

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020 - 4:00 PM
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SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE
DRAFT MINUTES

Present by phone:

School Board: Chantelle Brackett, Sam Potter, Don Shaw

Staff: Keenan Haley (Principal)

Other: John Harrington (Horizon Engineering), Nicole Antal (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

Shaw called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

2. Discussion Item

2.1 Paving Project

Potter shared that option #3 from the proposal is the project that would be the most cost-efficient over time. Brackett asked Harrington what the process would be for asking companies to bid with option #3 and asking companies to bid with reclaiming and bringing in new materials. Harrington explained that it would be feasible, and it is what is called an alternate bid, which is common and would be appropriate to do.

Weatherell will be asked by Shaw to send an RFP to three banks to fund this project. The board was not sure how we will proceed on the vote, and warnings, as things progress on the coronavirus front. The Board and Haley agreed that we will start the process, and we will see how things progress. Shaw will ask clarification on how the bidding process should go.

3. Action Item

3.1 Act on a plan to repave the parking lot

Brackett made a motion to move forward with option 3 as presented by Horizon Engineering, with two different designs for the contractor inquires (an alternate bid for reclaiming and new material). Potter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Other

Haley shared with the board how the school closing due to COVID-19 has been handled. Childcare for essential workers has been discussed at the SU level. Labs (Superintendent) has asked for Sharon Elementary School to be a building to house the childcare for essential workers. Haley is concerned about the way things are moving so fast. He shared that he is not sure the building would be the best option, as the building is also the shelter for the town. No decision by the school board has to be made, but Haley wanted to let the board know.

Haley wanted to emphasize to the board how proud he is of all the staff and teachers about the work that has been done to respond to these unusual times. He is sharing his concerns about guidance from the SU about requirements from the teachers, about communication

with students specifically. He is concerned about asking teachers to spend so much time checking in with students.

Brackett and Potter agreed, as parents, the amount of communication can become overwhelming, and they are very happy about the amount of time required to check in with students. Haley explained that things are changing rapidly. But again, he reiterated that the teachers' commitment to their students has been impressive.

Haley will keep the board updated as things evolve.

5. Adjourn

Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm. Potter seconded; motion carried unanimously.