

SHERMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT 06784
REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 1, 2023
LMC & ZOOM
7:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Sherman Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Vogt at 7:02 PM on November 1, 2023 in the Library Media Center at The Sherman School.

1. PRESENT

For the Board:	Mr. Vogt, Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Febbraio, Mrs. Grasseler, Mr. McGlinchey, Mr. Philipakos, and Mr. Laughlin (at 7:04 PM)
Administration:	Dr. Cosentino, Dr. Fernand, Dr. Fildes, and Dr. Leekin
Staff:	9
SPTO:	1
Residents:	14

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CELEBRATIONS (00:00:50)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (00:01:04)

Alex Thomson, of 16 Edmonds Road, made a comment.

4. ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA (00:03:15)

Mr. Vogt made a motion to move New Business item 9.9., Discussion and Possible Action to Engage Pennoni Associates, Inc to Provide Airborne Mold Testing and Indoor Air Quality Monitoring. up in the agenda to be discussed before item 9.8., Discussion of Referendum Results and Next Steps. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (00:04:21)

- 5.1. Review of Minutes
 - October 3,2023 - Transportation Committee Meeting
 - October 4, 2023 - Regular Meeting
 - October 11, 2023 - Policy Committee Meeting
- 5.2. Personnel Actions
- 5.3. Monthly Enrollment Report
- 5.4. Monthly Budget Report

Mr. Vogt moved to approve consent agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (00:04:44)

Mr. Vogt moved to approve current bills. Mrs. Febbraio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

7. ORAL REPORTS (00:05:01)

- 7.1. SPTO Update
- 7.2. Sub-Committees
- 7.3. Chair Report
- 7.4. Superintendent Update

8. PRESENTATIONS (00:10:35)

- 8.1. Spring 2024 Testing Results

9. NEW BUSINESS (00:56:24)

- 9.1. **First Reading: Board Budget Procedures & Line Item Transfers (Replace P3160)**
No discussion. Policy will be added to next month's agenda for a Second Reading.
- 9.2. **First Reading: Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment, & Supplies (Replace P3260)**
No discussion. Policy will be added to next month's agenda for a Second Reading.
- 9.3. **First Reading: Gifts, Grants, & Bequests (Replace P3280)**
No discussion. Policy will be added to next month's agenda for a Second Reading.
- 9.4. **First Reading: Purchasing (Replace P3320 & P3321)**
No discussion. Policy will be added to next month's agenda for a Second Reading.
- 9.5. **First Reading: Code of Conduct for Federal Procurements**
No discussion. Policy will be added to next month's agenda for a Second Reading.
- 9.6. **First Reading: Idea Fiscal Compliance**
No discussion. Policy will be added to next month's agenda for a Second Reading.
- 9.7. **Motion to Retain Peter Prowda for Enrollment Projections**

Mr. Vogt made a motion to allow the Board to retain Peter Prowda for Enrollment Projections at the cost of \$1,650.00. Mrs. Febbraio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 9.8. **Discussion of Referendum Results and Next Steps**
Mr. Vogt led a brief discussion regarding potential next steps.
- 9.9. **Discussion and Possible Action to Engage Pennoni Associates, Inc to Provide Airborne Mold Testing and Indoor Air Quality Monitoring**
A brief discussion was had.

Mr. Vogt made a motion to engage Pennoni Associates to provide airborne mold testing and indoor air quality monitoring at the cost of \$2,081.00. Mrs. Frey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 9.10. **Discussion of Modified Educational Program Needs**
A discussion was had.
- 9.11. **Discussion of Formal Engagement of New Milford, New Fairfield, and Region 12 Public Schools Regarding Viability and Cost of Expanded Interdistrict Cooperative Agreements**
A discussion was had.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (01:48:12)

- 10.1. **Second Reading: Green Cleaning Programs**

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adopt this policy relating to Green Cleaning Programs. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 10.2. **Second Reading: School Volunteers (Replace P1212)**

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adopt this policy relating to School Volunteers. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 10.3. **Second Reading: Visitors Observations (Replace P1250 & P1250.1)**

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adopt this policy relating to Visitors Observations. Mrs. Grasseler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

- 10.4. **Second Reading: Use of School Facilities (Replace P1330)**

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adopt policy relating to Use of School Facilities. Mrs. Febbraio seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

10.5. Second Reading: Smoking (Replace P1331)

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adopt this policy relating to Smoking. Mr. Laughlin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

10.6. Second Reading: Firearms on School Property (Replace P1700)

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adopt this policy relating to Firearms on School Property. Mr. Philipakos seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 7-0.

11. COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS ([01:49:45](#))

Alex Thomson, of 16 Edmonds Road, made a comment.

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS - None

14. FUTURE MEETINGS AND TOPICS ([01:55:27](#))

14.1. Regular Meeting

14.1.1. December 6, 2023

14.2. Committee Meetings

14.2.1. Policy Committee Meeting - November 21, 2023 at 6pm via Zoom

14.2.2. Curriculum Committee Meeting - November 21, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom

14.2.3. Negotiations Committee Meeting - TBD

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION ([01:57:26](#))

Mr. Vogt made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:59 PM.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:26 PM.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Frey, Vice Chair
Sherman Board of Education

Prepared by Recording Secretary: Courtney Onofer