

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

Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:12 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman

Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman

Kate Kutash, Secretary

David Gioiello

Faith Hack

Amanda Kilmartin (via telephone)

Win Oppel (via Skype)

Darlisa Ritter

Kathleen Yolish

Full Quorum

Board of Education Administration present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christopher Clouet; Human Resources Director, Carole Pannozzo; Finance Director, Edward Drapp

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Thomas Minotti moved to amend the agenda as follows: VIII. A. 6. will be replaced with new wording and a new motion #9 will be added to accept a donation from Mohegan School PTO. Motion to amend was seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously. Kathy Yolish moved to approve the amended agenda; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Presentations/Recognitions

Superintendent Clouet read the names of the academic and athletic stipend appointees, and those present were recognized.

Public Hearing

Deborah Keller, SEA President and teacher, discussed the upcoming Meet the Candidates Forum at SIS on October 26. She also requested information about Whitsons' lunch menus for posting.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue, complimented the Board on completing the Sunnyside roof, especially with recent heavy rain.

Approval of Minutes

Kate Kutash moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting of September 27, 2017 and Special Meeting of October 4, 2017; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously

Communications to the Board

Chairman Holden stated a thank you note was received from Sunnyside School for the mulch and swing set installation.

Superintendent's Commentary/Instructional Update

Superintendent Clouet gave a Strategic Plan update noting the Core Committee met recently and is working to embed and clarify the Milestones – Various Points Along the Path in a Student's Life. He discussed SHS Administration's plan to move the Capstone Project to grade 11, to allow students in the following year to reflect on their projects. He discussed ongoing work of a digital and hard copy visual depiction of what the pathway looks like in Shelton with description of the milestones, and Core Committee member Anne Gaydos was acknowledged for her guidance in designing the project.

District Overview of Special Education Department and Support Services – Elizabeth Hannaway, Assistant Director of Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services, and Janice Simonetti, Supervisor of Special Education, gave an informative presentation of the department's special programs including the five program models (PreK Program, Life Skills Program, Alternative Learning Center, Therapeutic Learning Center, 18-21 Transition Program). Information was shared about the referral process and feedback from parents and students. Dr. Hannaway responded to questions from the Board Members.

Esports – Superintendent Clouet said Shelton High School is one of the pioneering schools in the state in Esports and has a winning record. He discussed Esports briefly and referenced a link he had sent to Board Members to access more information. Dr. Clouet said we have some great teachers leading the way in our district.

Approved Field Trips

The Board was apprised of an approved Junior Statesman of America trip to Washington, DC to visit historical landmarks, February 8-11, 2018.

Items Voted on

Kate Kutash moved to approve the Booster Club Sponsorship Banner Administrative Regulations. Motion seconded by Faith Hack followed by brief discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to accept on behalf of Shelton High School a donation from Connecticut Association of Schools of a Pixalot camera (approximate value \$4,800-\$5,000) to be used for streaming of athletic contests with the NFHS; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

Thomas Minotti moved to accept on behalf of Shelton High School a donation of \$2,000 from former SHS Math teacher, Richard Loris, to be used for Math instructional supplies; motion seconded by Win Oppel followed by brief discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to accept on behalf of Shelton High School a donation of \$4,000 from Weller Foundation for the aerospace flight simulator; motion seconded by Kate Kutash followed by brief discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Faith Hack moved to accept on behalf of Elizabeth Shelton School a donation of \$1,438.53 from Elizabeth Shelton School PTO to purchase an amplifier, wireless rack mount system (handheld microphone) and cable; motion seconded by Kate Kutash followed by brief discussion. Information will be provided concerning extended warranty. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to accept on behalf of Mohegan School a donation from the Mohegan School PTO of two outdoor adjustable height basketball hoops for the playground (approximate cost of \$4,000, all costs to be incurred by the Mohegan School PTO); motion seconded by Thomas Minotti followed by brief discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to approve the request of Pecylak Committee and Shelton High School Boys' Basketball Team to conduct fundraising activities for 2017-18 school year; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the 2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously. The meeting dates are as follows:

