

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
382 LONG HILL AVENUE
BOARD ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
AUGUST 28, 2013**

Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mark Holden, Chairman	John Francino-Quinn
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman	James Orazietti
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary (excused)	Mike Pacowta
Win Oppel (departed at 7:40 p.m.)	Kathleen Yolish
Timothy Walsh	

Initial Quorum – 8 present; 1 absent
Quorum at 7:40 p.m. – 7 present; 2 absent

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner
Finance Director, Allan Cameron
Human Resources Director, Carole PannoZZo

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Timothy Walsh moved to approve the agenda; seconded by James Orazietti.

Win Oppel moved to add two items to the agenda - Fundraising requests from SHS PTSO and SHS Girls Volleyball Program, under VIII. B. 2; seconded by Timothy Walsh; motion passed.

The main motion to approve the agenda as amended passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Daniel Mingay, 15 Sandy Lane, discussed a bullying situation relative to his daughter, asked several questions and offered suggestions for the district to deal with bullying.

Ronald Cohn, 30 Laurel Heights, father of girl who was a victim of same bullying situation, urged the board to take a stand on bullying.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue, commented on the landscaping improvements at Central Office and noted that board members in attendance at the last Finance Committee meeting did not question the year end budget balance.

Natalie Mingay, 15 Sandy Lane, discussed bullying of her son four years ago and stressed the need to take bullying seriously.

Superintendent Burr addressed the parents and stated there is an ongoing investigation of the most recent bullying situation.

(Note: Win Oppel departed at 7:40 p.m.)

Approval of Minutes

Timothy Walsh moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 24, 2013 and Regular Meeting of July 24, 2013; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Presentation

Freeman Burr gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CMT/CAPT test scores focusing on a review of goal results. He commented that while the state averages at every grade level in every subject declined and the proficiency rate at every grade level in every subject declined, Shelton was one of several districts that bucked the trend. A copy of his presentation will be sent electronically to all board members.

Communications to the Board

Freeman Burr said the parent commentary in the Public Hearing will be considered a communication. Headmaster Saranich and Housemaster Ivanoff have been involved in the investigation, which is ongoing, and the board will be apprised.

Superintendent's Commentary

Freeman Burr discussed professional development that is taking place at schools and noted that today was first day of teacher evaluation.

Approved Field Trips

The board was advised of the following approved field trips:

- Gr. 8, Washington, D.C., May 3-6, 2014
- Gr. 7, Nature's Classroom, Colebrook, CT, Sept. 25-27, 2013

Items Voted On

James Oraziatti moved to ratify the United Public Service Employees Union (Nurses) collective bargaining agreement; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the fundraising requests as listed; seconded by Timothy Walsh; vote 7-0; motion passed.

- Shelton Intermediate School
- Shelton Intermediate School PTO
- Booth Hill School
- Sunnyside School PTO
- Shelton High School Quarterback Club
- Shelton High School Wrestling Parent Booster Club
- Shelton High School Girls Soccer Parent Organization
- Shelton High School PTSO
- Shelton High School Girls Volleyball Program

Comments by the Board Chair

Chairman Mark Holden reported that Arlene Liscinsky is at Griffin Hospital anticipating surgery. Mr. Holden referenced receipt of significant reports about climate issues and said staff will handle appropriately. He noted the mission and vision statements have been posted in the board room as a reminder to all and commented briefly on the CMT/CAPT scores and new bus service.

Reports of Standing Committees

Teaching and Learning – Thomas Minotti summarized the meeting of August 13; minutes have been posted. Topics covered were calendar for opening of schools; professional learning activities for administration and faculty; Pilot Teacher Evaluation update. Copies of information distributed at committee meeting will be made available to those board members who did not attend. Schedules will be coordinated and next meeting date will be announced.

Policy –

Jay Francino-Quinn moved to approve Policy #6141.322, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD); seconded by James Oraziatti; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Kathy Yolish reviewed the topics discussed at the meeting held on August 20. Included were Wellness Policy #6142 regarding physical education and activity; Fundraising Advertising Proposal; school security plans; new residency forms. School Reform – Academic Advancement Program will be moved to Teaching and Learning Committee. Due to the length of the meeting, some items were tabled for discussion at next meeting, which will be announced.

