Call to Order

The re-organizational meeting of the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board President, Helen Roberts, in the school library.

Present: Helen Roberts, President
Sofia Issa, Board Trustee
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee (Entered the meeting at 6:17 pm)
Patrick Yacobucci, Board Trustee
Thomas Yorke, Superintendent
Stephanie Fuller, Principal
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: Student Council Representative

Others Attending: **Chris English**…

1.) Chairman Selected for the Meeting
A **motion** to appoint District Clerk Anthony DiPace, as chairman of the meeting, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

2.) District Clerk administers Oath of Office to Newly Elected Member – Patrick Yacobucci.

3.) Election of Officers for 2026 – 2027

a. **President.** Mr. DiPace asked for nominations from the floor for the office of President for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

A **nomination** to elect Helen Roberts as President for the 2026 – 2027 year was made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber. The motion was carried 3:0:1.

AYES: Issa, Kerber, Yacobucci; NAYES: None; ABSTAIN: Helen Roberts; ABSENT: Chase

b. **Vice President.** Mr. DiPace asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

A **nomination** to elect Sofia Issa as Vice-President for the 2026 – 2027 year was made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber. The motion was carried 3:0:1.

AYES: Roberts, Kerber, Yacobucci; NAYES: None; ABSTAIN: Issa; ABSENT: Chase

Mr. DiPace administered the oath of office to the newly elected President, Helen Roberts and Sofia Issa, Vice-President,.

Thomas Yorke turned the meeting over to President, Helen Roberts.

5, 6, 7.) Appointments and Authorizations

5. A **motion** to cast one ballot for agenda items 5. A – X Appointments, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

6. A **motion** to authorize the Superintendent to certify payroll throughout the year, made by Helen Roberts and seconded Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

7. A **motion** to authorize signatures on checks to be one of three; Denise Perrotti, Anthony M. DiPace, or Thomas A. Yorke, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

8.) Transfer of Funds among the General Fund Appropriation

A **motion** to approve transfers of funds among the general fund appropriation as needed throughout the year as recommended by the Superintendent and Business Manager and approved by the Board of Education, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

9.) Authorization of Reserve Distribution in accordance with Sec 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law

A **motion** to approve the reserve distribution within the legislated cap, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried 4:0.

10, 11.) Authorizations

10. A **motion** to approve the official depositories as NBT Bank of Sharon Springs, Bank of Richmondville, Key Bank, 1st Chicago Trust of NY, Chase Manhattan Bank and NY Class made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

11. A **motion** to approve the official newspapers as The Mountain Eagle and Times Journal made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

12.) Committee Appointments

A **motion** to approve the following committee appointments, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0:
Schoharie County Area School Boards – Brandi Kerber
Executive Committee SCSB – Brandi Kerber
Occupational Ed Advisory – Brandi Kerber
NYSSBA Voting Delegate – Sofia Issa
Alternate – Helen Roberts
Transportation – Patrick Yacobucci
Safety Committee – Rose Chase

Site Based/Building Project – Patrick Yacobucci
Building & Grounds Committee – Patrick Yacobucci
Audit Committee - Sofia Issa, Helen Roberts

13.) Authorization to establish Petty Cash

A **motion** to establish a petty cash fund of $100 in the name of the Superintendent, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Patrick Yacobucci, was carried unanimously 4:0.

14.) Resolution to Dispose of Ballots

A **motion** to dispose of all ballots prior to January 1, 2025 made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

15.) Resolution to Post Annual Financial Statement

A **motion** to post the Annual Financial Statement for the Year ended June 30, 2026 in the Public Library, Firehouse, Post Office, Log House, Stewarts, School Entrance, and NBT Bank, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Patrick Yacobucci was carried unanimously 4:0.

16.) Resolution to Authorize Superintendent to Approve Attendance of Personnel at Conferences

A **motion** to authorize the Superintendent to approve attendance of personnel at conferences, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Helen Roberts was carried unanimously 4:0.

