

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Shelton Intermediate School
675 Constitution Boulevard North
Auditorium**

**February 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

REVISED MINUTES

Chairman Kathy Yolish called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Full Quorum

Board of Education Administration present: Dr. Christopher Clouet, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Beth Smith, Interim Superintendent; Kenneth Saranich, Assistant Superintendent; Carole Pannozzo, Human Resources Director; Rick Belden, Finance Director

Also present: Attorney Frederick D. Stanek, Teodosio Stanek, LLC, Board Counsel

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

James Oraziotti moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Carl Rizzo. Point of Order called by Amanda Kilmartin regarding Item VI. Communications to the Board. She stated there were 25 individual emails to the Board. Kathy Yolish suggested printing them and including them in the minutes of this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentations/Recognitions

Innovative Educator – Superintendent Clouet introduced this month's award winner, Nicole Lopes, Mohegan School grade 3 teacher. He said Nicole combines forward thinking and innovative techniques with a grounding in traditional techniques. Ms. Lopes talked about the importance of "Balance and Choice" not only in her personal life but as a teacher guiding students individually about how to balance all their academic subjects and to use strategies to help them make choices. The use of small and whole group teaching models help target all students' needs. Ms. Lopes' presentation described the use of resources such as Newsela, Time for Kids, and National Geographic for Kids to research articles for Current Events and choose an historical person for a biography project in Social Studies. Allowing students to choose from manipulatives, ChromeBooks, games and partnerships are some of the ways students are engaged in Math. Ms. Lopes said she tries to laugh with her students at least once a day as she believes one laugh or smile helps to create a happy and very successful classroom. Principal Kristen Santilli said she was so proud of Nicole and happy to see many Mohegan staff in attendance supporting her. Mrs. Santilli congratulated Nicole and described her as a true hallmark to an Innovative Educator.

Public Hearing

Fred Tagg, 68 Wheeler Street, Chief Steward of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 30, expressed appreciation to Carole Pannozzo and the negotiating team for a successful negotiation resulting in a savings to the Board of Education by transitioning from the City's health care provider to the union's provider with a zero payroll contribution. He wished Superintendent Clouet well in his new endeavor. Mr. Tagg spoke about the many great things Dr. Smith made happen at Shelton High School and was in favor of her appointment as Interim Superintendent.

Harvey Meeker, 59 Rocky Rest Road, disagreed with Dr. Smith's appointment, due to negative circumstances of her removal as Principal of SHS.

Attorney Fred Stanek was asked to comment regarding discussion of personnel matters during public comment. He cited Policy 9325 stating that the Board shall not discuss personnel matters. Relative to public comment, his advice was it is at the discretion of the Board, which has taken the position that discussion can be about the position and not the individual. Mandy Kilmartin asked for clarification of characteristics versus actions that were public knowledge. Attorney Stanek agreed comment could be made if actions were public knowledge. There was no specific wording found in Policy 9325 that personnel matters cannot be discussed during public comment.

Matt McGee, 312 Huntington Street, representing SHS Students Fight for Change, presented a petition with over 1800 signatures in support. He stated four demands: That the Board of Education rescind our appointment of Dr. Smith as Interim Superintendent and shall instead appoint Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Saranich, pending approval by the State Commissioner of Education; that the next official superintendent be a bipartisan appointment; that the search committee for our new superintendent be bipartisan and include at least one Shelton High School student on that committee, as selected by the Shelton High School student body; that the next superintendent bring a track record that will make new parents eager to come to Shelton, raise their families and send their kids to school here. He criticized the quick decision as being politicized with little to no thought being given. He said SHS Students Fight for Change will continue to have a presence at future BOE meetings and offer to work with anyone on the Board to improve our schools for the entire community.

Suzanne Adan, 23 Colony Street, spoke about the PreK program being noncompliant with state regulations. She emailed all board members and thanked those who responded to her. She said the PreK program needs increased funding to meet state-mandated needs of the students and urged those who feel as she does that flat funding is hurting our kids to not sit idly by and to reach out to the Board of Aldermen, who approve the BOE budget.

