

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Education Administrative Offices  
382 Long Hill Avenue  
Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
February 22, 2017**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman	Kate Kutash
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman	Win Oppel (excused)
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary	Darlisa Ritter
David Gioiello (via Skype)	Kathleen Yolish
Faith Hack	

Quorum – 8 present; 1 absent

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.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Shelton High School teacher, Jay Decho.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.**

**Presentations/Recognitions**

Members of State Championship FLL Robotics team SIStematic were introduced by Head Coach Michele Piccolo and performed a skit about a global issue concerning dolphin protection from commercial fishing nets, which is one of three components required for competition. Superintendent Clouet commended the team on their achievements and presented certificates to the following members: Michael Caruso, Shayaan Dabiran, Ria Dalvi, Connor Dapp, Austin Daulizio, Katie Daxner, Josh Mallette, Diya Patel and Coaches Jim Daxner and Ashish Dalvi.

**Public Hearing**

No one from the public spoke.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Kate Kutash moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2017; Special Meeting of January 26, 2017; Special Meeting of February 1, 2017; motion seconded by Darlisa Ritter and passed unanimously.**

**Communications to the Board**

A thank you note from Dorothy Sym-Broder of Written Words Bookstore was included in packets.

**Superintendent's Instructional Update**

Strategic Plan Update – Superintendent Clouet stated the Steering Committee of the five focus groups met last week to commit to having several milestones in place for next year.

Dr. Clouet said the Board of Aldermen voted to support a project to upgrade windows in several elementary schools, beginning with Elizabeth Shelton. He expressed appreciation of the significant financial support for this project and said it portends a good partnership. He noted a fruitful, focused meeting was held today with a representative of DCF and members of the Police Department, Landmark Student Transportation and BOE staff to discuss an incident that occurred on December 16.

Science/Next Generation Science Standards – Tina Henckel and Mary Clark, SHS Science Curriculum Leader, presented a brief overview of why the shifts in science standards occurred and what is being done to support staff to ultimately change instruction and curriculum within the district with a goal of preparing students for college readiness. A handout was provided and questions were taken from board members.

**Approved Field Trips**

The board was apprised of the following approved trips: DECA trip to Anaheim, CA for DECA International Career Development Conference, April 25-30, 2017; SIS Robotics, FIRST Championships, ST. Louis, MO, April 26-29, 2017.

**Items Voted on**

**Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the 2017-2018 district academic calendar; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.**

**Kate Kutash moved to accept on behalf of Mohegan School a \$3,000 donation from the Neves family to purchase two Tech Tubs with Chromebooks; motion seconded by Darlisa Ritter and passed unanimously.**

**Thomas Minotti moved to accept on behalf of Long Hill School a \$1,000 donation from Sempra Energy Foundation to be used at principal's discretion; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.**

Faith Hack moved to ratify the Shelton Education Association teacher contract for period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020; motion seconded by Arlene Liscinsky. Vote: 7-1 (nay David Gioiello). Motion passed.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve an Amendment to the Sodexo contract as presented; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the request of SHS Boys Volleyball to conduct fundraising activities during the 2017 season; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

### **Comments by the Board Chair**

Chairman Holden said the mid-year evaluation for Superintendent Clouet was completed yesterday (report will be forthcoming) and indicated he is making substantial progress on all goals. He said consensus was to extend the initial goal of Strategic Plan for an additional year, due to how much the scope of the goal has grown. He stated the budget request is completed and feels it is reasonable; however, there is considerable concern about what will be happening on the state level. Mr. Holden said the Drug Free Council is moving along and will need one more meeting prior to applying for federal grant. He mentioned the football banquet and commended the players; impressive projects at SHS Science Fair; and SHS FIRST robotics competition to be held March 3-5 in Waterbury.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Teaching & Learning** – Thomas Minotti stated the committee did not meet due to lack of quorum. Next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 4 p.m. to discuss new SHS courses being introduced.

**Finance Committee** – Arlene Liscinsky reported on the special meeting held earlier this evening. Reviewed L2 and other issues of outplacement tuition and SPED costs. John Calhoun is exploring different initiatives for energy savings.

**Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the Educational Specifications as amended for the Elizabeth Shelton School windows energy improvement upgrade; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.**

**Policy Committee** – Kate Kutash said the committee did not meet due to lack of quorum. Next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 5 p.m. for discussion of banners and graduation requirements.

### **Reports of Special Committees**

**CES** – Arlene Liscinsky said there is no meeting in February. There was a facilities tour and orientation for new board members. A budget meeting will be held this Friday,

**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**

There was nothing to discuss.

**For Your Information**

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

**Highlights**

Kathy Yolish gave thanks to our bus drivers who do an outstanding job of driving our students in bad weather and exhibiting patience. Faith commented on the SHS Science Fair. Dr. Clouet stated Lorraine Rossner and he attended a meaningful and appropriate memorial service Dr. Smith organized for staff to help deal with recent loss of co-workers.

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

*Diane Luther*

**Secretary to Board of Education  
February 28, 2017**