

**Sherman Central School
Board of Education
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 27, 2014**

TIME & PLACE: 5:30 PM - Board Room # 118

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Bates, Gary DeLellis, Melissa Lyon,
Colleen Meeder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Kidd

OTHERS PRESENT: Kaine Kelly, Michael Ginestre, Christine
Burdick, Kimberly Oehlbeck, Tracie
Cederquist, Bryna Booth, Heather Croscut, Joel
Fisher, Chad Goldberg and Westfield
Republican Reporters

President Bates called the **meeting to order** at 5:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited and board member roll call was taken with 4 members present and 1 absent.

**ORDER
PLEDGE
ROLLCALL**

PRESENTATION:

Presentations for the evening were provided by the 5th & 6th Grade teachers – Mr. Joel Fisher, Mr. Chad Goldberg, Mrs. Bryna Booth, Ms. Heather Croscut as they introduced the audience to the digital learning initiative being used in these grade levels. The teachers are using tools such as NearPod and Air Server to allow them to stream information to the students Ipad and mirror their own computer with teaching materials they are using for daily lessons, labs and homework. The Engage New York modules utilized enable materials to be scanned and sent directly to students where they can create folders and personalize their work which is a huge paper use savings. The students are constantly practicing their math skills at their own levels including the IExcel Program which offers them even more problem solving to show where their weakness or strengths are and the teacher can monitor all of this remotely. In the ELA department a student interview was telecast and they described what they enjoyed and/or disliked about the new program. Overall every student seems to be excelling and some of their favorite sites include Class Dojo, Kid Blog, and Google Hangout. Social Studies students are benefiting from their ability to interact with their fellow students through game sites such as Stack the States, BrainPop, Quizlet and Castle Learning. They are also able to email their teacher and normally get a very quick response back with valuable classroom information. These four teachers are very excited to take on the new initiative this year which in turn makes their students excited to learn everyday.

G. DeLellis moved to **approve the minutes** of the regular December 16, 2013 board meeting. Second by C. Meeder, carried 4-0.

**APPROVE
MINUTES 12/16/13**

M. Lyon moved to approve **financial consent agenda** including the following items:

**FINANCIAL
CONSENT
AGENDA**

- 2a) Treasurer Reports for period ending 11/30/13
- 2b) Treasurer Reports for period ending 12/31/13
- 2c) Cash Disbursements for period ending 12/31/13
- 2d) Extra Curricular Treasurer Reports for period ending 12/31/13
- 2e) Financial Reports for period 12/31/13

**Treasurer Reports
Cash Disbursements
Financial Reports**

Second by C. Meeder, carried 4-0.

Superintendent Kelly reported on a FOIL request received from a local news channel and the district will have 20 days to respond. A draft of the 2014-15 academic calendar will be reviewed which basically mirrors the Erie 2 BOCES calendar. Regarding shared services, Ripley's Superintendent Dr. Lauren Ormsby spent a portion of the day acquainting herself with Sherman School and then our administration spent time in Ripley visiting their district and seeing the changes they are undertaking. Professional development, class alignments, and sporting facilities were a few of the topics discussed. The recent superintendent conference day was held to enable our staff to collaborate and work amongst their individual grade levels in mini forums and was a very productive day. Future programming issues, budget priority items, and long-term transportation department concerns were discussed. The summer recreation program run by the Town of Sherman along with funds from the Village, SCS, and NYS grants is requesting additional financial

support to continue a quality program for the students of our community. Due to the weather prediction, special arrangements have been made for transporting students taking Regents exams along with parent approval with student safety first and foremost. This week a memo to staff members was also issued pertaining to weather related cancellations and the use of snow days. An executive session will be required for discussion of negotiations and student discipline.

Mrs. Oehlbeck reported from the business department on current budget planning. Initial review of figures for the maintenance, transportation, capital and administrative areas were discussed for the 2014-15 academic year. Bid openings for purchase of an SUV were opened January 30th and will be brought to the next meeting for approval. The school tax exemption for Veteran's was discussed and the impact it will have on the district. More specific details will be gathered before any decision is made.

G. DeLellis moved to approve the departmental reports. Second by M. Lyon, carried 4-0.

C. Meeder moved to approve the **business consent agenda** including the following items:

4a) **CSE placements** as per the recommendation of the CSE chair.

Student	Program
20709	Special Class 5 x 40/week; OT 2 x30 group/week
20678	Special Class 2 x 40/day; Resource Room 5x40/week
20254	Resource Room Program 5:1 1x Daily, 40 min
20679	Resource Room Program 5:1 1x Daily, 40 min
20719	OT- Small Group 2x Weekly, 30 min
20402	OT- Individ. 1x Weekly, 30 min

4b) **Transfer of district funds** from the unemployment reserve account to the general fund account in the amount of \$7,087.50

4c) **Transfer of district funds** from the unassigned fund balance to the workers' compensation reserve fund in the amount of \$52,300.00 for next years premium.

4d) **Close the NYCLASS** account in the amount of \$39.45 and transfer the funds to the general fund account.

4e) **Class of 2014 trip** to New York City April 10-12

Second by M. Lyon, carried 4-0.

M. Lyon moved to approve the following **consent agenda of Personnel** including the following item:

5a) Approve the following as **substitutes** for the 2013-14 school year as emergency conditional appointments pending proper fingerprint clearance:
Ethan Kent (Uncertified Teacher)
Virginia King (School Nurse)

5b) Approve Theresa Crandall as a **volunteer for the FFA** Leadership Program. Mrs. Crandall is a 1999 SCS graduate and a former active FFA member.

Second by G. DeLellis, carried 4-0.

C. Meeder moved to enter into executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss negotiations and student discipline with no action to be taken upon reconvening. Second by B. Bates, carried 4-0.

G. DeLellis moved to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:05 PM. Second by B. Bates, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Cederquist
District Clerk

BUSINESS REPORT

**DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

**APPROVE
BUSINESS
CONSENT
AGENDA:**

**CSE
PLACEMENTS**

**TRANSFER
DISTRICT FUNDS**

**SENIOR CLASS
TRIP ITINERARY**

**PERSONNEL
CONSENT
AGENDA:**

SUBSTITUTES

FFA VOLUNTEER

EXEC. SESSION

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