
Sheridan Community Schools

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Mary Roberson, Superintendent

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Sheridan Community Schools
Board of School Trustees
January 11, 2021

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheridan High School Media Center with board members Todd Roberts, Steve Dollahan, Nancy Boone, John Hunt present, along with Superintendent Mary Roberson and Dan Fleming.

Quorum Determination – President Roberts confirmed that a quorum was established.

Call to Order/Pledge – President Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:30 and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Installation of Elected Board Member – Alex Pinegar executed the oath of office to John Hunt who was elected to the Board of Trustees in the November election.

Election of Officers

Steve Dollahan nominated **Todd Roberts** as president. Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

Nancy Boone nominated **Steve Dollahan** as vice-president. John Hunt seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

Steve Dollahan nominated **Nancy Boone** as secretary. John Hunt seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

Appointment of New Board Member – Steve Dollahan made the motion to appoint Dan Fleming to the open board seat. Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

Resolution of Appointment of New Board Member – Steve Dollahan moved to approve the Resolution of Appointed Board Member as presented by Board Attorney, Alex Pinegar. Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 4-0.

Installation of Appointed Board Member – Alex Pinegar executed the oath of office to Dan Fleming who was appointed to the Board of Trustees.

Financial Presentation by Mike Reuter – Board Financial Consultant Mike Reuter shared financial information about a potential bond project, outlining the effects of a \$5.575 bond on the debt service and overall tax rate. He also gave a general overview of the financial position.

Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates and Times – Dan Fleming moved to approve the 2021 meeting schedule, which has regular board meetings on the second Monday of each month with the exceptions of April and October. John Hunt seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

Selection of Board Attorney – Nancy Boone made the motion to continue with the firm of Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim as board attorney. Steve Dollahan seconded the motion that carried 5-0. Mr. Pinegar expressed thanks to the board for placing their trust in his firm.

Appointment of Corporation Treasurer and Approval of Associated Bond – Steve Dollahan made the motion to appoint Robin Popejoy as corporation treasurer and to purchase appropriate bond. Dan Fleming seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

Permission for Superintendent to Submit Grants on Behalf of the Corporation – Nancy Boone moved to allow Superintendent to submit grants on behalf of the corporation. John Hunt seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

Annual Board Member Compensation – John Hunt made the motion to approve an annual stipend for board members of \$2,000 (note this is the same it has been for several years). Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda - A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Dan Fleming and seconded by John Hunt. The motion carried 5-0.

- Minutes of the 12/14/2020 Regular and Executive Sessions and Work Session of 1/7/2021
- Accounts Payable Ledger for January

Personnel – A motion to approve the following personnel items presented by Superintendent Roberson as presented was made by Steve Dollahan, seconded by Dan Fleming. The motion carried 5-0.

- Approved Mathew Hewett as 6th grade coach
- Approved replacing Andrew Gleason with Karsten Windlan as MS boys basketball coach
- Accepted resignation of Hailey Godbey as custodian intern
- Accepted resignation of Mellisa Terry as 8th grade volleyball coach
- Approved Allison Trobaugh as part-time special education instructional assistant
- Approved resignation of Zach Shaw as part-time grounds worker
- Approved Beth Sabelhaus as Mentor Coordinator – 1 year position paid through ICJI grant
- Accepted resignation of Brandy Henry as bus driver

Architects Request for Qualifications Report - President Roberts announced that the board work be interviewing perspective architect firms in a public work session.

Accept Donations - Nancy Boone made the motion to accept the donations as presented. John Hunt seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Resolution for Outstanding Checks – Steve Dollahan made the motion to approve the resolution for outstanding checks. John Hunt seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

Approval of Appropriation Carry-Over – Steve Dollahan moved to approve the appropriation carry-overs from 2020 to 2021. Dan Fleming seconded the motion that carried 5-0.

Contract with Mike Reuter – Steve Dollahan made the motion to approve the contract for financial consultation with Mike Reuter. Nancy Boone seconded the motion that carried 5-0. Todd Roberts commented that SCS is fortunate to have the services of Mr. Reuter.

Information/Reports, Mary Roberson

- Roberson shared the latest Dashboard information, commenting that number have been relatively low since the return from break.
- She shared that SCS will be extending FFCRA sick leave benefits through the end of February.
- Roberson shared examples of notes of thanks from staff members for the Christmas gift.

Public Comments

Alan Lyon congratulated the two new board members.

Board Member Comments

Steve Dollahan publicly thanked Alan Lyon and Jim Hopkins for their service to the board, noting that they will be missed. He also congratulated the two new board members.

Dan Fleming introduced himself, sharing that he and his wife Jessie have a 3 year old son Everett and that he works at Huntington National Bank. He is a member of the Army National Guard and a former member to the Lebanon City Council. He thanked Alan Lyon for his service, and noted that he knew he had big shoes to fill.

Spending his entire life in the Sheridan community, John Hunt introduced himself. John shared that he and his wife have a 6th grade daughter and pre-k son who attend Sheridan Schools and that he works at Beck's Hybrids as a Testing Manager. John stated that he is excited to be part of the board and excited about the bright future of Sheridan Schools.

Nancy Boone welcomed Dan and John, stating that they were stepping into big shoes, and that she was optimistic about the new skills and insight they were bringing to the board. Nancy also shared a personal story about how Sheridan teacher's kindness to a student.

Todd Roberts thanked the staff and administration for their work to continue in-person learning.

Next Board Meetings

Monday, February 8, 2021 – Regular February Meeting

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. was made by Dan Fleming and seconded by Steve Dollahan. The motion carried 5-0.

The board meeting sign-in sheet carried the names of Lea Jessup, Rick Davis, Dean Welbaum, and Alan Lyon.

Nancy Boone, Board Secretary