

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

Absent: None

Excused: Anthony DiPace, Business Manager

Others Attending: Lorelyn Webb, Patsy Nicosia, Isabella Perrotti, Chris Engle, Chris Smith...

2) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Monday, March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting were previously distributed to the Board for their review. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve the Monday, March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as presented, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Brandi Kerber, 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 March 24, 2025.
2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Budget Transfer # 10, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve Warrants #40, 41, 42 and Capital Project #H-8, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0.
4. The Appropriation Status/Revenue Status Reports were reviewed.

7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following Records Retention and Disposition Resolution, made by Rose Chase and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School that Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;
- (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

B) Superintendent/Principal

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

- Mr. Yorke reported that the Futsal Tournament this weekend was an example of the wonderful support of the Booster Club and the large number of volunteers the school has.
- The Faculty/Staff Basketball game in honor of Mrs. Handy and Mrs. Law was great fun and the students enjoyed it immensely.
- Mr. Yorke reported there has been no changes in 2025 – 2026 budget numbers from the state. With the possibility of major cuts in Federal Department of Education, there are questions regarding the Grades 3 – 8 Math and ELA tests. The cuts cannot affect Title I funds without a congressional vote.

Presentation: Class of 2025 representative, Isabella Perrotti and advisor, Chris Smith were present to provide an overview of the Class of 2025 Senior Trip. The Class is planning two day trips, one to the Basketball Hall of Fame and Six Flags over New England and a day to Destiny USA Mall in Syracuse on June 17th and 18th. The Board approved the class to move forward with their plans.

C) CSE

No CSE Student Recommendations were presented.

4.) Privilege of the Floor

No questions or comments were raised.

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. 2.1.7 Qualifications for Voting
 2. 2.2.5.3 Orientation of New Board Members
- b. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to approve following 2025 – 2026 Calendars, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0:
 1. 2025 – 2026 School Calendar
 2. 2025 – 2026 Board of Education Meeting Calendar
 3. 2025 – 2026 Holiday Calendar

8.) Other Business

Student Member Report – Yasmin Issa presented some events that Student Council is working on which include:

- Food Pantry Spirit Week
- Box Challenge – Positive Labels
- Community Car Wash in May or June
- Spring Red Cross Blood Drive

They have also met with the cafeteria staff to discuss some changes to the school lunch menu.

SADD is sponsoring a “Save A Life” Assembly for students in grades 8 – 12.

9.) Executive Session

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to enter into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel issues at 7:45 PM, made by Helen Roberts and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

The Board exited executive session at 8:01 PM.

PERSONNEL:

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following Tenure Recommendations Resolution, made by Sofia Issa and seconded by Christine Cornwell, was carried unanimously 5:0:
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, Thomas A. Yorke, does hereby appoint Rebecca Sniffin to tenure in the Elementary Education tenure area effective September 1, 2025.

- b. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District, upon the recommendation of Superintendent, Thomas A. Yorke, does hereby appoint Dennis Strk to tenure in the Secondary Social Studies tenure area effective September 1, 2025.

2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to pass the following resolution, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber, was carried unanimously 5:0:

WHEREAS, in light of the upcoming fiscal restraints facing the school district, the Administration of the Sharon Springs Central School District is reviewing the class sizes and staffing needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended to the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District that certain classes be abolished, due to fiscal restraints and extremely small class sizes; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees with the Administration, it hereby acts as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District hereby acts to abolish the following positions effective, June 30, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby abolishes the following positions:

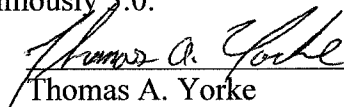
- two (2) Elementary Education positions in the Elementary Education Tenure area;
- one (1) .5 K-12 Art position in the K-12 Art Education Tenure area;
- one (1) .5 School Psychologist position in the School Psychologist area;

Effective June 30, 2025, and directs the Superintendent to notify the personnel affected.

3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a **motion** to acknowledge with regret and gratitude, the retirement of Physical Education teacher, Tammy Behr after 35 years, effective June 30, 2025, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Sofia Issa, was carried unanimously 5:0.

10.) Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM, made by Christine Cornwell and seconded by Brandi Kerber was carried unanimously 5:0.



Thomas A. Yorke
Deputy District Clerk