

**Sherman Central School
Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 12, 2022**

TIME & PLACE: 5:30 PM, Auditorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Bates, Teresa Guzman, Kristin Irwin, Timothy Sears.
Board member Emily Reynolds arrived late at 5:37pm.

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Yohe, Nicole Marino, Kimberly Oehlbeck, Luke Waygood, Cory Emory, Susan Bates, Connie Fortune, Fred Croscut, Brooke Long, Melva Rowan, Jessica Nickerson and Tim Nickerson.

President Brian Bates called the **meeting to order** at 5:32 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL**

President Brian Bates invited members of the public to comment on the District Safety Plan. No public comments were received.

**District Safety Plan
Public Comment**

Teresa Guzman moved to approve the **board minutes** of the regular board meeting held August 15, 2022. (Att. #1) Timothy Sears seconded the motion, carried 4-0 with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was not present.

MINUTES

Teresa Guzman moved to **approve the financial consent agenda:**

2a) **Treasurer Report** for period ending 8/31/22 (*Att. #2*)

2b) **Extra Curricular Treasurer Report** period ending 8/31/22 (*Att #3*)

**FINANCIAL
AGENDA
Treasurer Reports
Financials**

Seconded by Timothy Sears, carried 4-0 with the abstention of Emily Reynolds who was not present.

Athletic Director Cory Emory gave a presentation on the Athletic Placement Process (APP). Mr. Emory said that the APP has not changed in many years. He stated that the move from JV to Varsity was fairly simple: the varsity coach shows an interest based on past performance, the coach advises the Athletic Director, the coach talks with the athlete and parent to ensure the move is in the best interest of the athlete physically, socially and physically, then the student moves up with no paperwork required. There is no specific rule for moving a student back down in a group. To move from Modified to JV/Varsity requires paperwork and more stringent requirements. This includes: interest expressed by the Varsity/JV coach, the coach advises the Athletic Director, the coach talks with the athlete and parent to ensure the move is in the best interest of the athlete physically, socially and physically, the parent/guardian signs a permission form, a medical exam and physical maturity form must then be filled out, and a physical fitness test must be administered (usually by the Athletic Director). After completion of all of these steps the student may move up to the JV/Varsity level. Modified is usually considered 7th and 8th grade students. There is a very limited amount of latitude allowed if a smaller school has insufficient numbers to make up a team to move a student up from Modified to JV/Varsity. The APP steps to move from Modified to JV/Varsity would apply to all sports in which the student participates - for example, if a student passes for volleyball they would be considered passing for other sports. Golf and bowling have less stringent rules as they are less physically demanding. Other schools may make their own decisions regarding their own students although all schools must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the NY State Education Department. There is a shared services agreement for CSP, although not for volleyball or softball as Panama has their own team in those sports. Kristin Irwin said that there should be clearer communication between the coaches and that there should be greater clarity concerning shared sports. Carrie Yohe advised that the guidelines which SCS follows come from Section VI. Mr. Emory has asked the physical education department to administer the tests to 6th grade students at the end of the academic year, so that the information regarding 7th grade students' fitness is readily available once fall sports start practicing.

Presentation

Board of Education President - Mr. Bates said that the Board held their first workshop of the year, which included discussion on evaluations of the Board and Mrs. Yohe, as well as preliminary discussion on the next possible capital project.

Board President

School Business Administrator – Mrs. Oehlbeck said that the tax collection period has started - payment can be made without penalty until October 10, and with penalty from October 11 until November 9. The auditors will return Monday 9/19/22. The van bid was put out and SCS received only one bid from Warren Midtown Motors. However, the trade-in value is difficult to establish given that SCS cannot trade it in for several months, and wear and tear from usage could affect the value in the interim. Mr. Maleski has suggested doing an auction through Auction International, which could yield more than the trade-in offered through Midtown. As such, the amount on the agenda for the purchase of the vehicle is at full value, and the sale of the current van will offset that cost at a later date.

SBA Report

Principal - Mrs. Marino said that the start of school has gone well. The meet and greet went well on Thursday afternoon. Tables were set up with people from our transportation department, Cornell, JCLC, and another with staff providing backpacks. She has received positive feedback from parents and teachers. The pre-K bus run also went well. The first hour of the first day of school was a little bumpy but otherwise things went smoothly after that. Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Svenson held class meetings today, and the only concern which students had was getting used to the Chromebooks. Most of the Chromebooks were picked up before school started. Her main message to students was to focus on being kind this year. There have been a few behavior issues with some students. Student Services started meeting last week. Mrs. Svenson may make some small tweaks to the schedule this week. The college consortium will take place tomorrow morning for juniors and seniors. The 9 through 12 grade students will go to JCC on Thursday to hear a presentation from Chris Herren. Mrs. Svenson reports that she will start doing senior interviews and working with seniors on college plans. The ASVAB test is coming up and some students have started signing up for PSATs. There will also be a visit to Slippery Rock College on 9/29/22. The counselors advised that they are trying to get more involved with Social Emotional Learning. The buses have had some minor issues but those have been ironed out. Teresa Guzman asked if training on Chromebooks had been given to the teachers, to which Nicole Marino replied that while training had been offered, no one had responded to the offer.