Georgeanne DaCosta, 32 Cedar Hill Road, whose son is in the Typical Peer program. She said the program has always been known as a reputable, educational and well-established program and talked about the changes, including fees for typical peers, eliminating a teacher, crowded classrooms, and non-compliance with state laws, with 90% non-typical and 10% typical at best. While a teacher has been added, more PreK students are being identified. She said taking the currently appointed Director of Special Education away will be a mistake, as she was on the right path in getting the program back in compliance. Ms. DaCosta stated emails were sent to all members.

Mary Pavliouk, 67 New Street, SHS freshman, was angered by censorship tonight and a system that doesn't listen to its students. She said lockers are chipped and textbooks are needed, but the funding is not available. She said she came tonight to protest the appointment of Interim Superintendent but was moved by what she has heard tonight. She felt it is the political agenda that is controlling the BOE. She wants to open a discussion about a system that incorporates the interests of everyone. She stated reform is needed to allow a SHS student to be present in making decisions for the Board.

Scott Smith, 104 Ridge Lane, thanked the board members for responding to his email. He wished Superintendent Clouet success and thanked him for knowing his name and his family's names. Mr. Smith said he will miss the conversations he has had with him and welcomed Dr. Clouet to visit his classroom anytime. Referring to the signed petition, Mr. Smith took issue with the board's hasty appointment and advised members to listen to the community and the students. He stated it's supposed to be kids first every single time.

Erin Wells, 5 Boysenberry Lane, thanked board members for responding to her email. She discussed how the mandate of 50/50 for typical peers in pre-school came about in Connecticut. She said the job of the board members is to make sure taxpayer dollars are used properly to address the education needs of the children...the proposed budget does not fully fund PreK.

Michele Kekac, 6 Reed Lane, discussed the non-compliant PreK program and asked the board to take the necessary steps to make the program the best for our children again. She stated it was free before and can be free again. The special needs children need intervention as early as possible so they can thrive and reach their maximum potential. She also addressed class size, noting her daughter's kindergarten class at Mohegan has 21 kids with no para, and other grades have 26 with no para. She noted our budget has remained flat funded for years and questioned how we can accommodate the children who will attend our schools with many new construction projects and more students.

Florian Hurlbert, 10 Overlook Terrace, SHS junior, discussed how Shelton is perceived by outsiders caused by controversial decisions such as delay of first day of school because of not enough buses, Pay to Play, and controversial appointments. She said good schools lead to better towns. Parents look at the school system when deciding where to live. The superintendent needed is someone without a past, someone the community and students are happy to see in the position; 1800 petition signatures prove that is not the case. The search committee for a new superintendent needs to be bipartisan and include a parent, teacher and a student chosen by the student body.

Jessica Wurms, 7 Turning Leaf Lane, SHS student, stated her group is not here to defame Dr. Smith in any way; she seems to be very qualified for the Special Education position, which has a dire need. She spoke about students not being heard and cited reaching out in previous years regarding testing and scheduling school trips on high holidays (recently changed). She feels that political apathy is a problem in this country and denying students a chance to make change discourages any future attempts.

Carly Hajducky, 24 Golden Hill Lane, SHS junior, was in agreement with points made by other students. She felt the appointment was not logical and that Dr. Smith's position in Special Education is very necessary with regards to mentioned issues with the department. She felt Kenneth Saranich is well qualified and would be a more logical, easier transition, given his current position as Assistant Superintendent and having worked directly with Dr. Clouet.

Emma Arsenault, 14 Perch Road, SHS student, said this past year there has been a paper shortage, mold in the classrooms at SHS and no buses on the first day of school. She said the board cannot ignore over 1800 petition signatures to reject the appointment. She stated since the appointee's departure from SHS, the school atmosphere has improved dramatically. Teachers and students are happier and there are inspirational quotes in the hallways, which makes a difference in everyday life. She discussed the need for students to be heard and said they will not be silenced. She spoke in favor of student representation on the search committee.

Evan Kryger, 22 Greenfield Drive, SHS student, reiterated the thoughts of previous students. He said there are crowded classrooms due to teachers being laid off and felt there is a need for a better student-to-staff ratio.

Martina Pastore, 150 Yukatan Trail, SHS student, discussed the appointment of Interim Superintendent. To clarify, she stated her comments are not an attack on the appointee's character but only her actions. She stated because the controversial decision, which has angered many, was made by a 5-4 vote along party lines, it became clear the decision was not made because it was in the best interests of the students; it was made for political reasons. She stated the BOE does not just represent one party, not just individual board members, and certainly not the mayor. She said for the sake of the students and property values, she hopes the board will put party affiliations aside and put the students first.

