

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
PRIOR TO THE FULL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 - 6:00 PM
VIA GOOGLE MEET
APPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was publicly warned in conformance with H.681 authorizing temporary amendments to Vermont's open meeting law to protect the health and safety of the public, board members, and town employees during the state of emergency declared due to COVID-19.

Links were provided for public participation by videoconference software or by conventional phone.

Present:

School Board: Don Shaw, Chantelle Brackett, Sam Potter

Staff: Jamie Kinnarney (WRVSU Superintendent), Keenan Haley (Sharon Elementary Principal), Raymond Ballou (WRVSU Technology Manager), Nicole Antal (Sharon School Board Recording Secretary)

Other: Margy Becker (Sharon selectboard administrative assistant, left at 6:19 pm), Debbie St. Peter (Sharon Town Clerk, left at 6:19 pm), Mary Gavin (Sharon Selectboard, left at 6:19 pm), Joe Ronan (Sharon Selectboard, left at 6:19 pm)

1. Call to Order

Don Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

3. Discussion Items

3.1 Cancel/Postpone Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

Selectboard members Joe Ronan and Mary Gavin, Selectboard administrative assistant Margy Becker, as well as Sharon Town Clerk Debbie St. Peter joined the meeting to share that they have been thinking about postponing the Town Annual Meeting and Budget Vote. They would like to coordinate with the School Board on a possible date to have a Town Meeting and School Meeting on the same day to save money.

Potter and Brackett shared that they would be in favor, that a meeting outside in May would have a higher participation rate, and would ease anxiety around COVID. St. Peter said that a Town Meeting inside would not be possible, with the current regulations from the state. It would not be possible in the school building to accommodate voters.

Joe Ronan asked the School Board if the School Board would be in favor of the meeting taking place on a Saturday, to allow for people who usually have the day off on Town Meeting day in March, to participate. The School Board agreed that it would be beneficial for a higher voter turnout.

The Sharon School Board and the Sharon Selectboard will meet on Wednesday February 10, at 6 pm, to start discussing logistics on how the meeting will take place.

3.2 Warning for Annual Meeting and Budget Vote
Postponed

3.3 Solar Project

Discussion postponed. Ryan Haac sent an email to Don Shaw, Shaw invited him to the meeting but he hasn't received a response.

4. Action/Possible Action Items

4.1 Cancel/Postpone Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

Brackett made a motion to postpone the Annual Meeting and Budget Vote to Saturday May 8th, time to be determined. Potter seconded. Motion carried.

4.2 Adopt Warning for Annual Meeting and Budget Vote

Postponed

5. Executive Session - Negotiations

Potter made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Negotiations at 6:20 pm. Brackett Seconded. Motion carried.

Present during executive session : Don Shaw, Chantelle Brackett, Sam Potter, Jamie Kinnarney, Keenan Haley, Nicole Antal.

6. Return to Public Session

Potter made a motion to exit Executive Session to discuss Negotiations at 6:23 pm. Brackett Seconded. Motion carried.

7. Action - Act to Approve Support Staff Master Agreement 20-21

Brackett made a motion to ratify the support staff master agreement 20-21. Potter seconded. Motion carried.

8. Other

Don Shaw received an email from Haley. Haley received a letter from parents that are moving to Sharon and wondering about tuition and how it works for their situation. Shaw said he was waiting to have them be residents of Sharon before bringing the subject to the School Board as it is just speculation at this point.

Will be discussed when more information is known.

9. Adjourn - To Full Board Meeting 6:30pm

Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. Brackett seconded. Motion carried.