

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SHELTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
DECEMBER 16, 2009**

The Board met at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. **Motion was made by Win Oppel to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; motion passed.** All Board Members were in attendance with the exception of Mike Pacowta. Freeman Burr, Allan Cameron and Rita McDougald-Campbell were invited to stay. **Win Oppel made a motion to leave Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; motion passed.**

Chairman Timothy Walsh called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: (alpha order)

Paula Ellis

John Francino-Quinn

Kate Kutash

Arlene Liscinsky

Thomas Minotti

Win Oppel

Mike Pacowta (Absent)

Timothy Walsh, Chairman

Kathleen Yolish

A quorum of 8-0

Board of Education Administration present:

Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr

Director of Finance, Allan Cameron

Director of Special Education/PPS, Valentina Parchin

Director of Human Resources, Rita McDougald-Campbell

Operations Manager, William Banfe

(2 tapes on file in City/Town Clerk's Office)

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Note: Some agenda items were addressed out of sequence.)

Win Oppel made a motion to move Item II. Public Hearing to the end of the agenda to allow ample time for public comment; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Approval of Agenda and Addendum

Win Oppel moved to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Win Oppel moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 17, 2009; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Appointments

Freeman Burr stated the following two appointments were posted in the fall and have been in the pipeline for some time, both being covered by the Athletic budget.

Paula Ellis moved to appoint Kerry Ostrosky to the position of assistant girls' basketball coach at Shelton High School, as a replacement; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Paula Ellis moved to appoint Thomas Roche to the position of hockey coach, as a replacement; seconded by Kate Kutash; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Retirements

Paula Ellis moved to accept with regret the retirement of David DeAngelis, media specialist at Long Hill School, after 24 years of service, effective June 30, 2009; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Resignations

Paula Ellis moved to accept with regret the resignation of Carolyn Palmer, paraprofessional at Sunnyside School, after 20 years of service, effective December 31, 2009; seconded by Kathy Yolish; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Instructional Update

Freeman Burr noted there will be three community presentations of the redistricting plan for public review and input. Those meetings will be held at the Shelton Intermediate School sometime between January 15-31, 2010.

Items Voted On

Thomas Minotti moved to approve, with implementation in the 2010/2011 school year, the revised Student Discipline Policy #5000, which has sat for thirty days; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Items Voted On (Continued)

Freeman Burr said the following motion is to correct previous action taken on Policy #1170.

Thomas Minotti moved to recall Recognition Policy #1170 and approve Recognition Policy #1170.1; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky. Discussion – Paula Ellis expressed various concerns about the policy, specifically the restrictiveness. Vote 6-2 (Nays - Paula Ellis, John Francino-Quinn); motion passed.

School Facilities Report

Public Improvement Building Committee – Bill Banfe said the building committee accepted the project as final and complete and the two upcoming motions relate to acceptance and filing of final paperwork. Arlene Liscinsky questioned if the project came in under budget and urged the Board Chairman to ask that any monies be returned to the Board of Education.

Win Oppel moved to accept the Long Hill School Roof Replacement Project (#126-0082) as final and complete, and to authorize the filing of the final grant application ED049F and all other associated paperwork; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to accept the Elizabeth Shelton School Roof Replacement Project (#126-0083) as final and complete, and to authorize the filing of the final grant application ED049F and all other associated paperwork; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion passed.

Bill Banfe stated the elementary boiler project is complete and will be addressed at next month's board meeting.

Perry Hill School Building Committee – Mr. Banfe informed the Board that the project is approximately 75% complete. The heat is on in 60% of the building and 50-60% of the windows are installed. The binder coat has been installed around 2/3 of the building. Interior work will be done during winter months. The current schedule provided by the contractor indicates substantial completion by the third week of July, which means a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.

Reports by Standing Committees

Athletics – Paula Ellis stated the committee did not meet.

Building & Grounds –Win Oppel said this committee will meet on the second Monday of each month starting at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room.

Reports by Standing Committees (Continued)

Cafeteria/Transportation – Kate Kutash said due to the multiplicity of meetings for the budget and the short time between BOE meetings, the committee has not met.

Policy/Curriculum/Technology – Thomas Minotti said the committee had a “transition” meeting on December 1 to define the Policy/Technology group under Kate Kutash and Curriculum under Thomas Minotti. The next meeting is scheduled tentatively for January 12 at 4 p.m.

Personnel – Paula Ellis said the committee did not meet.

Finance – Arlene Liscinsky said the committee met this evening and reviewed the 2009-10 expenditures and conversation at previous meeting regarding the budget.

Reports of Special Committees

CES – Arlene Liscinsky stated there was no meeting in December. They will meet in January.

CABE – Timothy Walsh reported on the CABE Conference attended in November by Freeman Burr, Allan Cameron and himself.

Public Hearing

A total of 40 people addressed the Board concerning the budget mitigation plan and the resulting teacher layoffs, lack of services for students, and athletic program cuts:

(Note: Tape 1, side B – 8:15 p.m.; Tape 2, side A – 9:00 p.m.; Tape 2, side B – 9:45 p.m.)

Jaryd Witkowski, 284 Meadow St.

Erika Sabovik, 200 East Village Rd.

Laura Marcinauskis, 172 Nells Rock Rd.

Michael Kaminski, 5 Bona Vista Terrace

Carey Tedesco, 2 Arden Lane

Kim DeBenedetto, 22 Theodore Rd.

Amy Sorensen, 30 Blueberry Lane.

Octavia Catana, 47 Fort Hill Ave

Victoria Hope, 27 Redwood Circle

Katherine Maffucci, 359 Shelton Ave.

Aimee Cayer, 23 Cayer Circle

Dr. Lori Monaco, 96 Longmeadow Rd.

Michael DeAngelis, 45 Hubbell Lane

Laura Treonze, 25 Dartmouth Dr.

Colleen Batterson, 108 Okenuck Way

Al Minopoli, 65 Treeland Rd.

Christine Demchak, 15 Quarry Ridge, Monroe

Mary Ann Victoria, 320 Beardsley Rd.

Rebecca Zaleski, 8 Shinacock Trail

Patricia Lacobelle, 41 Commodore Rd.

Jean Salinsky, 128 Old Mill Rd.

Amy Lilley, 7145 Old Turnpike Rd.

Lisa Wiczorkowski, 149 Tuckahoe Dr

Marybeth McPadden, 33 Darrin Drive

Candida Innaco, 85 Vista Drive

Tammie Brown, 14 Ballaro Drive

Michael Schrynemakers, 154 Mohegan Rd.

Kathi Sokolowski, 46 Hurd Street

Stephanie Brannen, 47 Spruce Hill Rd.

Ruth Schilkowski, 27 Fort Hill Ave.

Karen Oko, 82 Spoke Dr.
Kay Taylor, 49 Hickory Lane
Lindsay Mashel, 1624 Aspen Glen Dr.
Carolyn Finley, 53 Greystone
Bill Silverstein, 10 Kimberly Dr.

Ann-Marie Francino-Quinn, 24 Sanford Dr.
LeAnn Sheldon, 225 Lenore Dr.
Lynne Van Akin, 168 Village Dr.
Peggy Camp, 10 Tuckahoe Dr.
Deb Keller, 311 Pheasant Glen

Adjournment

Paula Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m.; seconded by John Francino-Quinn; vote 8-0; motion carried.

Diane Luther

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Recording Secretary – Board of Education
December 21, 2009