

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 - 5:30 PM  
@  
VIA GOOGLE HANGOUT  
APPROVED MINUTES

**Present via Google Hangout:**

**School Board:** Don Shaw (disconnected from 5:50 pm until 6:05 pm due to computer issues) ,  
Chantelle Brackett, Sam Potter

**Staff:** Tara Weatherell (SU Business Manager), Bruce Labs (Superintendent left at 6:01 pm),  
Jamie Kinnarney (Incoming Superintendent), Mica Tucker (Strafford School Board, left at 5:55  
pm), Aaron Dotter (left at 5:55 pm), Raymond Ballou (SU Technology Manager), Keenan Haley  
(Sharon Elementary Principal), Blaise Smith & Liz Spriggs (Sharon Preschool teachers +  
Directors), Anna Rose (Sharon Elementary staff), Nicole Antal (Sharon recording secretary)

**Other:** Fred Small (parent of 2 SES students), Kimberly and Jon Teller (parent of 2 SES  
students), 2 unidentified private callers

1. Call to Order

Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

An executive session was added at the beginning of the meeting.

***Brackett made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss legal matters at 5:31 pm.***

***Sam Potter seconded. Motion carried.***

*(Present during Executive Session: Labs, Kinnarney, Potter, Shaw, Brackett, Haley,  
Weatherell, Dotter, Tucker) Member of the public were asked to rejoin at 5:55 pm.*

***Public session reconvened at 5:45 pm. No actions were taken.***

Assign times/time keeper

None

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (Regular)

3.2. Approve the Minutes of Monday, June 1, 2020 (Special)

***Potter made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 12, 2020, and Monday,  
June 1, 2020 as written and submitted. Motion carried. Brackett seconded. Motion  
carried.***

4. Board Communications

None

5. Public Comments

Public spoke during the discussion section.

## 6. Encore Presentation

None

## 7. Reports to the Board

### 7.1. Superintendent's Report

Labs presented to the board policies that were warned (B30, B32, B33, C32, D30, D32, E32, F23, F24, F27, F31). He quickly went over each of them to show what changes were made or not made. B30 had no change made, B32 no change, B33 no change, C32 had small typos and formatting changes but no change to the meaning, D30 no change, D32 no change, E32 a few sentences taken out but no change to meaning, F23 no change, F24 minor change to reinforce that no gifts of any value can be accepted (added a \$0.00), F27 no change, F31 no change.

### 7.2. Business Manager's Report

Weatherell reported that she got our bids for our Tax Anticipation Note back from local banks. She recommends to the board to choose Community National Bank, as they have the best interest rates.

### 7.3. Principal's Report

Haley said in his report he is very proud of his staff for the last few months of work. He knows and his staff knows that distance learning hasn't been the best experience for all, but they had to make a new way of learning available to all students in a matter of weeks.

He also wanted to highlight the work of Linann Perry, Carmen Colon, Matt Moore, and Dave Whitaker. They all went above and beyond what their usual function are, and made the transition easier. Haley wanted to make sure the School Board knew how much these individuals contributed to the success of the distance learning part.

## 8. Discussion Items

### 10.1 FY19 Audit

See Business Manager's Report

### 10.2 FY21 Tax Anticipation Note

See Business Manager's Report

### 10.3 School Opening in the fall

Fred Small shared his views on distance learning, saying distance learning has been hard for working parents, and as the economy is reopening, he hopes the school will be in session normally. He shared he has enjoyed spending time with his kids, but it has been hard also to work and take the role of teacher. He said he appreciated all the teachers have done. He is hoping that masks will not be required for students, and as he has

listened to AOE secretary French press conference, he understood that masks might not be required after all.

Jon Teller and Kimberly Teller, parents of 2 SES Students, wanted to know the plans for the upcoming school year. They shared that they had listened to Scott's press conference where AOE secretary French said that masks would be encouraged but not required. Kinnarney said that he is waiting for the Task Force. 5 groups are exploring 5 options and will each present their findings to the administrative team, which will have the final decision on what will be implemented. Nothing is set in stone yet, and he doesn't yet know what will be required or encouraged at this point. Teller said she had concerns, and wanted to know who is on the Task Force and how to communicate with them about her concerns. Kinnarney said he will publicly share the names of people on the Task Force in his next letter to the community. The best way to share concerns, he said, was to answer the survey that went out last week. He encouraged the parents to fill that out, as that survey is going directly to the Task Force. Teller asked again if she could have a definite answer if masks would be required or not. Kinnarney said he is waiting for the Task Force's recommendations at this time. Kinnarney said he will have an answer by the end of July for the school districts and the public.

