

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

August 8, 2018

Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:36 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman

Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman

Kate Kutash, Secretary

Anne Gaydos (via phone)

David Gioiello

José Goncalves (excused)

Amanda Kilmartin

Darlisa Ritter (excused)

Kathleen Yolish

Quorum – 7 present; 2 absent

Board of Education Administration present: Christopher Clouet, Superintendent of Schools

Also present: Ben Trabka, Security Supervisor

(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 Kathy Yolish and passed unanimously.

Discussion of Budget Adjustments and Possible Vote

Superintendent Clouet discussed his recommendation to pass a motion contingent upon anticipated signing of a renegotiated one-year transportation contract with Durham that will result in savings of \$450,713 to restore programs and services or reduce or eliminate fees. In particular, Pay to Participate would be eliminated, and grant money would be used to partially fund the cost of transportation for students in the Talented and Gifted program. To fully fund transportation, families would be asked to pay an annual fee of \$800 per student, with an installment option. Chairman Holden stated the contingency vote is necessary now due to the timing of sign-ups for activities. Kathy Yolish suggested using some of the remaining balance of \$193,718 to fund the pre-school program, and Kate Kutash discussed grandfathering students who are currently attending the program. Amanda Kilmartin suggested a review of the list of previous cuts and to prioritize prior to deciding how to spend the remaining savings. It was agreed to do so at the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

Kate Kutash moved that contingent upon negotiations with Durham Transportation to show \$450,713 in net savings to the district, we will restore programs and services or reduce or eliminate fees:

- Move to reduce transportation line item by \$451,000 and authorize chair to sign a revised one-year contract with Durham for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Move to add back Talented and Gifted transportation utilizing funding from the Magnet School Transportation Grant and mandate a pro-rated \$800 annual transportation fee (based on a 180-day school year) per student.
- Move to eliminate the proposed \$257,000 in pay-to-participate fees for the 2018-2019 school year.

The motion was seconded by Thomas Minotti. Roll call vote: Yea – Kilmartin, Kutash, Minotti, Holden, Yolish, Gaydos. Nay – Gioiello. Motion passed with vote of 6-1.

Bullying Discussion

Principal Lorraine Williams discussed protocols in place for handling bullying incidents at Perry Hill School and responded to questions from board members.

Executive Session

Kate Kutash moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Security and Safety at 8:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously. Invited to stay were Chris Clouet and Ben Trabka.

Thomas Minotti moved to leave Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Mark Holden adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Diane Luther

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Secretary to Board of Education
August 9, 2018