

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
382 LONG HILL AVENUE  
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT  
MARCH 25, 2009**

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

**Timothy Walsh made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by James Orazietti. Present were Eugene Kierce, Arlene Liscinsky, Francis MacIlvain, Thomas Minotti, Win Oppel, James Orazietti and Timothy Walsh. Invited to the session were Robin Willink, Lorraine Rossner, Allan Cameron and Rita McDougald-Campbell. Vote 7-0; motion carried.**

**Thomas Minotti made a motion to leave Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.; seconded by Eugene Kierce; vote 7-0; motion carried.**

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

Roll Call: (alpha order)

Paula Ellis

Eugene Kierce

Arlene Liscinsky

Francis MacIlvain

Thomas Minotti

Win Oppel, Chairman

James Orazietti

Bernard Simons (excused)

Timothy Walsh

A quorum of 8 present and 1 absent

Board of Education Administration present:

Superintendent of Schools, Robin Willink

Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner

Director of Finance, Allan Cameron

Director of Instruction, Patricia Curran

Director of Human Resources, Rita McDougald-Campbell

Operations Manager, William Banfe

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

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In recognition of Board of Education Appreciation Month, Robin Willink thanked the Board for their service, support and countless hours spent on various activities. The public was invited to celebrate for a few moments with refreshments.

**Public Hearing:**

Anne Marie Francino-Quinn, 24 Sanford Drive, discussed the Long Hill School boiler breakdown that occurred this week and asked for a status report.

Richard Widomski, 49 Christine Drive, discussed the City's transfer of bonding money from Lafayette School roof repairs to survey and engineering of the Wooster Street railroad crossing. He asked that the Board request the aldermen to immediately rescind the motion.

Cindy Glover, 88 Birchbank Road, employee of Board of Education, requested the Board to assist in getting more information and allowing input concerning the Mayor's plans for the pension plan.

Casey Monahan, 11 Hickory Lane, Shelton High School senior, proposed the idea of taking a helicopter to the junior/senior prom at The Waterview and asked for the Board's consideration.

As no one else wished to speak, the public session was closed.

**Approval of Agenda and Addendum:**

**Timothy Walsh made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Eugene Kierce; vote 8-0; motion carried. Timothy Walsh made a motion to approve the addendum to the agenda; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Thomas Minotti made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2009; seconded by Timothy Walsh; vote 7-0-1 (Paula Ellis abstained); motion carried.**

**Presentations:**

Certificates of Recognition were presented to Sara Wright, for being named the Outstanding Junior Musician by the Greater Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra, for representing Shelton High School at the Chorus of the Western Regional Music Festival, and for being selected as Connecticut Association of Schools Fine Arts Winner; Tebben Lopez for being selected as the female winner of the Al Neuharth USA Today Free Spirit Scholar Award for Connecticut and for the national program in Washington, DC; and the SHS Academic Bowl Team (Captain Ruben Atilho, and team members Parvati Vaish, Dan Levine, and Neville Commissariat) and advisor Michael Tichy for qualifying (first time ever for Shelton High School) for the National Academic Championship in Washington, DC. by finishing as runner up in the consolation division at the Westchester Academic Tournament.

**Presentations: (Continued)**

Cathleen Kellett of Valley Parish Nurses presented information on CPR Anytime, a grant-funded program that will be provided to all seventh grade science students.

**Communications to the Board:**

Robin Willink reported that \$2,000 had been given on behalf of the Board to support the Post Prom event. A letter was received from Executive Director James Cohen of the Valley Community Foundation indicating a \$1,000 donation to the Shelton High School Food Bank. Headmaster Beth Smith was asked to inform the Board of the total amount of contributions received to restock after the fire.

**Retirements:**

**Eugene Kierce made a motion to accept with regret the retirement of Superintendent Robin Willink, effective July 1, 2009; seconded by Timothy Walsh; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Timothy Walsh made a motion to accept with regret the retirement of Richard Hemenway, SIS social studies teacher, effective June 30, 2009; seconded by Paula Ellis; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Paula Ellis made a motion to accept with regret the retirement of Paulette Regan, SHS math teacher and department head, effective June 30, 2009; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Resignations:**

Superintendent Willink advised the Board of her approval of the following resignations:

EDWIN ECKEL, Shelton High School science teacher, effective June 30, 2009, after 3 years of service

STEVEN LIGATOR, Shelton High School math teacher, effective June 30, 2009, after 2.5 years of service

PATRICK O'DONNELL, Shelton High School science teacher, effective June 30, 2009, after 2 years of service

CARLA DEANGELIS, media specialist at Long Hill School, effectively June 30, 2009, after 3 years of service

VINCENT CONVERTITO, assistant girls' lacrosse coach, effective immediately

MICHAEL DEFELICE, freshman football coach, effective immediately

**Resignations: (Continued)**

BRAD PICCIRILLO, assistant football coach, effective immediately

CAROLYN FINLEY, stipend position of Pom Pon Squad advisor, effective May 25, 2009

**Appointments:**

**Arlene Liscinsky made a motion to approve the appointment of Ellen Cox to the stipend position of system wide Art Department Chair K-12; seconded by Eugene Kierce; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Timothy Walsh made a motion to approve the appointment of Steven Kennedy to the position of freshman boys' lacrosse coach; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-1 (James Oraziatti voted nay); motion carried.**

**Timothy Walsh made a motion to approve the appointment of Ron Gydus to the stipend position of Summer School Director; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Superintendent's Reports & Action Items:**

**Instructional Update** – Robin Willink discussed the April 3 Professional Development Day and invited Board Members to stop by the various sessions. Mrs. Willink announced that The Weller Excellence in Teaching Award has been awarded to Ashley Farrow, gr. 3 teacher at Long Hill School for her project entitled "Entering the World of High Tech Writing." Ashley will receive her award and an honorarium of \$1,000 in May at the Annual Weller Awards Banquet.

