

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 - 6:00 PM  
(Replacing Regular April 13, 2021 Meeting)  
@  
VIA GOOGLE MEET  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

*This 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:** Chantelle Brackett, Samantha Potter, Don Shaw

**Staff & Other:** Keenan Haley (SES Principal), Jamie Kinnarney (WRVSU Superintendent), Tara Weatherell (WRVSU Business Manager), Raymond Ballou (WRVSU Technology Manager), Nicole Antal (Sharon Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order  
Don Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda  
None
3. Assign times/time keeper
4. Consent Agenda
  - 4.1. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, March 9, 2021 (Regular)
  - 4.2. Approve the Minutes of Monday, March 15, 2021 (Special)
  - 4.3. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, March 23, 2021 (Special)

***Sam Potter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 9, 2021 meeting as written and submitted. Brackett Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Brackett made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, March 15, 2021 meeting as written and submitted. Potter Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

***Brackett made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 23, 2021 meeting as written and submitted.. Shaw seconded. Motion carried, Brackett and Shaw, yeah - Potter abstained (as she wasn't at the meeting).***

5. Board Communications

Brackett said she has received some letters from 5th graders. She will share them with the Board during Keenan's report. *(See letters in document folder/website).*

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Reports to the Board

7.1. Superintendent

*(Kinnarney shared a report with the School Board prior to the meeting, see attached documents on our website, [sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda](http://sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda))*

- Kinnarney reported that there was a WRVSU Special Energy Committee meeting. They are starting to explore possible savings for the districts. Three districts are engaging in that audit for now. There are a lot of federal funds that can be used for this work. It costs nothing for the districts to pursue doing an audit. The Board unanimously said to Kinnarney they would be interested to add Sharon to the audit list.
- Kinnarney reported that Ripton has informally approached the SU to start a conversation. The district is looking for options, after they voted to leave the Addison Central School District. They are coming to the SU Executive Board to start a conversation about what it would look like to join the SU. Kinnarney is just letting boards know that this is a conversation that will start soon.

7.2. Principal

*(Haley shared a report with the School Board prior to the meeting, see attached documents on our website, [sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda](http://sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda))*

- Haley said that students are finishing their SBAC testing. The virtual students will come in May to do the testing.
- MTSS team is analyzing SEL data to inform decision making around Professional Development for this summer.
- On May 7th, teachers will meet with Donna Isaacs to begin looking at student work and student data. Donna will guide us through protocols that we can use moving forward with this work. It is critical that we use protocols as a means for looking at work so that we view them without Biases.
- Teachers will conclude their year long math Professional Development time with Loree Silvis on April 30th. Upon completion teachers will be asked to write a reflective essay on what they have learned, how their teaching

practice has/will improve based on what was learned and what else it is they need to improve on in order to create an effective mathematics learning environment.

- Haley reported receiving 3 letters from 5th graders about the playground. Brackett read them (*See letters in document folder/website*).

### 7.3. Business Manager

*(Weatherell shared a report with the School Board prior to the meeting, see attached documents on our website, [sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda](http://sharonelementary.org/minutes-agenda))*

Weatherell pointed that on expenditure changes, she adjusted the following potential area of savings:

Other Technical Services from \$14,070 to \$13,920

Dues & Fees from \$12,358 to \$12,085

On revenue changes: Increase Donations from \$2,450 to \$3,637

These adjustments bring the Expenditure Surplus to \$7,246 and the Revenue surplus to \$35,742 for a projected overall surplus of \$42,988 from the \$42,224 projected in February.

Weatherell received responses from the local banks for the Parking Lot Paving Project Financing (Loan Amount: \$99,752)

- From Mascoma Bank:
  - 3 years 2.95% (for principal and interest: Year 1: \$36,143.47; Year 2: \$35,179.20; Year 3: \$34,214.95)
  - 5 years 3%
- From Community Bank NA:
  - 3 years 2.11% (for principal and interest: Year 1: \$35,349.67; Year 2: \$34,653.85; Year 3: \$33,954.17)
  - 5 years 2.20%
- From Community National Bank:
  - 3 years 1.49% (for principal and interest: Year 1: \$32,760.45; Year 2: \$33,248.58 ; Year 3: \$33,742.97)
  - 5 years 1.79%

Weatherell said that these interest rates are good for 30 days. She suggested to take some time and think about the rates and how the board wants to proceed (repay in 3 years or 5), and to vote on it on April 29th, at a special meeting just before the Information Meeting scheduled for that night.

## 8. Discussion Items

8.1 Principal Haley will share the spring 20-21 Social/Emotional Data Report with the Board (*See SEL report in document folder/website*).

Haley shared the data. He and Kinnarney underlined that these are good numbers. Kinnarney

shared his observations of when he visits Sharon Elementary: kids are cared for, they have connections with the staff. And this observation is in the data Haley shared. Haley shared that even though staff and administration knew intuitively when students are more prone to distraction, referrals, defiance, etc., having the data in one place will help make more informed decisions on how to remedy student issues.

Haley read a letter written by Andrew Evans, 6th Grade teacher, about his observations of the school environment in Sharon.

## 8.2 Preparation for the Annual Budget Informational Meetings

Town informational meeting has been moved to May 3. The Sharon PTO is offering a free soup for the 29th meeting to encourage the community to join the meeting.

## 9. Action/Possible Action

None

## 10. Resignation/New Hires

None to report

## 11. Confirm Next Meeting Dates

11.1. Thursday, April 29, 2021 - 6:00 PM @ VIA GOOGLE MEET (Special Informational)

11.2. Thursday, May 6, 2021 - 6:00 PM @ VIA GOOGLE MEET (Special Informational)

11.3. Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM @ VIA GOOGLE MEET (Regular)

11.4. Saturday, May 8, 2021 - @ VIA GOOGLE MEET (Annual Budget Vote)

11.5. Thursday, April 29, 2021 - 5:45 PM @ VIA GOOGLE MEET (Special Meeting )

## 12. Adjourn

***Brckett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Potter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***