January 24	May 23	September 26
February 28	June 27	October 24
March 28	July 25	November 28
April 25	August 22	December 19

Thomas Minotti moved to accept on behalf of Mohegan School a donation of \$3,500 from the Mohegan School PTO to purchase guided reading books for classrooms; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and brief discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments by the Board Chair

Chairman Holden reminded everyone that the SEA/JSA Meet the Candidates Night will be held October 26 at SIS and commented on how well last year's event was run. He also noted upcoming Election Day on November 7.

Reports of Standing Committees

Teaching & Learning – Thomas Minotti said the committee met on October 10 and reviewed the topics discussed, Teacher Evaluation & Support Plan and district enrollment numbers for first four days of school year. Minutes are posted online. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for November 14 at 4 p.m.

Finance Committee – Win Oppel said the committee met last week and reviewed current expenditures and well as one final look at last year's expenditures; approximately \$5,000 will be returned to the City.

Win Oppel moved to authorize the Superintendent and Finance Director to proceed with rate locks for natural gas and electricity, as recommended by the Finance Committee; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Policy Committee – Kate Kutash reviewed the topics of the October 10 meeting including Banner Administrative Regulations, Crowdfunding Draft Policy, National Federation High School Sports School Broadcast Program next steps, and use of social media by Board Members. Minutes are posted online. The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for November 14 at 5 p.m.

Kate Kutash moved, for the purpose of approving a new policy on Crowdfunding, to waive the requirement of Bylaw #9311 to delay passage of a policy until the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve a new policy #1324.2 under Community Relations, Online Fundraising Campaigns – Crowdfunding; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Reports of Special Committees

CES – Thomas Minotti reviewed the topics of the October 5 meeting that pertain to Shelton. Mr. Minotti stated Ed Drapp attended a meeting on October 20 for all finance directors at CES concerning transportation issues. Mr. Drapp stated the information was timely, since we are going out to bid for transportation. He said CES is looking for ways for districts to share transportation costs for either regular transportation or individual special education runs. Since a number of districts are going out to bid for July 1, 2018, CES would conduct a regional bid based on those districts' interest to participate; however, it would not interfere with any local process. Shelton's documents are ready to be submitted to the City. Mr. Drapp discussed a possible cost-sharing opportunity for two of our students who attend programs out of district.

CABE – Faith Hack discussed the CABE Liaison Newsletter included in the packet. Newly elected board members will be registered for the CABE/CAPSS Convention on November 17 if interested in attending.

Unfinished Business

There was nothing discussed.

New Business

There was nothing discussed.

For Your Information

Chairman Holden noted the attachments in the packet including Vacancy Report, Staff and Stipend Actions, and Enrollment Report. Superintendent Clouet informed the Board of decision to move a tutor to Mohegan School this coming Monday to help with high enrollment in grade 2 classes by holding small group instruction in adjacent room.

Highlights

Kate Kutash commented on the Teacher of the Year Dinner. Darlisa Ritter discussed Mohegan's Valley Goes Pink event. Kathy Yolish commented on Booth Hill's Summer Reading Incentive event. She commended John Calhoun for all of his accomplishments and said he is a definite asset. Kate Kutash agreed and said he shares a great deal of information with the Board. and Finance Committee. Finance Director Ed Drapp was also given kudos. Amanda Kilmartin expressed appreciation for an impromptu tour of the high school by Dr. Smith.

Pam Garrett, SHS DECA Advisor, discussed the upcoming Color Run, a kids and family 5K and fun run on November 11.

Mark Holden discussed some of his concerns with the State budget. He also commented on the huge student presence at Shelton Day.

Adjournment

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Diane Luther

Secretary to Board of Education

November 1, 2017