**Field Trips** – The Board was apprised of approved trips for DECA to travel to California in April; Pom Pon Squad to travel to Massachusetts in March; and a trip to Costa Rica in 2010 for Spanish and Biology students.

**School Facilities Report** – Bill Banfe reported the burner assemblies arrived and that final welding of pipes, breaching and connections is being done prior to installation of the boilers.

**SHS Renovation Building Committee** – Bill Banfe reported the project continues to wind down with additional assignments as a result of the fire. The SHS Renovation Building Committee is working cooperatively with the SHS Fire Rehabilitation Committee. Submittals for exterior door replacement will be reviewed and installation will take place this summer. The scope of the boiler room is expanding.

**Perry Hill School Building Committee** – Mr. Banfe said the committee approved the alternate for the ice storage portion of the chiller assembly. Bill Banfe and James Oraziatti discussed the underground water detention system. Mr. Banfe described ongoing site work including pouring concrete and welding steel and said the first layer of asphalt on the parking lot will be installed shortly.

**Public Improvement Building Committee** – Bill Banfe said the committee selected Silver/Petrucci to design the roofs at Long Hill and Elizabeth Shelton. Schematic designs and recommendations might be available by next week, and the Board of Education will be asked to accept the design recommended by the committee.

*(Note: Tape 2, Side B – 7:56 p.m.)*

There was discussion concerning the egress on the fourth floor of the high school and Long Hill's boiler incident. Timothy Walsh asked what became of Jennifer Janelle's conclusion that we could put in a heating system at Perry Hill at no cost. James Oraziatti explained that it is no longer an option, as the Green Energy Fund is out of money. Eugene Kierce asked for the status of the field at Long Hill. Bill Banfe said it is a City project and work on the area to be expanded is taking place after school hours. Robin Willink will check to see if the agreement to limit work to after school hours was just for the CMT period.

**Items Voted On:**

**Thomas Minotti made a motion for the Board to review Policy Proposal 4000.5, Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace; policy proposal to sit for 30 days; seconded by Eugene Kierce; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Arlene Liscinsky made a motion for the Board to approve Policy 6141.321, Electronic Information Resources Policy, which has been reviewed; seconded by Eugene Kierce; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Timothy Walsh made a motion to approve non-renewal of five individuals for the following year upon the contract's expiration at the end of the current 2008-2009 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action; seconded by Eugene Kierce; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Arlene Liscinsky made a motion to approve the Shelton High School Graduation date of Wednesday, June 24, and rain or shine date of Thursday, June 25; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Comments by the Board Chair:**

Chairman Oppel clarified an inaccurate statement reported in the newspaper that the word “disastrous” was used during our budget presentation. He also noted that the roof building projects are City projects, and the Board of Education has little to say about them. In addition, the pension plan is operated by the City and the Mayor has indicated there will be additional meetings.

**Reports By Standing Committees:****Athletics –**

**James Orazietti made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Athletics Committee to retire Dan Orlovsky’s football jersey number; seconded by Timothy Walsh. Discussion –** It was agreed that there is no need to establish a policy. The number will not be used again for football. **Vote 8-0; motion carried.**

Mr. Orazietti discussed the recent Athletic Program Evaluation by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference and cited the commendations. Pat Llodra, Chairperson of the report, will present a full report to the Board at our next Regular Meeting. Copies of the report will be provided in advance for review.

**Building & Grounds –**

**Eugene Kierce made a motion to permit installation of a compost bin at Shelton High School for the Food Prep class; seconded by James Orazietti. Discussion –** This will be grant funded with no cost to us. **Vote 8-0; motion carried.**

Mr. Kierce stated we achieved the lowest consumption of electricity (520,000 kWh) in the last six year history of Shelton High School due to relamping.

**Cafeteria/Transportation –** Francis MacIlvain said the committee did not meet this month but will meet in April. Allan Cameron said a proposed transportation policy was forwarded to Board Members for review. The site visits took place last week for the four companies bidding on the cafeteria contract. The bid opening will be April 7. The food survey is being set up.

**Policy/Curriculum/Technology –** Thomas Minotti said the committee met and received an in-depth report by Karen Giordano, World Language Department Chairperson, regarding the SIS World Language continuum for the connectivity and alignment of the SIS program with the high school; more information will be forthcoming. The transportation policy draft is out for review. Patricia Curran described two new high school textbooks (computer science and geometry) that will be brought before the Board for purchase approval.

**Thomas Minotti made a motion to approve the CPR Anytime program as recommended by the Curriculum Committee; seconded by Francis MacIlvain; vote 8-0; motion carried.**

**Reports By Standing Committees: (Continued)**

**Personnel** – Final interviews for SIS headmaster position will be held on March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

**Finance** – The committee met with no specific actions taken.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

**C.E.S.** – Arlene Liscinsky gave an update of CES activities including the hiring of a new principal for the Arts Magnet School and selection of Chris LaBelle, principal of the Six to Six Magnet School, as Principal of the Year for the Northeast. The committee will meet again next week.

**CABE** – No report given.

**Old Business:**

**Timothy Walsh** made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Ross Haber Associates, Inc. to produce our redistricting report; seconded by James Oraziatti; vote 8-0; motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

**Paula Ellis** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 8-0; motion carried.

Diane Luther

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*Recording Secretary – Board of Education*

*April 1, 2009*