

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

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

Date: August 13, 2026
Meeting: Regular
Place: Sandy Creek Board Room

Board Members Present:

John Shelmidine
Michele Warner
Andrea Harris
Heidi Metott
Ryan Jones
Whitney Oak
Cori-ann Blodgett

Others Present:

Kevin Seymour, Superintendent
Cora Harvey, District Clerk
Tonya Trudell, MS/HS Principal
Lauren Platt, Elementary Principal
James Hunt, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Jessica Blair, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Data
Patrick Dunham, Music Teacher Candidate

Board Members Absent:

None.

CALL TO ORDER:

John Shelmidine, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH:

The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Cori-ann Blodgett, who was elected to the Board of Education, for a five-year term expiring 2031, on May 19, 2026.

PRESENTATION:

James Hunt, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, conducted a presentation on the Athletic Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA CHANGES:

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Harris, to approve the following consent agenda change: (ITEM 7.7.9) RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to appoint **Shaun Benedetti** to the position of **Bus Driver**, for a probationary period of 52 weeks, to commence September 1, 2026 and concluding August 31, 2027, pending completion of 19A and SED requirements. He will be paid \$27.60 per hour, with the approximate salary pending completion of route assignments.

(Position due to the vacancy of Ernest Stevens.)

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

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

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on July 9, 2026.

The approval of the minutes of the Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting held on July 9, 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 June 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

To approve the Extracurricular Treasurer's Report for the period of June 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS/ABOLISHMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:

To accept the resignation of **Holly Miller**, for retirement purposes, from her position as a **Food Service Helper (6.50 hrs/day)**, effective retroactive to July 31, 2026.

To accept the resignation of **Kayla Wight**, from her position as a **Special Education Aide**, pending appointment to the position of Teacher Aide, effective August 31, 2026.

To accept the resignation of **Megan Henry** from her position in the special subject tenure area of **Music**, effective August 31, 2026.

APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

None.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS:

To appoint **Torrie House** to the position of **Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach** for the Fall of the 2026-2027 school year.

To appoint **Brianna Rogers** to the position of **Bus Aide**, for a probationary period of 52 weeks, to commence September 1, 2026 and concluding August 31, 2027. She will be paid \$18.63 per hour, with a salary to be determined once routes have been established.

(Position due to the resignation of Annette Norton.)

To appoint **Kayla Wight** to the position of **Teacher Aide**, for a probationary period of 52 weeks, to commence September 1, 2026 and concluding August 31, 2027. She will be paid \$19.04 per hour, for an approximate salary of \$26,065.76.

(Position due to the resignation of Jessie Glenister.)

To appoint **Florence Perretta** to a teaching position in the special subject area of **Psychology**, for a probationary period of four years, to commence September 1, 2026, and concluding June 30, 2030. Ms. Perretta will be paid \$70,516, representing a Master's Degree, 90 graduate credit hours, and four years of experience. Ms. Perretta holds a provisional certification in School Psychology (exp. 8/31/31).

(Position due to the resignation of Marguerite Mastascusa.)

To appoint **Samuel Hagan Jr.** to the position of **Bus Driver**, for a probationary period of 52 weeks, to commence September 1, 2026 and concluding August 31, 2027, pending completion of all 19A and SED requirements. He will be paid \$27.60 per hour, with the approximate salary pending completion of route assignments.

(Position due to the resignation of Jerome Hewell.)

To appoint **Patrick Dunham** to a teaching position in the special subject tenure area of **Music** for a probationary period of three year (due to having received tenure in another District), to commence September 1, 2026, and concluding June 30, 2029. Mr. Dunham's approximate salary will be \$93,779, based upon a Master's Degree, 81 graduate credit hours, and 23 years of experience (pending verification of official transcripts and proof of Master's), per the Sandy Creek Teachers Association Contract.

(Position due to the resignation of Megan Henry.)

To appoint the following **Teacher Mentors** for the 2026-2027 school year, for a stipend of \$952, based upon the Sandy Creek Teachers Association Contract:

James Connors (Florence Perretta)
Jacqueline Hobbs (Patrick Dunham)

To appoint the following **Fall Coaches** for the 2026-2027 school year, subject to student need:

Nicholas Vann	2 nd Assistant Varsity Football	<u>Step</u> 4	<u>Stipend</u> \$4,396
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(Position due to the vacancy of Ernest Stevens.)

