Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:
Mark Holden, Chairman  
John Francino-Quinn (excused)  
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman  
Faith Hack  
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary  
Kate Kutash (via Skype)  
Win Oppel  
Timothy Walsh (excused)  
Kathleen Yolish (excused)

Quorum 6 present, 3 absent

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr  
Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner  
Director of Finance & Business Services, Dominic Barone  
Human Resources Director, Carole Pannozzo

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda and Addendum**
Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda and addendum; motion seconded by Win Oppel and passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing**
There were no comments from the public.

**Approval of Minutes**
Win Oppel moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 22, 2015; Regular Meeting of July 22, 2015; Special Meeting of August 13, 2015; Special Meeting of August 19, 2105. Motion was seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

**Presentations/Recognitions**
Freeman Burr announced the names of new certified staff members and those present were recognized:

Isabella Costagliola, Elementary Teacher, Long Hill School
Kim Ganley, Library Media Specialist, Booth Hill School
Heather Holmes, Visual Arts Teacher, Booth Hill and Sunnyside Schools
Diane Houghton, Mathematics Curriculum Leader, Shelton High School
Rebekah Kershaw, Visual Arts Teacher, Elizabeth Shelton School
Julia Kolakowski, Elementary Teacher, Mohegan School
Shannon Levey, Special Education Teacher, Elizabeth Shelton School
Kimberly Lombardi, Elementary Teacher, Long Hill School
Emily Malay, Elementary Teacher, Mohegan School
Erin McGowan, Elementary Teacher, Long Hill School
Bree Murphy, Elementary Teacher, Elizabeth Shelton School
Sara Pospisil, Speech and Language Pathologist, Shelton Intermediate School
Amy Rawden, Special Education Teacher, Elizabeth Shelton School
Adam Rudman, Science Teacher, Shelton Intermediate School
Tania Scaccia, Pre-School Teacher, Mohegan School
Nicole Smerekanicz, Kindergarten Teacher, Sunnyside School
Kari Yacawych, Library Media Specialist, Mohegan and Sunnyside Schools
Tammy Zerella, Elementary Teacher, Long Hill School

Mr. Burr reintroduced Booth Hill Principal John Scalise and Mohegan Principal Ellen Tuckner. Also recognized were Paraprofessionals Krista Connolly, Mary Ann Gentile, Elizabeth Mysirlidis and Mary Kate Prezioso, all assigned to Perry Hill School, and Katherine Pivovar at Mohegan School.

Communications to the Board
There were no communications.

Instructional Update
Superintendent’s Commentary - Freeman Burr discussed this morning’s Opening of Schools program for staff and administration held at Shelton Intermediate School and his afternoon visits to Perry Hill, Shelton Intermediate, Shelton High, Long Hill and Sunnyside Schools. Mr. Burr said all administrators reported a smooth opening and start to the school year. He discussed Professional Learning activities scheduled at various sites on August 27 and 28 and noted that Monday, August 31, is Bus Safety Day, as well as a teacher work day. Mr. Burr also discussed the new teacher orientation and the well-attended meet and greet events for John Scalise at Booth Hill and Ellen Tuckner at Mohegan. Mr. Burr reviewed the topics covered at two administrative meetings. He stated that policy audit report was received from CABE and is currently being reviewed prior to apprising the board on next steps. Superintendent Burr noted Co-Teachers of the Year Deb Tucker and Brad Piccirillo were announced at the convocation and gave amazing speeches. The following staff achieved Perfect Attendance last school year and were recognized this morning:

Michael Baneat – PHS
Tina Basimakopoulos – MOH
Barbara Clifford – SHS
Margaret Del Buono – SHS
David DeLucia – MOH
D. Clark Howell – SHS
Robin Kichar – SSS
Jason Kymer - SHS
Samuel Lapaglia - SHS
Lisa-Marie Liberti - SIS
Caitlyn Miller - SIS
Theresa Ann Moore - SHS
Shane Morse - SIS
Stacey Reilly - PHS
Katherine Sulik - PHS
Mr. Burr stated the United Way kickoff took place this morning. Once again, Kathy Riddle is our District United Way Representative. Superintendent Burr said the SBAC data is in and is still embargoed. Principals will be briefed once Central Office analysis is completed. Mr. Burr discussed the grade 11 exam and possible replacement with the SAT, as stated recently by the Governor.