#### 10.4 Update on Summer meals and programs

Haley reported that the summer lunches will continue, they will likely come from one central location and be distributed to schools. The meals will be available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 11 - 1 pm. A cooler will be available for parents who can't make it in that timeframe.

#### 10.5 Field use for softball teams this summer

Haley received a request from the Women's and Men's Softball league to use the field during the summer season. The school board acknowledged that in the past, there had been incidents (alcohol use on the premise) that led to a decision by the School Board to not allow the leagues to use the school ground anymore.

Fred Small, member of the public, chimed in saying that in his opinion, these community events should be encouraged. Brackett agreed. Haley will reach out to the leagues to discuss what their plans are in terms of bathroom, limiting the crowd size, trash removal, etc.

The School Board agreed that it might be time to revisit this decision, and with clear rules put in place, the league might be able to use the field once again.

Kinnarney suggested contacting White River Valley High School as they had drafted a document and plans for leagues to use the school's fields.

#### 10.6 Pre School Planning

Spriggs and Smith presented to the board preliminary plans that they have thought about to make school safe and open in the Fall following the guidelines they have received from the state. (See slides for options discussed at the meeting).

Smith and Spriggs shared their concerns about maintaining the space clean, with limits on children, on the financial aspect this would have. One of the options presented had the aftercare program closing at 3 pm, which Potter and Brackett concurred would be a

hardship for working parents. These options are not set in stone, as Haley pointed out, as guidelines can change. Spriggs and Smith agreed and said they just wanted to start a conversation about what they are working on and the challenges they are facing. Anna Rose, an employee at the preschool, pointed out to the school board that some of these options would not be legal to implement, as they violate the collective bargaining agreement. School Board didn't respond to Rose's comment but thanked everyone and Spriggs, Smith for their presentation.

#### 10.7 Parking Lot update

Brackett talked to Mike Clark who had offered his expertise in the past about the parking lot paving project, as a parent of two SES students. He reviewed the bid previously received by the board at the June 1st, 2020 meeting and said he thought the bid was high, even when accounting for some underestimation of some aspects of the project (example given by Brackett: the underdrain was estimated to be \$1000 by Horizon Engineering, and it came to \$30,000 in the bid).

The School Board agreed to do another round of bidding, even though the timing might not work for this year. Turning the parking lot into dirt would be more costly in the long run according to Clark. Shaw asked how much would it cost to do our own plowing for this year, and keep the parking in the condition it's in right now. Haley doesn't know how much the plowing would be.

School Board agreed to let Weatherell (through Haley) contact Horizon to edit the document, as there were mistakes in the last RFP, as well as edit the date.

This will be posted again in the two journals and newspapers.

#### 9. Action Items

##### 1. Act to approve FY19 Audit

Potter thanked Weatherell for her summary of the audit. ***Brackett made a motion to accept the FY19 audit as submitted. Potter seconded. Motion carried.***

##### 2. Act to approve FY21 Tax Anticipation note

Potter made a motion to

***Potter made a motion to accept Weatherell's recommendation to accept the proposal of Community National Bank. Brackett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Potter made a motion to complete and sign the documents for the non-arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate, arbitrage certificate, resolution and note.***

***Brackett seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

##### 3. Act to approve Policies

[Warned Policies](#)

***Brackett made a motion to approve policy B30, B32, B33, C32, D30, D32, E32, F23, F24, F27, F31 as presented by the Policy Committee. Potter seconded. Motion carried (Shaw not present)***

10. Confirm Next Meeting Dates

10.1. Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - 5:30 PM @ VIA GOOGLE HANGOUT (Regular)

Shaw confirmed.

11. Future Agenda Items

None at this point

12. Adjourn

***Brackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. Potter seconded. Motion carried.***