

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

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

Date: March 12, 2026
Meeting: Regular
Place: Sandy Creek Board Room

Board Members Present:

John Shelmidine
Kevin Halsey
Andrea Harris
Ryan Jones
Heidi Metott
Leia Wall (Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board)

Others Present:

Kevin Seymour, Superintendent
Cora Harvey, District Clerk
Lauren Haley-Platt, Elementary Principal
Tonya Trudell, MS/HS Principal
Jessica Blair, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Data

Sarah Orr, Jacob Pauling, Tanya VanOrnum, Kristin Vasquez
Chris Grieco

Board Members Absent:

Michele Warner
John Macklen

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.

John Shelmidine, Board President, recognized the recent passing of Ernest (Ernie) Stevens, Bus Driver, and led the Board in a moment of silence.

PRESENTATION:

Chris Grieco, Director of Technology, conducted a presentation on technology updates and his department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CHANGES:

None.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Metott, 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 February 12, 2026.

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 January 1, 2026 – January 31, 2026.

To approve the Extracurricular Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2026 – January 31, 2026.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS:

To **authorize** the position of **Modified Golf Coach**, to be paid at the Modified Step Schedule, per the Sandy Creek Teacher Association Contract. This position is for the 2025-2026 school year (spring season) only, due to student need.

To **abolish** the confidential staff position of **Cook Manager (11-month)**, due to District need.

To **authorize** the confidential staff position of **School Lunch Manager (11-month)**, due to District need.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:

To accept the **resignation** of **Caitlin White**, from her position as a **HS After School Program Teacher**, effective retroactive to March 5, 2026.

(Mrs. White's resignation is due to her obligations as the Golf Coach for the spring season.)

To accept the **resignation** of **Jessie Glenister** from her position as **Teacher Aide**, for the purposes of accepting the position of Typist, effective retroactive to March 1, 2026.

(Ms. Glenister was appointed to the position of Typist at the February 12, 2026 Board Meeting, effective March 2, 2026.)

To accept the **resignation** of **Amanda Filiatrault** from her position as the **Elementary School After School Program Teacher Aide**, effective April 7, 2026.

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

To approve the **Maternity Leave of Absence** for **Madison Robbins** from her position as a Math Teacher. This leave will commence approximately September 1, 2026 and conclude approximately September 14, 2026. Mrs. Robbins will be using accumulated sick and personal leave during her absence, and is requesting an unpaid leave, if necessary, if her sick and personal time is exhausted, to cover the remainder of her leave.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:

To promote **Beverly Harten** from the position of Custodian to the position of **Head Custodian**, effective March 13, 2026. Mrs. Harten will be paid \$28.42 per hour, for an approximate pro-rated salary of \$17,734.08.

(Due to the HELP Program, this position is able to be filled non-competitively, with no exam.)

To promote **Tracy Sullivan** from the position of Cook Manager to the position of **School Lunch Manager (11-month)**, effective March 13, 2026. Mrs. Sullivan will be paid \$36.67 per hour, for an approximate pro-rated salary of \$17,968.30.

(Due to the HELP Program, this position is able to be filled non-competitively, with no exam.)

REPORTS:

Jessica Blair presented on CDEP and school updates on curriculum and instruction.
John Shelmidine presented an update on the Oswego County BOCES Board of Education (CiTi).
John Shelmidine presented an update on the Oswego County School Boards Association.
John Shelmidine presented an update on the Central New York School Boards Association.
Lauren Haley-Platt presented the Elementary Principal’s Report.
Tonya Trudell presented the Middle School/High School Principal’s Report.
Leia Wall presented the Ex-Officio Students Member of the Board Report.
Kevin Seymour presented the Superintendent’s Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Cora Harvey discussed the 2026-2027 Budget.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the additions to the **2025-2026 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 Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to **permanently appoint Amanda LaRock** to the position of **Transportation Supervisor**, effective March 27, 2026.

(Due to the HELP Program, this civil service position was able to be filled non-competitively, with no exam.)

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to **RESCIND** the following resolution that was adopted by the Board of Education at the February 12, 2026 meeting, due to lack of student interest:

*It was moved by Jones, seconded by Macklen, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following resolution, to approve the **Foreign Language Club Trip to New York City**. The trip is from Saturday, April 18, 2026 to Sunday, April 19, 2026, per the attached itinerary.*

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the 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 Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to have the **second reading and adopt** the following policies: **6120 – Budget Hearing, 6240 – Investments, 6685 – Medicaid Compliance, 6690 – Audit Committee, 6700 – Purchasing, 6741 – Contracting for Professional Services, 6800 – Federal Funds Procedural Manual**.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to **authorize the District Clerk to publish a legal notice announcing the budget and board member election** as presented to the Board and announcing the public hearing to be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and the district vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Oswego County Real Property Director and the Superintendent, to approve the following **refund of taxes from the 2025-2026 school tax levy**, due to reduction of assessed value:

Diane Manzi
5 Ouderkirk Rd.
Pulaski, NY 13142

Tax Map ID# 028.00-01-12.02
Original Tax Bill: \$10,001.50
Corrected Tax Bill: \$5,176.02

Net Change: (\$4,825.48)
5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Metott, seconded by Harris, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sandy Creek Teachers Association to **add Modified Golf Coach** for the 2025-2026 school year only, per the attached agreement.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Leia Wall, Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board, was excused and will be noted as absent during the executive session portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Harris, to go in to executive session at 7:33 p.m., for the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Harris, seconded by Metott, to return from executive session at 7:48 p.m.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board discussed the BOCES dinner and moving the April 28, 2026 Special Meeting for the BOCES Administrative Vote to the morning.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Metott, to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent
Motion carried

Future Board Meeting Dates

Regular Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2026 (*3rd Thursday)

Special Meeting: **Tuesday**, April 28, 2026 (to accommodate the BOCES Admin Vote)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cora Harvey
District Clerk