

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING – Budget Workshop #3  
Board of Education Administrative Offices  
382 Long Hill Avenue  
Board Room**

**January 23, 2018**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman

Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman

Kate Kutash, Secretary

Anne Gaydos

David Gioiello

José Goncalves (absent)

Amanda Kilmartin

Darlisa Ritter (excused)

Kathleen Yolish

Quorum: 7 Present; 2 Absent

Board of Education Administration present: Christopher Clouet, Superintendent of Schools; Lorraine Rossner, Assistant Superintendent; Edward Drapp, Finance Director; Carole Pannozzo, Human Resources Director

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Kathy Yolish moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Anne Gaydos and passed unanimously.**

**Budget Discussion**

There was lengthy discussion of the Community Forum held the previous night and the budget process, and various ideas for presentation to the Board of Aldermen were exchanged. Ed Drapp reviewed detailed budget line items included in handout and addressed questions. Beth Smith, Ken Saranich and John Niski discussed ways in which they have managed their needs following the cuts of the last budget year. SHS Headmaster Beth Smith explained the request for .5 Music teacher to meet the needs associated with music program improvement, which is currently an afterschool program; a Science teacher to meet the requirements of the department related to STEM, expanded science offerings with UB Chemistry and Physics and new AP Capstone research-based project; and .5 Tech Ed teacher in order to offer the UB Engineering Course and fully utilize the new STEM lab. SIS Headmaster Ken Saranich discussed adding two new teams to the School of Innovation to continue the path for current grade 7 students by expanding to grade 8, which would require hiring two new teachers. He stated the requested Chromebooks are needed for the 1-1 initiative currently in place at SOI. Athletic Director John Niski discussed a request to replace the current 14 year-old varsity football uniforms, which will be passed down to JV team members. He also requested field hockey and soccer goals.

***(NOTE: Tape 1: Side B – 8:28 p.m.)***

Revisions were made to the proposed budget request, and general discussion followed. Consensus was to keep the request at 3.99%. All agreed to vote on the budget at the Board of Education Regular Meeting on January 24, which would eliminate the need for an additional budget meeting on January 31.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Mark Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Diane Luther

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*Secretary to Board of Education*

*January 30, 2018*