

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
382 LONG HILL AVENUE  
BOARD ROOM, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
OCTOBER 24, 2012**

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

Roll Call:

John Francino-Quinn (excused)  
Mark Holden  
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary  
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman  
Win Oppel, Chairman

James Oraziatti  
Mike Pacowta (excused)  
Timothy Walsh  
Kathleen Yolish

Quorum – 7 present; 2 absent

Board of Education Administration present:

Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr  
Finance Director, Allan Cameron  
Executive Director of Curriculum & Support Services, Kathleen Bender  
Human Resources Director, Carole PannoZZo

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Hearing**

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue, discussed the federal funding of \$500,000 for the School Sidewalk Improvements Project at Sunnyside School. Mr. Crawford expressed concern that the \$500,000 will be used up and the cost of the lighting system for which there are no appropriated federal funds will be left to the city.

There being no further requests to speak, the Public Session was closed.

**Approval of Agenda and Addendum**

**Timothy Walsh moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed. Mark Holden moved to approve the addendum; seconded by Kathy Yolish; vote 7-0; motion passed.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mark Holden moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 19, 2012; Regular Meeting of September 26, 2012; Special Meeting of October 11, 2012; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed.**

**Presentations**

Dr. Beth Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation on the high school's CAPT scores for last academic year. She reviewed sub-test results for math, science, reading and writing. Also presented was an overview on interventions for SRBI Tier 3, Tier 2, as well as other interventions in place last year at SHS. Discussion and questions followed. Superintendent Burr commended Dr. Smith and her leadership team for their efforts to shift the focus on teaching and learning, as well as those staff members who worked with ninth and tenth graders to achieve significant gains across the board. Arlene Liscinsky suggested sending out the presentation with a press release. Mr. Burr encouraged board members to visit the academic support centers in our schools.

**Communications to the Board**

A note from John Niski on behalf of the Robotics Team was received in appreciation of the dinner, watches and awards in recognition of the team's achievement of the Global Innovation Award.

**Instructional Update**

**Superintendent's Commentary** – Superintendent Burr stated there will be a Data Team meeting tomorrow to review the District Improvement Plan and noted the addition of goals for English Language Learners in Reading and Math. Due to the fact that our ELL students did not perform at the AMAO level, it is necessary to add ELL tutor support funded by Title III A to focus on areas of need. Mr. Burr noted belated congratulations were received from Commissioner Stefan Pryor on the #1 ranking Connecticut Statewide Career and Technical Education Assessment for our Cooperative Work Education Program. Superintendent Burr said Tina Henckel received a \$5,000 grant from the Pitney Bowes Foundation to support the Shelton 1080 Student Racing Challenge that began last year at the intermediate school. Mr. Burr discussed Title I allocations.

Board members were advised of approved field trips for Shelton Intermediate School grade 7 students to visit Philadelphia, April 27-28 and Shelton High School students to attend JSA Regional Convention in Boston, November 17-18.

**Items Voted On**

**Thomas Minotti** moved to approve the following 2012-2013 fundraising requests; seconded by Timothy Walsh; vote 7-0; motion passed.

- SHS Robotics Team
- SHS Varsity Cheer Team
- SHS Boys Basketball Team and Pecylak Committee

**Arlene Liscinsky** moved to approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings for the 2013 Calendar Year; seconded by Mark Holden; vote 7-0; motion passed.

**Thomas Minotti moved to approve the Volunteer Coach Policy #4220.1; seconded by Timothy Walsh and Mark Holden; vote 7-0; motion passed.**

**Timothy Walsh moved to ratify the Shelton Educational Secretaries, AFSCME Local 1303-059, Collective Bargaining Agreement 2012-2015; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.**

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Athletics** – Timothy Walsh stated there was no meeting held this month due to minimal items for discussion.

**Buildings & Grounds** – Chairman Oppel said the committee meeting scheduled for earlier tonight was canceled.

**Cafeteria/Transportation** – Relative to the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act, Mark Holden discussed details of the SHS cafeteria after-school hours to make food available to those students involved in after-school activities.

**Human Resources** – Chairman Oppel stated no meeting was held.

**Policy/Curriculum/Technology** – Thomas Minotti said no meeting was held.

**Finance** – Arlene Liscinsky reviewed items discussed at the committee held last week including tentative budget making schedule and line item transfers.

**Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the line item transfers approved by the BOE Finance Committee as detailed on the handout; seconded by Mark Holden; vote 7-0; motion passed.**

Arlene Liscinsky reported the year ended with a \$3,000 surplus. Allan Cameron said the auditors will be here through December to add finishing touches.

**Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the wage and benefits proposal for the individual non-union employees for 2012-2013 as recommended by the Finance Committee; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed.**

### **Reports of Special Committees**

**CES** – Arlene Liscinsky provided notes in the packets and stated Commissioner Stefan Pryor will be the guest speaker at next week's monthly meeting. Any questions for the Commissioner should be forwarded to her. She stated the calendar will be finalized at that meeting.

**CABE** – Kathy Yolish displayed the NSBA annual conference brochure containing a quote from her. Mrs. Yolish stated that Arlene Liscinsky and Timothy Walsh will be recognized at the CABE/CAPSS Convention for their service and will also receive a Leadership Award on behalf of the board.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chairman Oppel provided a handout and discussed proposed changes to Bylaw #9132(a), Standing Committees. He explained that a Lighthouse recommendation was to reduce the number of committees to three standing – Finance; Policy; Teaching and Learning. The board can still appoint ad hoc, special or other committees. Brief discussion ensued, and James Oraziotti requested to add “excluding the Chairman” to #1 (appointed members). Mr. Oppel had asked our attorneys to review the bylaw, which resulted in a recommendation to add a disclaimer to all minutes stating a quorum of the board may be present. The proposed bylaw will sit until the November board meeting, at which time a vote will be taken.

### **New Business**

Superintendent Burr gave an update on Lorraine Rossner’s recovery, following today’s surgical procedure.

Kathy Yolish commended Ken Saranich and his staff, in particular Eric Wolf, for their efforts with the Community Garden at SIS and recommended viewing the video. Mrs. Yolish’s article “SIS Students Learn and Grow with a Community Garden” will appear in next week’s *Shelton Life*. She discussed programs presented to students at Perry Hill and Long Hill by Mark Holden and other astronomers. Mark Holden stated there were 500-600 people in attendance at the two astronomy presentations, and the students asked great questions.

### **For Your Information**

Report on current vacancies was included in packet. The following items were noted:

#### **Non-Certified Staff Appointments:**

- Lawrence Bartlett, custodian, Shelton Intermediate School

#### **Retirement:**

- Audrey Greenberg, Special Education teacher, Sunnyside School, after 36 years of service

#### **Stipend Appointments and Reappointments:**

- Nicholas Corkery, Assistant Coach Boys’ Basketball, Shelton High School
- Katherine Devonshuk, Coach Girls’ Cross Country, Shelton Intermediate School
- Isaac Montalvo, Assistant Coach Boys’ Soccer, Shelton High School

Adjournment

Kathy Yolish moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed.

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*Recording Secretary – Board of Education*

*November 5, 2012*