

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Board of Education Administrative Offices
382 Long Hill Avenue
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March 19, 2018

Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman

Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman

Kate Kutash, Secretary

Anne Gaydos

David Gioiello (excused)

José Goncalves

Amanda Kilmartin (via telephone)

Darlisa Ritter

Kathleen Yolish

Quorum: 8 Present; 1 Absent

Board of Education Administration present: Christopher Clouet, Superintendent of Schools; Edward Drapp, Finance Director

(1 tape on file in City/Town Clerk's office)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Motions Presented for Approval

Thomas Minotti moved to forward to the State of Connecticut, Department of Administrative Service (School Construction Grants), the Elizabeth Shelton Elementary School window replacement project plans and specification dated March 24, 2017, along with the estimate, dated March 24, 2017, in the amount of \$1,595,166, as prepared by Silver Petrucelli and Associates; motion seconded by Anne Gaydos. Discussion – It was confirmed that the money is coming from the City. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Thomas Minotti moved to approve Shelton's participation in a School Regionalization Study funded by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments; motion seconded by Jose Goncalves. A handout was provided. Discussion. Dr. Clouet stated Shelton has been approached to participate in this grant proposal, which is another version of looking at ways to regionalize and find cost avoidance or actual savings in things that different municipalities and school districts in the Naugatuck Valley region are involved with. If the grant is awarded, then we would be at the table with other districts and municipalities to look at the sorts of things we could do. He gave some examples and recommended approval. In response to numerous questions from Darlisa Ritter, Dr. Clouet confirmed that voting yes means to approve the application for the grant, which we may or may not receive, and the purpose is just to explore what the possibilities might look like. He said it is not costing us anything now and is just saying we are agreeing to

participate in the request for a grant; Dr. Clouet explained the Mayor is in favor of it because it is a way to explore and not commit the City or the School District to do anything other than sit at the table and be part of the conversation. There was further general discussion with input from Ed Drapp about his experiences with a regional school district. **Vote: 7-1 (nay – Darlisa Ritter).**
Motion passed.

Adjournment

Chairman Mark Holden adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Diane Luther

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Secretary to Board of Education
March 20, 2018