

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education Administrative Offices
382 Long Hill Avenue
Board Room, 2nd Floor
January 25, 2017**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary
David Gioiello
Faith Hack

Kate Kutash
Win Oppel (via Skype)
Darlisa Ritter
Kathleen Yolish

Full Quorum

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christopher Clouet
Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Lorraine Rossner
Finance Director, Dominic Barone
Human Resources Director, Carole Pannozzo

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Kate Kutash moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Faith Hack. Thomas Minotti moved to add to New Business a motion to rename the driveway at Elizabeth Shelton School as Edward Ferguson Drive; motion seconded by Win Oppel. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Hearing

No one from the public spoke.

Approval of Minutes

Kate Kutash moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 7, 2016; Special Meeting of December 14, 2016 and Special Meeting of January 4, 2017; seconded by Faith Hack. Vote 8-0-1 (abstention David Gioiello). Motion passed.

Presentations/Recognitions

K-12 2017 Terrific Tales Short Story Contest Award Winners – Tina Henckel discussed the

contest and along with Dorothy Sim-Broder of Written Words Books & Gifts, Terry Hernon, Writer, and Jill Johnson, Corporate Communications Manager at BIC Corporation presented awards to the following students:

- K-1 Division; Janice Samuel (Gr. K), ESS
- 2-4 Division; Helen Bukoski (Gr. 2), BHS
- 5-6 Division; Jeffrey Wojtowicz (Gr. 6), PHS
- 7-12 Division, Ela Dzujna (Gr. 7), SIS

Communications to the Board

There were no communications.

Superintendent's Commentary

Superintendent Clouet commended the performances of the FLL Lego League teams at Perry Hill and Shelton Intermediate and said with strong support from teachers and community members who coach, the teams have been invited to St. Louis in the spring to participate in the international competition.

Strategic Plan Update – Superintendent Clouet discussed the goal of preparing students for a future that is going to be significantly different than the way we were taught and the society we were raised to live in. He said the work over the last year was a prequel, and we are entering into the second phase. His PowerPoint presentation will be posted to the Website and emailed to board members. Five focus group leaders presented information on the work of their groups. (Kenneth Saranich, Innovation; Kristen Santilli/James Colandrea, Humanities; Beth Smith, Career Pathways; Kathy Riddle, Community; Tina Henckel, STEAM.) There was further discussion, and leaders responded to questions from board members. Dr. Clouet stated he would like to give the board an update at the end of this school year and possibly extend the process into the future.

Approved Field Trips

The board was apprised of the following approved trips:

- Junior Statesman of America, Washington, DC, February 23-26, 2017
- SHS Robotics competition, MA, March 17-19, 2017
- SHS Robotics, New England District Championships, NH, April 5-8, 2017
- SHS Robotics, FIRST Championship, St. Louis, MO, April 26-29, 2017

Items Voted on

Kate Kutash moved to approve request of SHS FIRST Robotics Team to fundraise during 2016-2017 school year; seconded by Kathy Yolish. Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve request of SHS Wrestling Parent Booster Club to fundraise during 2016-2017 school year; seconded by Kate Kutash. Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the revised/reviewed Travel Release Forms as presented; seconded by Faith Hack. Motion approved unanimously.

Faith Hack moved to approve the request of SIStematic FLL Championship Team to conduct fundraisers to offset costs associated with St. Louis trip; motion seconded by Arlene Liscinsky and approved unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to accept on behalf of Long Hill School a donation of \$1,000 from Dennis Arriola and Janet Winnick for the needs of Long Hill School, at the discretion of the principal; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky. Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Comments by the Board Chair

Chairman Holden said he was very impressed with the presentations of the focus groups and stated our team is putting together a terrific roadmap for us for future success. He commented on the outstanding projects at the SIS Science Fair and Invention Convention.

Reports of Standing Committees

Teaching & Learning – Thomas Minotti reviewed the topics discussed at the January 10 meeting including Deborah Keller’s overview of the K-12 music program and adopted yearly schedule of meetings. The committee is scheduled to meet next on February 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Win Oppel said the committee met January 18 and continued discussion of two areas of concern in the current budget – Special Education tuition and Special Education transportation costs; Dominic Barone will give the committee additional information at the next meeting. Sodexo is willing to add another \$30,000 to their account, should we have a shortfall this year, bringing their contribution to \$105,000. Discussion included the budget and a voluntary retirement incentive plan, and the following motion is presented:

Win Oppel moved to approve the Shelton Education Association Voluntary Retirement Incentive Plan, as recommended by the Finance Committee; motion seconded by Kate Kutash. Discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

(Tape 1; Side B – 8:36 p.m.)

Policy Committee – Kate Kutash discussed the January 10 meeting including topics of Travel Release Forms; ESSA and various components; religious holidays not currently included in our calendar with consensus there would be more effort to build sensitivity to all holidays and holy days. Topics carried over to next meeting are displaying banners at athletic events and revised graduation requirements. The next scheduled meeting is February 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Reports of Special Committees

CES – Notes from last CES meeting are included in packet.

CABE – Faith Hack referred to the information included in packet and reminded everyone of A Day on the Hill, March 8.

Unfinished Business

There was nothing to discuss.

New Business

Renaming of Elizabeth Shelton School Driveway –

Thomas Minotti moved to approve renaming the Elizabeth Shelton School driveway as Edward Ferguson Drive; seconded by Faith Hack. Discussion – Win Oppel clarified that the ESS address is not being changed. Vote: 8-0-1 (abstention David Gioiello). Motion passed.

For Your Information

Chairman Holden noted the attachments in the packet including Vacancy Report, Staff and Stipend Actions, Enrollment Report.

Highlights

Board members mentioned the Long Hill grade 4 Chorus performance; holiday performances at Booth Hill and Mohegan; sold-out performances of Adaptations; Science Expo at SIS; JA in a Day at Long Hill; SIS Concert;

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Diane Luther

Secretary to Board of Education

February 1, 2017