

**TOWN OF SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
REMOTE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
NOTICE and DRAFT MINUTES MAY 6, 2021**

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 virtually:

School Board: Chantelle Brackett, 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)

Public (Speaking): Galen Mudgett, Will Davis, Holly Cathcart

Public (non-speaking): Margaret Raymond, Erik Skarsten, Cindy Brudvik, Joyce Dion

1. Call to Order

Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Additions or deletions to the agenda

None

3. Public comment

None

4. To hear the reports of the School District Board of Directors

Shaw asked Kinnarney, Weatherell, and Haley to present a slideshow on behalf of the Sharon School District Board of Directors.

Kinnarney, Weatherell, and Haley shared a slideshow presentation (see documents), and encouraged the public to ask questions during the presentation.

4.1 Public comment

Galen Mudgett reiterated his comment from the April 29th meeting that the real estate market right now, due to the pandemic, has had a significant impact on the CLA, which the School Board presentation also alluded to.

Will Davis briefly introduced himself as the only candidate on the ballot for School Board Director.

Holly Cathcart, in the chat, thanked the School Board and the administration for the work they have done this year in particular.

4.2 Review and discuss Article 2: To fix the salaries in the amount of \$1,000 per member for the School District Officers per annum.

Public comment

None

4.3 Review and discuss Article 3: To fix the salary in the amount of \$1,000 for the School District Treasurer per annum.

Public comment

None

4.4 Review and discuss Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

Public comment

None

4.5 Review and discuss Article 5 : Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,038,941, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,073.89 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.18% higher than spending for the current year.

Public comment

None

5. Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

Brackett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm. Shaw seconded. Motion carried.