

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education Administrative Offices
382 Long Hill Avenue
Board Room, 2nd Floor
July 26, 2017**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Full Quorum

Board of Education Administration present: Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christopher Clouet; Finance Director, Edward Drapp

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Win Oppel moved to add the appointment of Assistant Principal to agenda under Board Action Items VIII.A.4.; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Presentations/Recognitions

There were none.

Public Hearing

No one from the public wished to speak.

Approval of Minutes

Kate Kutash moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting of June 28, 2017; motion seconded by Win Oppel and passed with vote of 7-0-2 (abstentions by Thomas Minotti and David Gioiello).

Communications to the Board

There were no communications.

Superintendent's Commentary/Instructional Update

Superintendent Clouet stated summer curriculum work is ongoing with committee members working hard and providing a real service to the administration. He said SBAC scores have been released, and there will be a formal presentation in August. He noted Shelton continues to be well above the state average in both ELA and Math and gave a brief overview, emphasizing our district goal to be in the upper quartile continues. Dr. Clouet distributed packets of information for future discussion of superintendent's goals and evaluation. He announced the appointment of a new band director for SHS. He commended Deb Keller for her excellent work connecting with band students for many years, and she received applause and recognition. Superintendent introduced and welcomed the new director, Kate Heidemann, who will be sponsoring a "meet and greet" at the high school on August 2 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Clouet recognized Mark Bilotta, who will share the restructured music curriculum leader position next year with Ms. Keller.

Approved Field Trips

None.

Items Voted on

Kate Kutash moved to approve request from Shelton Intermediate School to conduct fundraising activities during 2017-18 school year; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to table Item VIII.A.2 (donation from BHS PTO for technology purchases) until next meeting pending additional information; seconded by Faith Hack. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to separate Item VIII.A.3 (Approval of contract extensions for Assistant Superintendent and Director of Human Resources) into two motions and to table the Assistant Superintendent motion, pending further information; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to approve the contract extension for the Director of Human Resources, as outlined; motion seconded by Faith Hack and approved unanimously.

Superintendent Clouet discussed the process followed for interviewing internal candidates and selection of Jamie Weber as the recommended candidate for the position of Assistant Principal.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the superintendent's recommendation to appoint Jamie Weber to position of Assistant Principal for Elizabeth Shelton School and Long Hill School; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed with vote of 8-0-1 (abstention Darlisa Ritter). Mrs. Weber was recognized and expressed her appreciation to the board.

Comments by the Board Chair

Chairman Holden discussed the STEM related camp program at Perry Hill School; School of Innovation at SIS; STEM Lab at SHS; August 24 Board of Education Retreat..

Reports of Standing Committees

Teaching & Learning – Thomas Minotti said the July meeting was canceled and committee will meet tentatively on August 8.

Finance Committee – Win Oppel said the committee meeting July 19 included discussion of approximately \$5,000 from 2016/17 budget to be returned to the city and a cafeteria update. Mr. Oppel said cafeteria employees will be covered by Sodexo until the end of August. He said the district is still looking for cost savings in special education transportation. Ed Drapp had presented information to the committee regarding the Sunnyside Roof project and SHS Fuel Cell costs involving discussions between the city and the installer.

Win Oppel moved to approve the recommended schedule of salary increases for the non-bargaining unit employees; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed with vote of 8-1 (nay David Gioiello).

Policy Committee – Kate Kutash said the committee canceled the July meeting and will meet tentatively on August 8.

Reports of Special Committees

CES – Arlene Liscinsky stated there are no meetings in July/August.

CABE – Faith Hack said there was nothing to report.

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

Highlights

Superintendent Clouet thanked the Board and members of the school community for their support with his mother's memorial service and passing.

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Diane Luther

Secretary to Board of Education

August 1, 2017