

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SANDY CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SALISBURY STREET  
SANDY CREEK, NEW YORK

**Date:** February 9, 2023  
**Meeting:** Regular  
**Place:** Board Room

**Board Members Present:**

John Shelmidine  
Heidi Metott  
Kevin Halsey  
Andrea Harris  
John Macklen

**Others Present:**

Kevin Seymour, Interim Superintendent  
Shelley Fitzpatrick, District Clerk  
Steve Newcombe, MS/HS Principal

Sue Halbritter, Queen Central  
Members of the Library Board

**Board Members Absent:**

Joseph Hathway  
Michele Warner

**CALL TO ORDER:**

John Shelmidine, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

**PRESENTATION:**

Interim Superintendent Kevin Seymour introduced the new MS/HS Principal Steven Newcombe to the Board and audience.

Public Libraries gave a brief synopsis of their ballot proposition for the voters for the May vote. They are seeking an additional amount of \$30,000 annually to bring the total public library levy to \$179,000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA CHANGES:** None.

**RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:**

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Halsey, that the Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on January 12, 2023.

The approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held on January 30, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF THE CSE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

New York State Education Law and Part 200 of the Regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education empower Boards of Education to provide suitable educational programs for students with disabilities, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education.

The Committee on Special Education has determined that the children listed on the attached possess disabilities to a degree sufficient to warrant placement in a Special Education Program.

Based upon the committee's decision, the Board of Education accepts the Committee on Special Education's recommendations, and will provide these children with the appropriate programs.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

To approve the Clerk and Treasurer’s Report for the period of December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

To approve the Extracurricular Treasurer’s Report for the period of December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

**APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:**

To accept the **resignation** of **Danielle James**, from her position as a **School Counselor**, for purposes of retirement, effective the end of the day on December 1, 2023.

To accept the **resignation** of **Kathleen Heck**, from her position as a **Science Teacher**, for purposes of retirement, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

To accept the **resignation** of **Michelle Shirley**, from her position as a **Math Teacher**, for purposes of retirement, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

To accept the **resignation** of **Patricia King**, from her position as an **Elementary Teacher**, for purposes of retirement, effective August 13, 2023.

To accept the **resignation** of **Richard Cowit** from his position as an **English Teacher**, effective February 9, 2023.

To accept the **resignation** of **Tonya Trudell** from her position as a **Social Studies Teacher**, as well as her unpaid long term leave of absence (which was originally concluding July 1, 2023), effective January 27, 2023.

To accept the **resignation** of **Kennedy Sullivan** from her position as a **Special Education Aide**, effective March 3, 2023.

To accept the **resignation** of **Bonita Worthington** from her position as a **Teacher Aide**, effective retroactive to February 7, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** None.

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:**

To appoint the following **Spring Coaches** for the 2022-2023 school year:

		<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Girls Varsity Softball	Katie Soluri	13+2	\$7,227
Girls JV Softball	Jonn Stoker	3	\$3,796
Girls Modified Softball	Whitney Oak	3	\$3,367
Boys Varsity Baseball	Benjamin Archibee	13+5	\$8,016
Golf	James Hunt	5	\$5,314
Boys Track	Brooke Morse	2	\$4,794
Girls Track	Michelle Shirley	3	\$4,967
Spring Weight Room	Heather Susek	2	\$ 939

To appoint the following **Elementary After School Program (Gr 2-5)** employees, to commence February 28, 2023 and concluding approximately May 25, 2023. Program will run Tuesdays and Thursday 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:

		<u>Rate Per Hour</u>
Cammie Holmes	Gr. 3	\$42.46
<i>(to be shared with Kyla Roche who was previously appointed at the October 13, 2022 BOE Meeting)</i>		

To appoint **Zachary Frechette** to a teaching position in the academic tenure area of **Social Studies** for a probationary period of four years to commence on January 30, 2023 and concluding June 30, 2026, with recognized Jarema credit for probationary purposes retroactive to September 1, 2022. Mr. Frechette holds an initial certification in Social Studies Grades 7-12 (exp. 1/31/27). His approximate salary will be \$53,085, representing a Master’s Degree and 38 graduate credit hours, per the Sandy Creek Teacher Association Contract.

*(Position due to the resignation of Tonya Trudell.)*

**REPORTS:** None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

John Shelmidine discussed the CiTi Board Candidate Vacancy.  
Kevin Seymour discussed the 2023-2024 School District Calendar.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Board recognized the Board Presidents Birthday.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

It was moved by Macklen, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve the additions to the **2022-2023 Master List of Substitutes for Instructional Staff and Support Staff**, pending fingerprint approval.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

It was moved by Macklen, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to **nominate John Shelmidine** as **Sandy Creek’s Representative to the CiTi Board**.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

It was moved by Macklen, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to **permanently appoint Mary Alford** to the position of **Special Education Aide**, effective February 20, 2023.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

It was moved by Macklen, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to **adopt the 2023-2024 School District Calendar**.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

It was moved by Macklen, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, to approve the **change of title** for **Amy McCormack** from Director of Curriculum and Instruction to **Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Data**. Mrs. McCormack will be compensated an additional \$3,000 per year, and will continue to be a part of the Sandy Creek Administrative Association Bargaining Unit. Mrs. McCormack holds professional certification as a School District Leader.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Halsey, to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent  
Motion carried

**Future Board Meeting Dates**

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick  
District Clerk