Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call:
Mark Holden, Chairman
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary
Win Oppel
Timothy Walsh (absent)

John Francino-Quinn (arrived 5:12 p.m.)
Faith Hack
Kate Kutash
Kathleen Yolish

Quorum – 8 present and 1 absent

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner
Finance Director, Allan Cameron

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda
Win Oppel moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; motion passed unanimously.

At 5:08 p.m., Chairman Holden declared a ten minute recess for the parties to caucus, due to new developments concerning the budget. The meeting reconvened at 5:35 p.m.

Budget Discussion
Chairman Holden stated this afternoon an offer was made for a proposal for additional funding that contains components the board feels are likely adequate for the funding of full day kindergarten, the elimination of the Pay to Participate program, and increased special education, propane and electric costs. He said legal counsel will be sought to ensure that certain aspects can function as intended. Based on this new development, Mr. Holden stated it would be premature to make allocations to the budget because there are too many unknown factors.

Current Budget – Allan Cameron discussed a potential healthcare insurance account deficit of $158,000, which may be reduced by receipt of additional payments. He said if it is an issue on June 30, there is the option of accessing the $212,000 health and dental reserve fund for the over-budget amount. What is required now is notification of the deficit issue to the board and the city, in writing if so requested. If it becomes necessary to access the reserves, there are formal steps including notifying and requesting permission from the Board of Aldermen. Chairman Holden said if the reserve account is used, the board will need to determine how those funds will be restored.
2014-15 Budget – Mr. Cameron notified the board that there are additional issues beyond electricity, including natural gas.

Items Presented for Vote
Freeman Burr explained the board had voted to execute a non-binding two-way agreement with the Shelton Administrative Council, which was essentially the same proposal as the teacher plan. General discussion followed and board member questions were answered.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for the Shelton Administrative Council; seconded by Faith Hack; vote 6-2 (nay Kathy Yolish and Jay Francino-Quinn); motion passed.

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Secretary to Board of Education
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