Chairman Kathy Yolish called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call:
John Fitzgerald  James Orazietti, Vice Chair
Amanda Kilmartin  Carl Rizzo
Kate Kutash  Amy Romano, Secretary
Diana Meyer  Kathleen Yolish, Chair
Patti Moonan

Full Quorum

Also in Attendance: Dr. Beth Smith, Interim Superintendent; Kenneth Saranich, Assistant Superintendent; Carole Pannozzo, Human Resources Director; Rick Belden, Finance Director; Daniel DiVito, Technology Director; Candidates Theresa Raposo and Kathleen Riddle

(There is no audio tape recording of this meeting. It was live streamed on the Shelton Public Schools YouTube channel and is available on the City of Shelton and Shelton Public Schools websites.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda**

James Orazietti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and approved unanimously.

**Action Items**

James Orazietti moved to enter Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter, Item IV.A. Possible appointment of Superintendent’s Recommended Candidate for Supervisor of Special Education; motion seconded by Amy Romano and passed unanimously. Invited to stay were Dr. Beth Smith, Kenneth Saranich, Carole Pannozzo, Rick Belden, and candidate Theresa Raposo. Kathleen Riddle and Diane Luther left the meeting.

The board came out of Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. Mrs. Yolish announced no votes were taken.

James Orazietti moved to appoint the Superintendent’s recommended candidate Theresa Raposo as Supervisor of Special Education; motion seconded by Amanda Kilmartin and passed unanimously.
James Orazietti moved to enter Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter, Item IV. B. Possible appointment of Superintendent’s Recommended Candidate for Interim High School Principal; motion seconded by Kate Kutash and passed unanimously. Invited to stay were Dr. Beth Smith, Kenneth Saranich, Carole Pannozzo, Rick Belden and candidate Kathleen Riddle. Diane Luther left the meeting.

The board came out of Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. Mrs. Yolish announced no votes were taken.

Kate Kutash moved to appoint the Superintendent’s recommended candidate Kathleen Riddle as Interim High School Principal; motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to table Item IV.C. Possible vote to appoint Superintendent’s Recommended Transfer for Elizabeth Shelton Elementary School Principal for the reason that the interview process has not taken place; motion seconded by James Orazietti and passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Graduation Committee Chair Amanda Kilmartin led a discussion of the process followed in choosing a graduation date and ceremony for SHS senior class of 2020. She noted the objective of satisfying students’ desires to march in as a class wearing a cap and gown, walk across a stage to receive diplomas, and graduate along with their friends in the presence of parents and family members. Dr. Smith discussed the most recent state guidelines, which will be uploaded to our website and Facebook page. Dr. Smith will continue to advocate for the best possible ceremony should guidelines be upgraded. Following a discussion of details, the committee members were commended for their work in proposing a meaningful and memorable ceremony.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the graduation ceremony date of July 8 with a rain date of July 9, as outlined by Amanda Kilmartin and Dr. Smith, with the understanding that administration can move forward if positive guideline changes occur without the need for a board meeting; motion seconded by Amy Romano and passed unanimously.

James Orazietti moved to include all members of the board in the Search Committee for the Superintendent; motion seconded by John Fitzgerald. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment
Mrs. Yolish adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Diane Luther
Secretary to Board of Education
June 19, 2020