

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP
Board of Education Administrative Offices
382 Long Hill Avenue
Board Room, 2nd Floor
January 4, 2017**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman

Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman (departed 6:29 p.m.)

Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary

David Gioiello (excused)

Faith Hack

Kate Kutash

Win Oppel (via Skype)

Darlisa Ritter

Kathleen Yolish

Quorum: 8 present; 1 absent (changed to 7 present, 2 absent at 6:29 PM)

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.

Approval of Agenda

Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report – Landmark Student Transportation

Superintendent Clouet discussed the recent bus incident, in which no students were injured, but resulted in the arrest of a Landmark bus driver. Dr. Clouet reviewed his meeting with Landmark's regional manager and steps to be taken. There was a brief question and answer session with board members.

Budget Discussion Related to Departmental Requests

Dr. Clouet stated tonight will be a review of information that was provided to the board in summary fashion at our most recent meeting where specific requests from principals and program directors were shared. They are here tonight to answer any questions from the board. Superintendent Clouet said everyone knows this is happening in the context of big changes at the federal government level, the most recent cut in our current budget allocation from the state, and a difficult economic time. He stated there is a lot of uncertainty about the impact of ECS funding reduction, and he will update the board following his meeting with Mayor Lauretti tomorrow to discuss that and other issues.

Chairman Holden mentioned several other issues that will make next year's budget challenging including higher special education costs, tuition for magnet schools, contractual salary adjustments for teachers and administrators, etc.

Dominic Barone referenced the minor changes to the budget document based on feedback and to make it more concise.

The following principals and department heads reviewed their budget requests and responded to questions from the board: James Zavodjancik; Beverly Belden, Kristen Santilli, Ellen Tuckner, Amy Yost, Lorraine Williams, Ken Saranich, Beth Smith, Tina Henckel, Janice Simonetti/Carla D'Orio, John Niski, Dominic Barone, Carole Pannozzo, and Dan DiVito. Superintendent Clouet reviewed the request from Security/Transportation.

Dr. Clouet outlined his expectations of the budget process from now through his recommended proposal.

Board members were asked to submit their prioritized recommendations for items to Dr. Clouet.

Next budget session will be during the meeting of Finance Committee on January 18.

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

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Secretary to Board of Education

January 11, 2017