

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2022
LMC & ZOOM
7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Berlandi at 7:04 on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

1. PRESENT

For the Board:	Mr. Berlandi, Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Grasseler, and Mr. Laughlin
Administration:	Dr. Melendez, Mr. Kalkreuth, Mrs. DiBartolo, and Mr. Dudics
Staff:	11 (via Zoom)
SPTO:	Mrs. O'Neill
Residents:	10 (via Zoom)

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS (02:41)

2.1. Donna Coonan has been awarded the Rising Star 2022 award from CASBRO

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA (03:35)

Mr. Berlandi moved to add two items to the agenda: "New Business Item #9.5 Discussion and possible action regarding the hiring of Dr. Pat Cosentino as Part-Time Superintendent of The Sherman School, effective July 1, 2022" and "New Business Item #9.6 Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the appointment of Dr. Mary Fernand as Principal of The Sherman School, effective July 1, 2022". Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Berlandi then made a motion to move the New Business Item #9.6 to the next item on the Agenda. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.6. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the appointment of Dr. Mary Fernand as Principal of The Sherman School, effective July 1, 2022

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Mary Fernand as Principal of The Sherman School, effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (09:57)

5.1. Review of Minutes:

Minutes - April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting (REVISED)

Minutes - May 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

5.2. Personnel Actions

5.3. Monthly Enrollment Report

5.4. Monthly Budget Report

5.5. Tech Items for Disposal

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (11:11)

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve current bills. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. ORAL REPORTS (11:28)

7.1. SPTO Update

Mrs. O'Neill provided a brief update on the SPTO.

7.2. Sub-Committees

7.2.1. Budget and Maintenance

Mr. Laughlin provided a brief update on the work of the committee to date.

7.2.2. Policy and Curriculum

Mr. Vogt provided a brief update on the work of the committee to date.

7.2.3. Personnel and Negotiations

No update at this time.

7.2.4. Special Education and Transportation

Mrs. Grasseler provided a brief update on the work of the committee to date.

7.3. Chair Report (16:21)

Mr. Berlandi notified the Board of his expected move out of Sherman this Summer, and therefore the statutory requirement that he will have to resign from the Board. A discussion followed regarding.

7.4. Superintendent Update - Dr. Jeff Melendez

Dr. Melendez offered his congratulations to Mr. Berlandi and expressed gratitude for Mr. Berlandi's service to the Board and to Sherman.

Dr. Melendez expressed his gratitude to Mr. Kalkreuth and Mr. Dudics for their service and dedication to Sherman.

Mr. Kalkreuth spoke briefly about the school's current action plan relating to school safety, including doubled SSO coverage until the end of the school year, and frequent debriefs with the SSOs.

7.4.1. Budget Update

Mrs. Coonan provided a brief budget update and presented a one-page budget summary.

7.4.2. Stoplight Report

Mrs. DiBartolo provided a brief update on Stoplight Report Item #13.4.

8. PRESENTATION - NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS (36:12)

9.1. First Reading of Policy 9323, Construction of the Agenda

No discussion. Policy #9323 will be added to the next meeting agenda as a Second Reading.

9.2. First Reading of Policy 6172.1, Gifted and Talented Students Program

No discussion. Policy #6172.1 will be added to the next meeting agenda as a Second Reading.

9.3. First Reading of Policy 4118.11/4218.11, Nondiscrimination

No discussion. Policy #4118.11/4218.11 will be added to the next meeting agenda as a Second Reading.

9.4. Discussion and possible action to approve the Curriculum Committee's recommendation for the purchase of a Science of Reading Curriculum

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve the curriculum committee's recommendation for the purchase of the Science of Reading Curriculum. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.5 Discussion and possible action regarding the hiring of Dr. Pat Cosentino as Part-Time Superintendent of The Sherman School, effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Berlandi moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Patricia Cosentino as Interim Superintendent, effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

11. COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS ([49:14](#))

Mr. Laughlin made a comment.

Mrs. Frey made a comment.

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS

14.1. Regular Meeting, June 29, 2022

14.2. Committee Meetings - NONE

14.3. Board Retreat - a discussion was had about scheduling upcoming Board retreats.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vogt

Vice Chair, Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer