at a new start time for future Board Meetings. (6:30 pm or 7:00 pm).

10.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 5:0.


Thomas A. Yorke
Deputy District Clerk