

1) Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Sharon Springs Central School Board of Education was called to order in the school library at 7:30 PM by President, Helen Roberts.

Present: Helen Roberts, President
Christine Cornwell, Vice-President
Sofia Issa, Board Trustee
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee
Yasmin Issa, Student Representative
Thomas Yorke, Principal/Superintendent
Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Absent: None

Excused: None

Others Attending: Yasmin Issa...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Rose Chase, was carried unanimously 5:0.

3) Reports

A.) Business Manager/District Clerk

The Business Manager's Report was previously submitted to the Board for their review.

1. The internal claims auditor's report was presented. The Board accepted the internal claims auditor's report dated February 10, 2025.
2. The Board reviewed the November and December 2024 Treasurer's Report.
3. The Board reviewed the February 10, 2025 Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report.
4. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer # 9, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants # 30, 33, 34, 35 and Capital Project #H-6, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
6. The Appropriation Status/Revenue Status Reports were reviewed.

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7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following resolution to the Fulmont Health Trust Agreement effective January 1, 2025, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0:

**BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION
FULMONT HEALTH TRUST
TRUST AGREEMENT**

Consent to the adoption of a revised Trust Agreement in connection with the Fulmont Health Trust.

WHEREAS, Sharon Springs Central School District is a Participant in the Fulmont Health Trust (the “Trust”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Trust proposes that the Participants in the Trust approve a revised Trust Agreement—to clarify certain provisions in the original Trust Agreement and ensure the continued effective operation of the Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, due deliberation having been had, **BE IT RESOLVED**:

1. That the Sharon Springs Central School hereby agrees to the amendment of the Trust Agreement, as presented by the Trust’s Board of Trustees.
2. That Anthony M. DiPace, Business Manager be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached Amended Trust Agreement, effective as of January 1, 2025.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and sent, along with the executed Trust Agreement, to the Trust’s attorneys at the following address:

Gleason, Dunn, Walsh & O’Shea
300 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 321
Albany, New York 122073
ATTN: Richard C. Reilly, Esq.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORDING OFFICER

That the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District duly held on the 10th day of February, 2025; and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Board of Education Meeting Minutes 2024 - 2025 in my office.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of February, 2025.

Anthony M. DiPace
Business Manager

[Official Seal, if any]

7. BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following Bus Purchase Resolution for the 2025 – 2026 Budget made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa was carried unanimously 5:0:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District be authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$85,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$85,000, and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

8. EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTING BOND RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, Sharon Springs, New York, duly held on the 10th day of February, 2025:

Present: Helen Roberts, President
Christine Cornwell, Vice-President
Sofia Issa, Board Trustee
Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee
Rose Chase, Board Trustee

Absent:

Christine Cornwell presented the following resolution and moved that it be adopted:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2025 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL VEHICLES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$170,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Sharon Springs Central School District, New York (the "School District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 21st day of May, 2024, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$170,000 to finance the acquisition of school vehicles, the expenditure of such sum for such purposes, and the levy of the necessary tax therefor, to be levied upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The School District shall acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$170,000, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at the annual School District meeting of May 21, 2024.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$170,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the acquisition of school vehicles.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education is \$170,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds received as aid from the State of New York, funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the Sharon Springs Central School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Bond Resolution shall constitute the School District's "official intent", within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, to finance the cost of the Purpose with Bonds and notes herein authorized. The School District shall not reimburse itself from the proceeds of the Bonds or notes for any expenditures paid more than sixty days prior to the date hereof, unless specifically authorized by Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 10. Reserved.

Section 11. Barclay Damon LLP is hereby appointed bond counsel to the School District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein.

Section 12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The **Motion** having been duly seconded by Sofia Issa, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

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ABSENT

Helen Roberts President

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Christine Cornwell, Vice-
President

Sofia Issa, Board Trustee

Brandi Kerber, Board Trustee

Rose Chase, Board Trustee

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF SCHOHARIE)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Sharon Springs Central School District, do hereby certify as follows:

1. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, State of New York, was duly held on February 10, 2025, and Minutes of said meeting have been duly recorded in the Minute Book kept by me in accordance with law for the purpose of recording the Minutes of meetings of said Board. I have compared the attached Extract with said Minutes so recorded and said Extract is a true copy of said Minutes and of the whole thereof insofar as said Minutes relate to matters referred to in said Extracts.
2. Said Minutes correctly state the time when said Meeting was convened and the members of said Board who attended said Meeting.
3. Public Notice of the time and place of said Meeting was duly given to the public and the News media in accordance with Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), and that the members of said Board had due notice of said Meeting and that the Meeting was in all respects duly held and a quorum was present and acted throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Sharon Springs Central School District this 10th day of February, 2025.

District Clerk

[Seal]

9. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Request for Proposals for the selection of an Energy Services Company (ESCO), made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa was carried unanimously 5:0.
10. Mr. DiPace presented an overview of the 2025 – 2026 School Budget. The Board received their 2025 – 2026 School Budget Binders. Discussion took place regarding the budget and programs.

B) Superintendent/Principal

The Superintendent's Report was previously submitted to the Board for their review.

Presentation: None

C) CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

4.) Privilege of the Floor

Brandi Kerber – Question regarding opening of the weight room.

5.) Correspondence

No other correspondence was presented to the Board.

6.) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

7.) New Business

- a. The Board completed a review of the following policies:
 - 1. 2.1.1 Budget Hearing/Annual District Meeting
 - 2. 2.1.5 Voting on the Budget and Election of Board of Education Members

8.) Other Business

Student Member Report – Yasmin Issa – Presentation regarding what the students want to see addressed - school lunch; reading to the elementary; and legislative advocacy.

9.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel and student issues at 8:07 PM, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

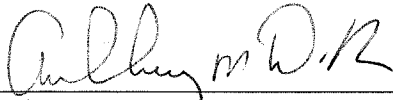
The Board exited executive session at 9:25 PM.

PERSONNEL:

- 1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the following Spring Sports Coaching Recommendations, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:
 - a. Boys' Varsity Baseball – Christopher Smith
 - b. Girls' Varsity Softball – Brittany Pitonza
 - c. Boys' Modified Baseball – Sam Bonderoff
 - d. Girls' Modified Softball – Alex Yorke

10.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 5:0.



Anthony M. DiPace
District Clerk