Principal Report

Superintendent Report - Mrs. Yohe gave kudos to Mrs. Marino for her hard work on getting the school opened smoothly, starting team meetings, and holding the student meetings. She also gave kudos to Mrs. Bates for her hard work in the cafeteria, including the corn she provided. Mrs. Yohe has assisted with intervention concerning behavior issues. It was noted by Mr. Maleski that parents were not notified regarding pickup times this year, for which Mrs. Yohe apologized. She liked the grandparents parade which took place last Friday. She also announced that there is a new Social Media Class, as well as an Advertising class. This means that the students can be involved in positive use of social media. She provided a brief overview of a possible future capital project, which would not take place until 2025, by which time existing debt will fall off. Part of the need for the project is that SCS is out of space, particularly in Special Education. There are 4 pillars of a capital project - building condition survey, budget/timeline, district study/stakeholder groups, and project scope. The study/stakeholder groups will report back to the community and Board. Schools are under a NYS mandate to conduct a building condition survey every 5 years. After the review of the findings, the group needs to come back to brainstorm, design and build. She shared the Shared Services agreement with the Board, which covers Panama, Clymer and Sherman, however there is not a formal agreement between Clymer and Sherman. With the retirement of Burt Lictus it was decided to create a more formal Shared Services agreement between the 3 schools. There was a building safety plan meeting today, to more narrowly assign individuals to specific tasks. Mrs. Irwin thanked Mrs. Yohe for her hard work on the district safety plan.

Superintendent Report

Fred Croscut of 7804 Freeman Road addressed the Board. He said that for the first time ever he saw a Superintendent assist with the buses last week. He advised that he and Mrs. Fortune have served the District for a long time. He and Mrs. Fortune had been in to meet with Mrs. Yohe prior to the start of school. He acknowledged that there was a slight raise to \$17.50 per hour this year. He advised that they are hoping for a higher increase for the substitute drivers. He is petitioning the Board for an increase to \$20 per hour for substitute bus drivers. Tim Sears expressed thanks on behalf of the Board to both Mr. Croscut and Mrs. Fortune for their faithful service to the District, and that the Board will discuss his request.

Public participation

Teresa Guzman moved to approve the **new business consent agenda**:

New Business Agenda

- 3a) **CPSE/CSE Placements** as per the recommendation of the CSE/CPSE chair for the attached roster of students. (*Att #3*)
- 3b) Award bid for a new Ford Transit 350 LR Wagon XL to: Warren Midtown Motors Inc in the amount of \$58,500.00.

Seconded by Timothy Sears, carried 5-0.

Emily Reynolds moved to amend item 4c to appoint Nicole as 504 Chair only, rather than 504 Chair and Transition Coordinator. Seconded by Teresa Guzman, carried 5-0.

Timothy Sears moved to approve the **personnel consent agenda** including the following items:

New Personnel Agenda

- 4a) Approve the appointment of Tammie Steffan as Substitute Teacher effective 9/13/2022, pending proper fingerprint clearance and licensing requirements.
- 4b) Rescind the MOU for Courtney Taylor, which had previously been approved at the regular Board meeting held on June 13, 2022, designating her as a **Teacher on Special Assignment** in the capacity of 504 Chair and Transition Coordinator for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- 4c) Approve the appointment of Nicole Marino as 504 Chair.
- 4d) Approve the appointment of Sally Berg as Yearbook Advisor for 2022-2023, effective 9/13/2022.
- 4e) Approve the appointment of Courtney Taylor as Department Chair Special Education for 2022-2023 effective 9/13/2022.
- 4f) Approve the appointment of Hayden Fisher and Brayden Hayes as basketball camp helpers for the summer of 2022 at the rate of \$13.20 per hour.
- 4g) Approve the appointment of Pamella Zarpentine as tutor at the rate of \$25 per hour up to 5 hours per week, effective 9/13/2022.

Teresa Guzman sought clarification that item 4f) was a retroactive appointment, which was confirmed. It was noted that they have already been paid.

Seconded by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Emily Reynolds moved to approve the **Sherman Central School District Safety Plan**.

District Safety Plan Approval

Seconded by Teresa Guzman, carried 5-0.

Teresa Guzman moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 6:31 pm. Second by Emily Reynolds, carried 5-0.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Luke Waygood
District Clerk