**Items Presented for a Vote**

Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the appointment of John Calhoun as Supervisor of Facilities for the Shelton Public Schools; motion seconded by Win Oppel and passed unanimously.

Mr. Calhoun was congratulated and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Shelton Public Schools.

Win Oppel moved to approve the renegotiated contract for the Director of Technology in accordance with the specifications approved by the Finance Committee on August 19, 2015; motion seconded by Arlene Liscinsky and passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to approve the following requests as outlined to conduct fundraising activities during the 2015-16 school year:

- Long Hill School
- Shelton Intermediate School
- Shelton High School Quarterback Club
- Shelton High School Boys’ Cross Country Team
- Perry Hill School
- Shelton High School PTSA
- Long Hill School PTO
- Shelton High School Wrestling Parent Club
- Shelton High School Marching Gaels Parents Association
- Shelton High School Goal Club (Boys Soccer Program)

Motion was seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

**Comments by the Board Chair**

Chairman Holden said he is anxious to know results of SBAC testing as compared to other districts and said Shelton does well with available resources, which is a testimony of the quality of people we hire. He referred to the meet and greets at Booth Hill and Mohegan and said it’s clear that both principals have the demeanor and drive to make things happen in their schools. Mr. Holden commented on the progress of the superintendent search, stating that time will be taken to make sure the board hires the right person for the position. He said that while we’re taking our time to ensure we hire the best candidate, the fact that other districts are also looking means moving as expeditiously as possible is also important.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

**Teaching and Learning** – Thomas Minotti reviewed the topics covered at the last meeting on June 26. Beth Smith had given an overview of Capstone Projects, which were completed by 396 graduates. Ken Saranich had presented information on new course proposals, which
were approved for implementation in the 2015-16 academic school year. Minutes are posted online. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 4 p.m.

Policy – Lorraine Rossner reviewed the agenda items from the last meeting on August 5, which included CABE BOE policy review update; continued discussion of CIAC position statement with respect to out-of-district student participation in club and sports activities; and continued discussion of revision of the SHS/BOE Dress Code. Minutes are posted online. The committee will meet next on September 15 at 5 p.m. Relative to the scope of the policy revisions, Chairman Holden recommends dividing the book with half to be handled by a committee available to meet during the day and the other half by an evening committee. Board members were asked to consider this approach and their availability.

Finance – Arlene Liscinsky stated the committee met three times and the following motions are presented to the full board:

Arlene Liscinsky moved to accept the Healthy Food Certification Statement as presented at the Finance Committee meeting; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to accept the Stevens Ford passenger van bid as recommended by the Finance Committee; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to accept the following new stipend positions:

- 2 Capstone Coordinators at SHS
- 7 Technology Integrators
- Dance Instructor at SIS
- Jazz/Concert Band Instructor at SHS

Motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to accept the Secretarial Contract as negotiated for 2015-2018; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to empower the Superintendent to move forward with the implementation of the building substitute plan; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

Reports of Special Committees
CES – Arlene Liscinsky said the September meeting will be next week and on agenda will be a visit from the Commissioner of Education.

CABE – No report was given.

For Your Information
Chairman Holden referenced the attachments in the packet including Vacancy Report, Staff and Stipend Actions. Back to School Nights are listed on the agenda.
**Highlights**
Faith Hack commented on this morning’s convocation and wished staff well for the coming year. Mark Holden commented on the impressive remarks from the Co-Teachers of the Year.

**Adjournment**
Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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**Diane Luther**

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*Secretary to Board of Education*

*September 3, 2015*