17.) Approval of Board Policies as They Stand with Review Throughout the Year

A **motion** to approve the Board Policies as they stand with review throughout the year and approve the annual review of Policies made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Helen Roberts, was approved unanimously 4:0:

- 6.5 Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substances;
- 6.12 Workplace Violence Prevention
- 7.2 Required Immunizations;
- 7.8 Non-Resident Student;
- 8.10 Investment;
- 8.14 Partial Tax Exemption Established for Persons 65 Years of Age or Older;
- 8.19 Internal Auditor;
- 9.15 Homework;
- 10.1 Community Use of Building.

18.) Set salaries for Substitutes for 2026 – 2027 School Year

A **motion** to set substitute salaries as indicated in agenda items 18 a-h, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Patrick Yacobucci, was carried unanimously 5:0.

a. Certified Teacher Substitute - $140 per day
b. Non – Certified with 4-year degree Teacher Substitute - $125 per day
c. Non – Certified Substitute - $120 per day

d. Custodial Worker – minimum wage
e. Lunch Aides/Assistants/Cafeteria – minimum wage
f. Office Help – minimum wage
g. Certified RN Nurse Substitute - $130.00 per day
h. Bus Driver Substitute - $23.00 per hour/BOCES a.m./p.m. Substitute - $23.00 per hour

19.) Price for Leasing School Buses by Outside Organizations

A **motion** to approve the price for leasing buses to outside organizations at $23.00 per hour and $3.50 per mile, made by Brandi Kerber, and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

20.) Ratify Health Insurance Contracts

A **motion** to ratify health insurance contracts with CDPHP, Empire Health Choice PPO, Delta Dental (dental), and NYSUT Vision Plan, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.

21.) Ratify Substitute List

A **motion** to approve the 2026 – 2027 substitute list, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

22.) Set Mileage Reimbursement Rate

A **motion** to set the mileage reimbursement rate at the approved IRS mileage allowance rate, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 4:0.

Rose Chase entered the meeting at 6:17 pm

23.) Bonding

A **motion** to approve the bonding of the following employees in the amount of one million dollars each, made by Patrick Yacobucci and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:

a. Superintendent – Thomas A. Yorke
b. Principal – Thomas A. Yorke
c. Business Manager – Anthony M. DiPace
d. District Treasurer – Denise Perrotti
e. Deputy Treasurers – Anthony DiPace, Thomas A. Yorke
f. Tax Collector – Denise Perrotti
g. Central Treasurer of Extra-Curricular Activities – Denise Perrotti
h. Internal Claims Auditor – Cyle Conley

24.) Adoption of Free and Reduced Lunch Program

A **motion** to approve the adoption of the free and reduced lunch program, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

25.) Cooperative Bidding

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to participate in the Capital Region BOCES Cooperative Bidding Programs, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

26.) Section 125 Premium Only Plan Resolution

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the Section 125 POP resolution, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

27.) Certified Evaluator

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion to approve the following Certified Evaluators, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0:

a. Thomas A. Yorke
b. Stephanie Fuller

28.) Standard Work Day Resolution

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Standard Work Day resolution for 2026 – 2027, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS

1.) Reports

A.) Business Manager

Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the June 22, 2026 regular meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. A **motion** to approve the minutes with the following change, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0: Pg. 64, Item 2D: "4.2 hours"

2. The Board reviewed the June 30, 2026 Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report.

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4. The Board reviewed the May 2026 Treasurer's Report.

5. The Board accepted the July 14, 2025 Internal Claims Auditor's report.

4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer # A-14 (25-26), made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve warrants # 59, 61 (25-26), 1, 3 (26-27), CP #H-12 (25 -26), made by Helen Roberts and seconded by, was carried unanimously 5:0.