Nancy Symski, 77 Capitol Drive, said she was here on behalf of her son, who is autistic and attended SHS while Dr. Smith was Headmaster. She discussed her son's three-day suspension given as a result of an issue with a female student, for which he was never allowed to tell his side. He could not communicate and even tried to write a letter. The family had doctors who were willing to explain his autism. A para tried to help, and her job was threatened if she spoke to him. He is 29 now and has not forgotten Dr. Smith nor how he was treated, and the family does not want her to be Interim Superintendent.

Claudia Lesnick, 72 Country Place, discussed the importance of improving the basic needs of our kids. They are the future of our country and it is our responsibility, not only the Superintendent, to work together. The children should be happy, strong, inspired and not afraid to go to school. Education is priority and school is the second family for them. She urged the board to pay attention to them.

Wendy Holden, 275 Soundview Avenue, spoke on behalf of her husband Mark Holden and herself. She felt it was inconsiderate to the public to hold a 5:15 board meeting that was not listed as executive session. She left work early to cover the meeting and was asked to leave after 2 minutes and 45 seconds. She discussed budget and the importance of requesting enough to meet actual needs. Budget constraints have forced the BOE to reduce staff and services every year since Dr. Clouet came to work for us. Sufficient funds are needed to fund the negotiated teacher contract without layoffs. Funds are needed to resolve the PreK noncompliance issue. Regarding the appointment of Interim Superintendent, she stated by elevating the head of Special Education, that position must now be filled. Lastly, she congratulated Dr. Clouet on his new position and said with certainty that he will help many districts improve student achievement and success and that it has been an honor to have him in our district.

Andrea Tatalias, 19 Rouleau Lane, whose daughter has been receiving special education services, expressed her concern about the new hastily appointed Interim Superintendent and that the budget decisions made by this new board will not meet the needs of our children going forward. She is concerned the trend of budget cuts to staff and services will continue with a flat-funded budget. She said she had the opportunity to know Dr. Clouet the past couple years and appreciated the care and empathy shown to our kids during his time as Superintendent.

Sharon Herman, 170 River Road, addressed the appointment and stated when there is controversy like this, something negatively affecting our community, sometimes a fresh face needs to be brought in. Relative to the budget, she stated she likes low taxes, like many others, and suggested more efficiency rather than increased funding. She hopes whoever is in charge listens to the people and spends taxpayer money efficiently.

Kenneth Hajducky, 24 Golden Hill Lane, sent an email to the board and appreciated the responses. He stated what is important to his family is a quality education. He discussed the Interim Superintendent position and the negative view of the appointee. He agreed with others that her skills in special education would be best used to continue to address the issues of the department and asked the board to reconsider their decision. He stated the need to fund existing and new programs to prepare children for the future. He spoke highly of the arts programs and asked for continued funding. He felt there is no reason for a town like Shelton to flat fund the education system, which needs to be funded at the highest

Rebekkah Hurlbert, 10 Overlook Terrace, SHS freshman, said listening to the students tonight gives her a sense that things need to change quickly. She said her older siblings were not happy at SHS when the appointee was principal, but her own experience as a freshman has been better. She said the message from the student group is more about respect and they want to be heard.

Eugene Kierce, 120 Thoreau Drive, talked about issues with school safety stating that the system is broken and the board needs to fix it.

Joanna Brooks, 32 Sycamore Drive, said she echoes the sentiments of every person who spoke tonight, including a common theme from the courageous students who want to be heard. She said going forward when the board is looking for a permanent replacement, to let the search be opened up and make sure the right person is found. She said it would be nice to see a more even representation of the board members in the decision for the permanent replacement. She hopes that person makes her feel as comfortable as a parent as she has felt with Dr. Clouet at the helm. She always felt he provided a buffer against the adversity and struggles we face in this town. She thanked Dr. Clouet for his service and wished him well. She said his shoes are big for the next person to fill.

Wendy Smalick, 6 Piegan Trail, addressed the board and said she hoped as parents, as educators they listened to the kids who spoke. She said it was irritating to see a board member constantly on the phone. Please, listen!

