

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET
Board of Education Administrative Offices
382 Long Hill Avenue
Board Room, 2nd Floor
February 1, 2017**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary
David Gioiello (via Skype)
Faith Hack

Kate Kutash
Win Oppel
Darlisa Ritter
Kathleen Yolish

Full Quorum

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Donation Acceptance

Faith Hack moved to accept on behalf of Shelton High School a donation from Robert Zuraw in memory of the Pecylak Family to purchase new scoreboards for the SHS gymnasium; seconded by Darlisa Ritter. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget

Dr. Clouet reviewed the budget discussion from the last meeting. A handout of the operating budget was provided and a presentation was given by Superintendent Clouet of his recommended proposal for the board's consideration. Dominic Barone explained details of changes made to Scenario #2 based on discussions at the last meeting and addressed questions. It was acknowledged by all that there are some unknown factors that may affect the budget after it is submitted including the number of retirements, resignations and replacements, unemployment costs, Special Education transportation costs, as well as reduced federal and state funding.

Win Oppel moved to adopt the operating budget as presented by the Superintendent with one change to reduce the Unemployment line by \$126,500, which would reduce the requested amount from \$72,580,313 to \$72,453,813. This represents an increase amount of \$1,983,813 (2.82%) from the current year budget; seconded by Darlisa Ritter. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The capital budget list was provided and discussed. It was noted that some items shown on the document will be removed, as they were previously moved to the operating budget.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to accept the capital budget for purpose of discussion and inclusion in the current year budget request; seconded by Faith Hack. Discussion. Win Oppel moved to amend the motion to state the capital items that remain that have not been moved to the operating budget previously adopted. Motion to amend seconded by Thomas Minotti. Amended motion passed unanimously.

As there is no need for an additional budget meeting, clerk was requested to send cancellation notice for the February 2 Special Meeting to City/Town Clerk.

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Diane Luther

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Secretary to Board of Education

February 7, 2017