6. The Appropriation Status Budgets for 2025 – 2026 and 2026 – 2027 were reviewed.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026 CAPITAL OUTLAY SEQR
At a regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sharon Springs Central School District (the "District") at the Sharon Springs Central School District School Library, 514 State Highway 20, Sharon Springs, New York 13459, the following members were:

PRESENT: Helen Roberts, Board President
Sofia Issa, Vice-President
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee
Patrick Yacobucci, Board Trustee

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS ALSO PRESENT: Thomas A. Yorke, Superintendent of Schools
Stephanie Fuller, Building Principal
Anthony M. DiPace, Business Manager

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the following **SEQRA Resolution** Capital Outlay Project was moved by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District ("Board") is proposing Reconstruction of Main Building, including reconstruction of interior construction and systems, including District Conference Room, Administrative office reconstruction, wireless infrastructure upgrades, and Exterior doors at Auditorium Entrance. at the K-12 school building located at 514 State Highway 20, Sharon Springs, New York 13459 ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of the structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes.
2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively the construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross

floor area within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(7); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(8).

3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

The Resolutions was thereafter voted upon and carried unanimously 5:0. The resolution was thereafter duly declared adopted.

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Anthony DiPace, District Clerk
Sharon Springs Central School District

8. The 2026 Capital Project Bid Opening results were previously distributed to the Board.

   Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to authorize Teitsch-Kent-Fay Architects to move forward with of the letters of intent to successful bidders and preparation of contracts in regard to the 2026 Capital Project, made by Rose Chase, and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

B.) Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's Report was previously distributed to the Board of Education.

C.) CSE - NONE

2.) **Privilege of the Floor** - None

3.) Correspondence

All correspondence was previously distributed to the Board.

4.) Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

5.) New Business

a. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2026 – 2027 Out of District Student Requests, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0:
   a. Keira McKissick – Grade 10
   b. Kira Harrington – Grade 8

b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2026 – 2027 Legal Counsel contract with Girvin & Ferlazzo made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

c. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2026 – 2027 financial advisors' contract with Rick Timbs, Inc, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

d. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2026 – 2027 Occupational Therapy Contract with RESTORE, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

e. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2026 – 2027 contract with Wildwood School, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

f. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the 2026 – 2027 Health Provision Services contract with Bassett HealthCare, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

g. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to open the 2026 – 2027 District Wide Safety Plan for Public Discussion for 30 days, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0. The 2026 – 2027 District Wide Safety Plan is available on the school website at www.sharonsprings.org.

6.) Other

No other business was presented for discussion.

7.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular contractual issues at 6:40 PM, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

A. Personnel

a. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to appoint the following Fall Coaching Recommendations, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:

1. Varsity SSCS Soccer – Cyle Conley
2. Boys' Modified SSCS Soccer – Sam Bonderoff
3. Girls' Varsity SSCS Soccer – Randi Korona
4. Girls' Modified SSCS Soccer – Kelsey Girard
5. Boys' Varsity SSCS Soccer Scorekeeper – Richard Kendle

b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Joshua Bivins as FTE Joshua Bivins effective July 7. 2026, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Helen Roberts, was carried unanimously 5:0.

Joshua's appointment will be provisional upon reachable Civil Service placement on the Computer Support Specialist Exam when offered. Joshua with a salary of $20.42/hour and benefits as per the SSNTO Contract.

c. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to accept the resignation of Elementary Teacher, Rebecca Sniffin, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

d. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to appoint Meghan Fancher as a FTE Elementary Teacher with rights of recall, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Maternity Leave Extension of Meghan Fancher from 09/02/26 – 06/30/27, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

e. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to acknowledge with regret, the retirement of Business Manager, Anthony M. DiPace after 25 years of service, made by Patrick Yacobucci and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

f. The August 17th, 2026 Board of Education Meeting was changed to August 10th, 2026 due to scheduling conflicts.

8.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM, made by Rose Chase and seconded Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0.

Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk