Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call:
Mark Holden, Chairman  
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman  
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary (via Skype)  
David Gioiello  
Faith Hack

Kate Kutash  
Win Oppel (via Skype)  
Darlisa Ritter  
Kathleen Yolish

Full Quorum

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Christopher Clouet  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Lorraine Rossner  
Finance Director, Dominic Barone  
Human Resources Director, Carole Pannozzo

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

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Timothy J. Walsh III.

Approval of Agenda

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Presentations/Recognitions

Superintendent Clouet said we will begin tonight with presentations to some very bright young people who reflect the community so well. James Hill, Chair of the Social Studies Department at SHS, joined Dr. Clouet to recognize the eight students for their award-winning speeches at the American Legion Oratorical Contest sponsored by American Legion Post 16. The following students briefly described their speeches and were presented Certificates of Recognition:

Shelton High School:
4th Place  Samantha Tiberi  
3rd Place  Sejal Bhargava  
2nd Place  Keyur Shah  
1st Place  Deloshene Sittambalam

Shelton Intermediate School:
4th Place  Jenna Melanson  
3rd Place  Raymond Sakr  
2nd Place  Pauline Makinano  
1st Place  David Adamson
Dr. Clouet introduced Melissa Fenstermaker, Perry Hill School grade 5 Language Arts teacher. Melissa expressed gratitude for being named Shelton’s Teacher of the Year and thanked family, fellow teachers and students. She said she is proud to say she is a teacher in Shelton doing every day what she feels she was born to do. She received a standing ovation.

**Public Hearing**
There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

**Approval of Minutes**
Kate Kutash moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2016 and Special Meeting of May 26, 2016; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

**Communications to the Board**
There were none.

**Superintendent’s Reports & Action Items**
Superintendent Clouet stated that Tina Henckel and Lorraine Williams led a project over the last year or so to find the right math program for PHS. A full presentation will be given to the board in August.

Dr. Clouet announced that SHS senior Kyle McGinnis, a midfielder in lacrosse, was named to the 2016 Academic All American list for Connecticut, which indicates his great skill as an athlete as well as a student scholar.

Dr. Clouet read a letter he received from Jimmy Hunter, Class of 2016, reflecting on his years at Shelton High School and thanking his parents, teachers and staff for their support. Jimmy stated he was honored to be a recipient of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents’ Student Recognition Award, adding that it was a personal challenge of performing at a high level academically and staying well-rounded and engaged in activities that he loved. Jimmy described his journey at SHS as a rewarding and memorable experience. Superintendent Clouet said it is not often that such a letter is written by a graduating student to a superintendent to thank the school community for helping him be a well-balanced young man.

**Approved Field Trip**
There were none.

**Items Voted on**
Kate Kutash moved to approve the revisions to Policy Series 4000, which have sat for review; motion seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the revisions to Bylaw #9110, Number of Members, Terms of Office, Oath of Office, which have sat for review; motion seconded by Faith Hack. Discussion was held to clarify the current information on Terms of Office and
proposed change. There was also discussion of Robert’s Rules relative to definition of being present and voting and whether or not participation by video is in compliance. It was stated that the Secretary of State accepts any electronic participation at board meetings. Kate Kutash moved the question. Chairman stated the question has been called; Win Oppel seconded and all were in favor. A vote was taken on the original motion. Motion passed with 6-3 vote. (Darlisa Ritter, Kathy Yolish and David Gioiello voted nay.)

Kate Kutash moved to accept the following donations/grants:

- On behalf of Long Hill School a donation of $898.40 from the Stop & Shop rewards program designated for student use
- On behalf of Mohegan School a donation of $8,770.66 from the Stop & Shop rewards program to be used in direct service to Mohegan students in areas such as technology or cultural arts
- On behalf of Shelton High School a Community Grant of $1,500 from Walmart Community Grants Team and Facility #2163 for the sole purpose of enhancing the Drama Club
- On behalf of Shelton High School a grant of $1,000 from the CAS Foundation for the sole purpose of providing student educational programs on the opioid crisis
- On behalf of Shelton High School a donation of $1,000 from SHS PTSO to be used to purchase new tables for SHS

Motion was seconded by Thomas Minotti. Discussion held relative to procedure for receiving checks, approving expenditures, number of signatures required on checks, and audit of funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Faith Hack moved to approve the following requests to conduct fundraising activities for the 2016-17 school year:

- Long Hill School PTO
- Shelton High School Goal Club

Motion was seconded by Thomas Minotti and passed unanimously

Comments by the Board Chair
Chairman Holden gave some remarks about the students who took part in the American Legion Oratorical Contest and said it is impressive to have them in our system and that we have the teachers to help them make the most of themselves.
Reports of Standing Committees

Teaching & Learning – Thomas Minotti reviewed the topic covered at the June 14 meeting, a presentation of a new math program at Perry Hill School given by Tina Henckel, Lorraine Williams and Gavriela Ziu-Pires. Board members previously were provided a pilot program outline. As a result of a research study, Go Math was selected as the best resource to support instruction. Go Math, along with supplemental resources from Eureka Math will be adopted to support the 5/6 curriculum revision process.

Finance Committee – Win Oppel said there are two recommendations from the committee.

Win Oppel moved to adopt a budget of $70,470,000 for the 2016-17 fiscal year, as presented; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to implement Phase 1 of the IT restructuring by creating two Technician positions and eliminating two IT interns; motion seconded by Faith Hack. Discussion. Darlisa Ritter expressed her concerns and provided copies of her letter addressing the IT Department Reorganization. Dan DiVito answered questions and provided further information. Motion passed unanimously.

Arlene Liscinsky asked about status of possible Special Meeting of the Board to discuss the health care options proposed by Caris. Win Oppel said a meeting will be scheduled in July.

Policy Committee/Ad Hoc Policy Committee - Kate reported on the committee meeting held June 14, at which the 5000 and 6000 Series were discussed.

Kate Kutash moved to approve Policy Series 5000 and 6000 to sit for review until the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; motion seconded by Faith Hack and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be August 9 at 2:00 p.m. Tentative agenda items are continued discussion of parents driving students to school-sponsored events; building use and responsibility for outlining administrative regulations; and beginning stages of looking at honorary diploma policy.

Dave Gioiello expressed concerns about meetings being scheduled during the day when some committee members who work and the public unable to attend. Chairman Holden stated it is up to the individual committees to set the time and should be a topic of discussion at the next Policy Meeting.

Reports of Special Committees

CES - Arlene Liscinsky stated no meetings are held in the summer. Next meeting will be in September. Notes are included in packets. There was brief discussion of Administrator Aspirant Program.

CABE – Faith Hack reminded members of upcoming events.
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, and Enrollment Report. Mr. Holden noted the following:

Resignations:  Patrick Cahill, SHS Math
              Kim Ganley, BHS Library Media Specialist
              Shane Morse, SIS Math
              John Scalise, BHS Principal

Retirements:  Robert Ford, SHS/SSS General Music
              Patricia Guarino, SHS School Office Secretary

Highlights
Kathy Yolish discussed LHS Red Nose Day; ESS Fundation Spelling Bee; Step-Kindergarten event; Awards Night; ESS Diversity Day; SHS Graduation. She expressed appreciation to the Board Members and all staff for doing a wonderful job throughout the year.

Mark Holden stated it has been an incredibly good school year and looks forward to seeing the SBAC reports to get a good indication of how our students did, hopefully in time for our Board Retreat (date not scheduled yet).

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Diane Luther
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Secretary to Board of Education
July 1, 2016