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 6:00 PM by President, Helen Roberts.

Present: Helen Roberts, President
Sofia Issa, Vice-President
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee
Thomas Yorke, Principal/Superintendent
Stephanie Fuller, Building Principal
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

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Absent: None

Excused: Patrick Yacobucci, Board Trustee
Student Representative

Others Attending: Chris English…

2) **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the Monday, July 13, 2026 Re-Organizational Board Meeting Minutes were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday July 13, 2026 Re-Organizational Board Meeting Minutes as presented, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, 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 August 10, 2026.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer # A – 1, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants # 2, 4, 5, and 6, Capital # H - 1, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0.
4. The Appropriation Status/Revenue Status Reports were reviewed.

5. TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** made by Brandi Kerber; seconded by Rose Chase, to approve the following Tax Levy Resolution for the 2026 – 2027 school year, was carried unanimously 4:0 as follows: Yeah: Roberts, Issa, Kerber, Chase Ney: 0 Absent: Yacobucci

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted a budget for the 2026 – 2027 school year requiring a tax levy of $ 2,581,462 and which has been authorized by the voters on May 19, 2026 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 2026 - 2027:

2026-2027 TAX RATES

True Rate: $8.69 (Increase on True: $.36)

TOWN	EQUAL RATE	ASSESSED VALUATION	FULL VALUATION	AMOUNT OF LEVY	ESTIMATED RATE PER M
Canajoharie	100.00%	1,174,808	1,174,808	10,213.26	8.693559
Root	54.00%	3,264,660	6,712,333	58,354.07	16.099184
Cherry Valley	66.00%	8,554,271	12,961,017	112,677.37	13.172060
Roseboom	58.00%	955,123	1,646,764	14,316.24	14.988896
Carlisle	39.60%	3,075,221	7,333,992	63,758.50	20.732981
Seward	39.60%	3,169,330	8,003,359	69,577.67	21.953433
Sharon	39.60%	102,604,999	259,107,321	2,252,564.89	21.953754
TOTALS		**$123,158,412**	**$296,939,594**	**$2,581,462**	

Levy : $2,581,462 **2.4% Increas**

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 1, 2026 and end at the expiration of October 30, 2026 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 1, 2026	-	September 30, 2026	No Penalty
October 1, 2026	-	October 30, 2026	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.

Anthony M. DiPace, Business Manager/District Clerk Date

6. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following Capital Project Bid Awards, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0:

   a. Site Work - Gallo Construction Corp. -- $ 671,500

   b. Electrical – J & A Construction, LLC. -- $ 43,000

   c. HVAC – JW Danforth -- $92,500

   d. Plumbing – JW Danforth - $60,800

   e. Upstate Companies, 1 LLC. – 705,000

7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the PILOT agreement with Sharon Solar Vista, LLC, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 3:1:1:

Yeah – Issa, Kerber, Chase, Abstained – Roberts, Absent - Yacobucci

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

Presentation – None

Mrs. Fuller report was previously submitted to the Board.

C) Student Representative Report – None

D) CSE - None

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 2026 – 2027 District Wide Safety Plan.

b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to adopt the 2026 – 2027 SSCS District Wide Safety Plan, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 4:0.

7.) New Business

a. The Board completed a review of the following policies:

1. 6.3 Recruitment/Equal Opportunity
2. 7.1.2 Prayer in School

b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following 2026 – 2027 Out of District Student requests, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 4:0:

1. Olivia Loucks – Grade 4
2. Maya Maiello – Kindergarten

a. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following resolution, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Sofia Issa was carried unanimously 4:0:

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 2026 – 2027 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.

8) Other Business

No other business was presented for discussion.

9) Executive Session

No executive session was held.

10) Personnel

a. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Madison Davis to a FTE Maternity leave position from September 2, 2026 - June 30, 2027, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0:

Madison's appointment will be conditional on verification of New York State Department of Education Fingerprint Clearance. will be placed at Step A! with a salary of $48,482 and benefits as per the SSTA Contract.

b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of .6 Spanish Teacher, Mary Douglass, effective September 2. 2026, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0.

Mary's appointment will be conditional on verification of New York State Department of Education Fingerprint Clearance. Mary will be placed at Step 26C with a pro-rated salary of $55,698 and benefits as per the SSTA Contract.

c. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the appointment of Kimberly Verderber as a non-certified substitute, made by Brandi Kerber and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 4:0:

Kimberly's appointment will be conditional on verification of New York State Department of Education Fingerprint Clearance. Non-Certified substitute teachers are paid at the per diem rate of $120/day, with an increase to $125 per day with a four year degree. Teacher Assistants/Aides are paid at the current minimum wage.

11) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa was carried unanimously 4:0.

Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk