

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF THE SHARON SELECT BOARD
AND THE SHARON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

October 15, 2020

The joint meeting of the Sharon Select Board and the Sharon School Committee was called to order at 8:05pm remotely via Zoom in accordance with Governor Baker's emergency declaration regarding public gatherings.

Select Board Members Present:

Emily E. Smith-Lee, Chair; William A. Heitin and Hanna R. Switekowski

School Committee Members Present:

Judy Crosby, Chair; Adam Shain, Julie Rowe, Katie Currul-Dykeman, Veronica Wiseman and Heather Zelevinsky

Joint Interviews with School Committee for Interim Position through 2021 Annual Town Election

The Sharon School Committee and Select Board conducted interviews of seven candidates to fill the vacancy left by Fern Fergus's resignation. Candidates Lauren Dobson, Yossi Farren, Constantin Gorea, Hernán "Chile" Hidalgo, Tanya Lewis, Bradley Maron and Avi Shemtov were afforded the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their responses to the following questions which had been shared with the candidates ahead of the meeting.

School Committee Questions

- 1) Please tell us about yourself, including any volunteer experience, why you are interested in serving on the school committee, and how many hours per week you are available for School Committee related work?
- 2) How many school committee meetings have you watched or attended in the past 12 months and what have been your takeaways?
- 3) What ideas do you have to enhance and improve the Committee's ability to hear from all stakeholders, including groups who are not traditionally represented at the School Committee table?
- 4) The School Committee works together as a team of equals. Please describe a time when you changed your mind on a topic after you thought you already knew what your view of the subject was, and why you changed your mind.
- 5) How would you like to see the district prioritize spending beyond what's legally required?
- 6) Equity and inclusion have been a substantial topic of concern over the past several years within the Sharon Public Schools. How do you suggest that we address opportunity gaps between student subgroups and also increase achievement for all students?

Select Board Questions

- 7) The School Committee works as part of a governance team with each other and with District Administration. What are some qualities and/or experiences that you feel you bring that would help make these relationships work effectively?
- 8) If appointed to this seat, would it be your intention to run in the town election in May 2021?

At the conclusion of interviews, the candidates were collectively thanked for their time and for their willingness to step up. The Select Board will meet jointly with the School Committee again on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 pm to deliberate and select a candidate to fill the vacancy.

MOTION: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 9:57pm
(Heitin - Switekowski) 3-0 **PASSES**

Heitin: AYE
Switekowski: AYE
Smith-Lee: AYE

List of Documents

- Candidate statements of interest and qualifications
- Candidate list
- Interview questions
- Notice of vacancy