Chairman Kathy Yolish called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:
John Fitzgerald                      James Orazietti, Vice Chair
Amanda Kilmartin                    Carl Rizzo
Kate Kutash                         Amy Romano, Secretary
Diana Meyer                         Kathleen Yolish, Chair
Patti Moonan

Full Quorum

Also In Attendance: Dr. Beth Smith, Interim Superintendent; Kenneth Saranich, Assistant Superintendent; Carole Pannozzo, Human Resources Director; Rick Belden, Finance Director; Daniel DiVito, Technology Director

(There is no audio tape recording of this meeting. It was live streamed on the Shelton Public Schools YouTube channel and is available on the City of Shelton and Shelton Public Schools websites.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda
James Orazietti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.

Budget Mitigation Discussion and Possible Vote
Dr. Beth Smith presented a spreadsheet of line item reductions, staff position eliminations and program reductions. The items were addressed in order by section. The total amount to be mitigated is $3,084,204.

Kate Kutash moved to table the Health Insurance section until later in the meeting; motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the Natural Gas/Propane, Adult Education Tuition reductions ($111,690); motion seconded by Carl Rizzo and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the Special Education Transportation Public and School Bus Fuel reductions ($99,200); motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.
John Fitzgerald moved to approve the Summer Cleaning, Daily Sub, and Superintendent Salary reductions ($110,000); motion seconded by James Orazietti. Discussion. John Fitzgerald amended the motion to reflect $32,000 for Superintendent Salary reduction and a revised total of $122,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Carl Rizzo moved to approve the fourth section including 11 line items recommended for reduction ($354,085); motion seconded by Amy Romano and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to approve reductions in Electricity, Natural Gas/Propane, and Heating Oil with closure of elementary schools and Perry Hill School at 6PM weekdays and on weekends ($70,750); motion seconded by Carl Rizzo. Discussion. Motion passed with vote of 8-1 (Nay – A. Kilmartin).

Kate Kutash moved to approve the position elimination of a job coach ($35,000); seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to direct the Interim Superintendent to maintain the current staffing level of security: motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to approve the elimination of one custodian (no replacement) ($58,928); motion seconded by Amy Romano. Motion passed with vote of 7-2 (Nay – P. Moonan, A. Kilmartin).

Kate Kutash moved to approve not replacing paraeducator (vacancy) ($22,000); motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve filling from within the position of ESS retirement ($48,851); motion seconded by John Fitzgerald and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the Retirements, Resignations, Vacancy section (not replacing) ($908,778); motion seconded by Carl Rizzo and passed with vote of 8-0-1 (abstention – A. Kilmartin).

Amy Romano moved to approve the first section of layoffs including SHS Chemistry teacher, SIS Art teacher, SIS World Language teacher, shared CTE teacher ($120,000); motion seconded by Diana Meyer and passed unanimously.

Amanda Kilmartin moved to table the second section of SIS layoffs including Dean of Discipline, SIS Language Arts teacher, SIS Math teacher, SIS Social Studies teacher; motion seconded by Patricia Moonan and passed unanimously with roll call vote.

Kate Kutash moved to retain the first four positions of SIS layoffs including Language Arts teacher, Math teacher, Science teacher, Social Studies teacher and approve the elimination of the reading consultant ($40,000); motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.
Diana Meyer moved to table the LHS teacher and Library Media Specialist ($80,000); motion seconded by Kate Kutash. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Diana Meyer moved to table the Athletic Director and Secretary positions ($100,000) due to not enough information. Discussion. Motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously with roll call vote.

Amy Romano moved to not eliminate the Central Office Administrator and Secretary; motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

John Fitzgerald moved to direct the Interim Superintendent to eliminate the two positions in the Office of Teaching and Learning and create a Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Data K-12 position; motion seconded by Patricia Moonan. John Fitzgerald amended the motion to also instruct the Human Resources Director to write a job description to be posted immediately ($160,000); amended motion was seconded by Patricia Moonan and passed unanimously.

Diana Meyer moved to remove the part-time Secretary position from the Office of Teaching and Learning ($25,000); motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to approve a total reduction in the Health Care line item to be $450,000; motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.

Amanda Kilmartin moved to table the Athletic Program reductions recommended by John Niski for further clarification; motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to table Perry Hill School Extracurricular Activities for further clarification; motion seconded by Diana Meyer and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to table Shelton Intermediate School Extracurricular Activities for further clarification; motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to eliminate Shelton High School Family Career and Community Leader of America program ($951); motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to deny relocation of Central Office to Shelton High School; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Amanda Kilmartin moved to direct Interim Superintendent Dr. Smith to both inform and seek approval of the board prior to making any administrative transfer decisions; motion seconded by Amy Romano and passed unanimously.
Finance Director Rick Belden stated $2,627,231 was approved in proposed reductions, with $456,973 remaining to be mitigated. Consensus was to hold an additional meeting next week, date to be determined. At that time, the remaining items that were tabled at this meeting will be revisited.

**Adjournment**
Kathy Yolish adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

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**Diane Luther**
Secretary to Board of Education
June 8, 2020