Ad Hoc Full-Day Kindergarten Committee – Kathy Yolish shared information discussed at the August 13 meeting including an SDE analysis report showing full and half-day

kindergarten data statewide, and a draft budget proposal estimating the cost of implementing a full-day kindergarten program at \$944,849. Site visits to Stratford, New Milford, Milford and a re-visit to Trumbull are being organized; Mayor Lauretti expressed interest in attending. The next meeting date will coincide with Teaching and Learning.

Finance – Tom Minotti reviewed the topics addressed at the August 21 meeting including non-bargaining unit salary/insurance premium cost increases; student transportation progress report; Facilities projects; School Security Grant; Technology Grant application.

James Oraziotti moved to approve the proposed 2013-2014 salary increases and insurance premium cost increases for non-bargaining staff, as recommended by the Finance Committee; seconded by Kathy Yolish. Discussion was held concerning a salary increase for a merit position. Vote 6-1 (Nay – Timothy Walsh); motion passed.

Reports of Special Committees

CES – Tom Minotti said the next scheduled meeting is September 5.

CABE – Kathy Yolish reminded members to notify Diane Luther if they are planning to attend the CABE/CAPSS Conference on November 15-16.

For Your Information

Chairman Mark Holden referenced the attachments in packet including Enrollment and Vacancy Reports. The following certified staff appointments were announced and those present were introduced:

Certified Staff Appointments:

Kayla Liggins, pre-kindergarten special education teacher, Long Hill School, effective August 27, 2013

Roseann Moon, special education teacher, Perry Hill School, effective August 27, 2013

Lindsay Nardone, grade 2 teacher at Mohegan School, effective August 27, 2013

Patrick Sullivan, grade 4 teacher at Mohegan School, effective August 27, 2013

Jennifer Wolyniec, Special Education Department Chair, Shelton Intermediate School, effective August 27, 2013

Patrice Yaglowski, Spanish teacher, Shelton High School, effective August 27, 2013

It was noted that the following information is in the Human Resources report included in the packet:

Non-Certified Staff Appointments:

Patrick Ferrull, custodial position, Shelton Intermediate School, effective August 26, 2013

Charles Stankye, school security guard, Shelton High School, effective August 28, 2013

Stipend Appointments:

James Ferro, Coach, Freshman Boys' Soccer, SHS

Teresa Hellauer, Assistant Coach, Girls' Swimming, SHS

Stipend Reappointments:

Nicholas Corkery, Assistant Coach, Boys' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

John Danielski, Coach, Girls' Interscholastic Basketball, SIS, Winter Season

Brian Gardiner, Head Coach, Boys' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

Mark Kovacs, Coach, Freshman Football, SHS, Fall Season

Jason Kymer, Head Coach, Boys' Indoor Track, SHS, Winter Season

Joseph LaPorta, Assistant Coach, Boys' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

Stephen Malafronte, Coach, Boys' Interscholastic Basketball, SIS, Winter Season

William Maloney, Head Coach, Wrestling, SHS, Winter Season

Kerri Ostrosky, Assistant Coach, Girls' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

George Perduta, Assistant Coach, Boys' Swimming, SHS, Winter Season

Brad Piccirillo, Intramural Fitness, SHS, Winter & Spring Seasons

Mary Piccirillo, Head Coach, Girls' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

Adam Reynolds, Coach, Girls' Indoor Track, SHS, Winter Season

Michael Staples, Assistant Coach, Boys' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

Dana Williams, Assistant Coach, Girls' Basketball, SHS, Winter Season

Stipend Appointment Resignations:

Stephen Malafronte, Coach, Boys' Freshman Soccer, SHS

Back to School Nights:

Booth Hill	10/1	Perry Hill gr. 5	9/23
Elizabeth Shelton	10/2	Perry Hill gr. 6	9/26
Long Hill	10/1	SIS	9/19
Mohegan	9/30	SHS	9/17
Sunnyside	9/24		

Highlights

Jay Francino-Quinn commented that the board needs to address the issues of bullying and non-resident students. He mentioned that Micheala Coppola, a student at Shelton High School who attends classes at ECA, has been accepted to a jazz ensemble.

(Note: Tape 1; Side B – 8:41 p.m.)

Mark Holden closed the meeting with comments about Shelton's talented students, as evidenced by Micheala Coppola's accomplishment, the Science Fair exhibits, Robotics competition, and excellent speeches by students at graduation. He noted that while there may be some challenges relative to budget, a balance will be achieved for the good of the students. He recognized that the faculty and staff are doing the best they can for the students.

Adjournment

Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Diane Luther

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Recording Secretary – Board of Education

September 5, 2013