Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:51 p.m.

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

Quorum: 7 present; 2 absent

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.

Faith Hack moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Superintendent Clouet commented that Shelton ranks 162 out of 166 districts in per pupil expenditure. He stated we are pleased to have received some increases over the last three years that have been largely associated with the introduction of all-day kindergarten and talked about ongoing efforts to reduce overtime, which are about $3,000 less than the state median. He noted we are running a tight ship, but the rising costs of utilities, healthcare and contractual obligations make it increasingly challenging.

Budget Discussion
Review Current Year Budget Process – Dominic Barone reviewed the process that will be followed.

Review history of expenditures in Salary, Benefits, Administrative, Heat & Utilities, Building & Equipment Services and Equipment families – Mr. Barone discussed the family groups on the handout and responded to board members’ questions. Arlene Liscinsky suggested creating a timeline to explain variances from year to year for the benefit of future boards and superintendents. There was general discussion of accounts.
Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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Secretary to Board of Education
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