Chairman Kathy Yolish called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:20 p.m.

Roll Call:
John Fitzgerald                James Orazietti, Vice Chair
Amanda Kilmartin                Carl Rizzo
Kate Kutash                        Amy Romano, Secretary
Diana Meyer                        Kathleen Yolish, Chair
Patti Moonan

Full Quorum

Also In Attendance: Dr. Beth Smith, Interim Superintendent; Kenneth Saranich, Assistant Superintendent; Carole Pannozzo, Human Resources Director; Rick Belden, Finance Director; Daniel DiVito, Technology Director

(There is no audio tape recording of this meeting. It was live streamed on the Shelton Public Schools YouTube channel and is available on the City of Shelton and Shelton Public Schools websites.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda
John Fitzgerald moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and approved unanimously.

SHS Parking Fee Reimbursement: Discussion and Possible Vote
Dr. Beth Smith discussed the request of some students to refund last quarter parking fees due to circumstances of the pandemic. There are 305 students that would be given a $25 refund totaling $7,625.

James Orazietti moved to return the quarterly funds for parking fees back to the students/parents at Shelton High School as discussed; motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.
**Budget Mitigation: Discussion and Possible Vote**
Dr. Smith discussed the current budget status and the need to cut over $3 million due to receiving the same amount of money as last year. She stated this year it will be extremely devastating to the education of our students, as we will not be able to offer the same level of services; our staffing, instructional programs and class sizes will look different. At the request of the board, Dr. Smith had met with Central Office cabinet members and made line item cuts first, and then reductions in personnel. Due to the substantial monetary value that had to be cut, every suggestion from members of the Board of Education, Central Office administrators, and principals had to be included. The exceptions, and only for the time being, are sports, student activities and student enrichment programs. To ensure a sense of equity across the board when cutting personnel, included were all bargaining units and Central Office administration. Dr. Smith stated it is the board’s decision whether or not to go with the proposal or something else. Following a lengthy review and discussion of the list of line item and personnel reductions, the consensus was to delay final decisions to allow more time for consideration. Mrs. Yolish stressed the urgent need to address the situation in order to give Human Resources Director Carole Pannozzo some direction by June 8 or 9, since employee contracts will be sent out soon. Board members were asked to email their ideas and suggestions to Mrs. Yolish as soon as possible.

**Adjournment**
Kathy Yolish adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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**Diane Luther**
Secretary to Board of Education
May 27, 2020