REPORTS:

Jessica Blair updated the Board on Instruction and Curriculum summer progress.
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.
Kevin Seymour presented the Superintendent's Report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Michele Warner acknowledged the work of Erin Gaffney for the Class of 2027 fundraisers.

ACTION ITEMS:

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the additions to the **2026-2027 Master List of Substitutes for Instructional Staff and Support Staff**, pending fingerprint approval.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to **adopt** the attached **District Wide Safety Plan** after no comment during the public comment period, which concluded August 9, 2026.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to declare the **items per the attached spreadsheet as surplus**. These items are to be discarded through the use of a surplus sale/auction/silent bid or disposal as appropriate by law, regulation and liability as arranged by the Business Administrator.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following **June Budget Transfers**, per attached.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the attached **Board of Education Goals for the 2026-2027 school year**.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

It is hereby acknowledged by the Board of Education that Kevin Seymour, Lauren Haley-Platt, Tonya Trudell, Jessica Blair, and James Hunt attended **Lead Evaluation Training** on July 30, 2026 and were **re-certified in application of evaluating for APPR purposes.**

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the **Tax Warrant for the 2026-2027 Levy for School Taxes** as follows:

WHEREAS: Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1977, amended Section 1318, subdivision 1 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS: the unencumbered, unreserved fund balance at the close of the last fiscal year must be applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy except for an amount not to exceed 4% of the current school year budget; and

WHEREAS: this latter amount may be held as surplus funds during the current school year; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the board of education retain as surplus funds an estimated amount not to exceed more than 4% thereby applying \$0.00 to the reduction of the tax levy.

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

To the collector of Sandy Creek Central School District; in the County(ies) of Oswego, Jefferson and Lewis in New York State.

You are hereby commanded:

To give notice and start collection on **September 1, 2026** in accordance with the provisions of Section 1322 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To give notice that tax collection will end on **October 31, 2026**.

To collect taxes in the total sum of **\$7,837,000** (inclusive of School Tax \$7,658,000 and Library Tax \$179,000) in the same manner that collectors are authorized to collect town and county taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To make no changes or alterations in the tax warrant or the attached tax rolls but shall return the same to the board of education. The board may recall its warrant and tax roll for correction of errors or omissions in accordance with the provisions of Section 1316 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To forward by mail to each owner of real property listed on the tax rolls within ten days after the start of collection a statement of taxes due on his property on press-numbered tax bill forms provided by the school district in accordance with the provisions of Section 922 of the Real Property Tax Law. To forward by mail, without interest penalties, to the office of the county treasurer a detailed tax bill of all state land parcels liable for taxes on the school tax rolls in accordance with provisions of Sections 540 and 544 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To receive from each of the taxable corporations and natural persons the sums listed on the attached tax rolls without interest penalties when such sums are paid before the end of the first month of the tax collection period. To add two percent interest penalties to all taxes collected during the second month of the tax collection and to add three per cent interest penalties to all taxes collected during any part of the third month of the tax collection period and to account for such sums as income due to the school district.

To issue receipts only on forms provided by the school district in acknowledgement of receipt of payments of taxes and to retain, preserve and file copies of all such receipts issued as required by Section 987 of the Real Property Tax Law.

To promptly return the warrant at its expiration and if any taxes on the attached tax rolls shall be unpaid at that time, deliver an accounting thereof on forms showing by town the total assessed valuation, tax rate, the total tax levy, the total amounts remaining uncollected as required by Section 1330 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 910, 912 and 914 of the Real Property Tax Law and is delivered in accordance with Sections 1306 and 1318 of this law. It is effective immediately after it is properly signed by a majority of the board of education. The warrant shall expire on the date stated above unless a renewal or extension has been endorsed on the face of this warrant in writing in accordance with Section 1318, subdivision 2 of the Real Property Tax Law.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the attached **Parent Transport Transportation Contract**.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

It was moved by Warner, seconded by Oak, to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the **donation of \$1,000** from **New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal** for donations to Stuff-A-Bus.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Jones, seconded by Harris, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
Motion carried

Future Board Meeting Dates

Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026 (6:00 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cora Harvey
District Clerk