Walter Dunn, 836 South Main Street, Beacon Falls, father of SIS student, praised Dr. Clouet, thanked him for his time and wished him well. Mr. Dunn said he got to know the real man through the Multigenerational Diversity Group, which he said is super positive, a great thing and is going in the right direction. He recognized SIS for the excellent, appropriate learning tools during Black History Month. He said some positive steps have been taken to address issues and mentioned the upcoming Shelton Showcase. His concern is that with change, the momentum will be lost and hopes the efforts will continue. He mentioned bullying and said students need to know they have someone to turn to without fear of retaliation.

No one else wanted to speak, and Public Comment was closed.

Approval of Minutes

Diana Meyer moved to approve the minutes:

Special Meeting Budget Workshop, January 21, 2020

Special Meeting January 22, 2020

Regular Meeting January 22, 2020

Special Meeting, Budget Workshop, January 27, 2020

Special Meeting, Budget Workshop January 29, 2020

Special Meeting, Budget Workshop, February 3, 2020

Special Meeting, Budget Workshop, February 5, 2020

Special Meeting, Budget Workshop, February 10, 2020

Special Meeting, Executive Session, February 19, 2020

Motion seconded by James Oraziatti and passed unanimously.

Communications to the Board

There were 25 emails sent to board members as mentioned previously.

Superintendent's Reports & Action Item

Instructional Update – Superintendent Clouet said we have formed an ad hoc Health Emergency Planning Committee. He assured everyone there is no health emergency and there is no cost involved. The group will be led by Adrianna Collins, Nurse Supervisor, and will include Mike Maglione and Dan DiVito, among others. There will be discussion about alternatives to learning opportunities, and we will be working with authorities and be connected to CDC reports to prepare for any potential health emergencies.

Dr. Clouet said he hoped that he has contributed to the lives of our students in some small way. As a good district leader, it's about building relationships with community leaders, teachers, and of course students...building and nurturing a sense of self and a sense of purpose among students. We put together a pathways framework thinking about designing life as a pathway. The theory of action is we design a pathway for student learning and growth, and guide our students step by step, each at their unique pace. Then, they'll grow confident and well prepared to adapt to a rapidly changing society. **(Note: Tape 1; Side B @ 8:44 p.m.)** He said his work has been focused on getting Shelton Public Schools into the top 25% of school districts in the state of Connecticut as measured by SAT scores and SBAC scores. He acknowledged there is much more to school life than those scores, but it is something we can achieve. He said his concern is lack of funding and support will make that goal very difficult.

Dr. Clouet spoke about some of the projects he started during his time as superintendent including Project ExcEL, Word of the Week, Innovative Educator, and the School of Innovation Program, which is a choice program for intermediate students in Shelton.

We've had some success working with the City to purchase ChromeBooks. There are opportunities to work together for the challenges that face our kids, these young, vibrant children that are here today, soon to be adults. It's not about petty arguments. He referred to the US Military acronym VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, ambiguity) as a term we need to take into consideration as educators in order to make sure our kids are ready for the future.

He referenced an article he shared with board members (handout) from The New York Times about how Scandinavia has prospered thanks to investment in education. In closing, Dr. Clouet expressed appreciation for the relationships and bonds he developed during his time in Shelton and received a standing ovation.

Approved Field Trips – Board Members were apprised of an approved field trip for SHS World Language students to travel to France and Spain in April 2021. Dr. Clouet reminded board members that insurance is built into the field trips in the event of cancellation.

Board Action Items (Items brought back from the table)

Presentation of the Superintendent's 2020-2021 Proposed Budget – In follow-up to ongoing conversations, Superintendent Clouet stated the administration proposed a level service budget, keeping what we have. He said the board asked us at the February 10 budget workshop to submit a consensus budget of 2.98%, which we did on February 14. Rick Belden reviewed the 2.98% (\$74,933,060) level-service budget as submitted. He stated there were discussions of going to 2.5% or 2.0%, but no specific guidelines were given by the board. He noted that last year the budget was flat funded and there were a lot of cuts and positions lost. One of the challenges we are facing is overruns in Health Insurance. He explained the BOE budget is fluid, and we are looking at a snapshot in January/February for things that are happening 18 months downstream. There are a number of moving parts that affect our budget going forward. We are looking at staffing or possibly lowering specific line items. Mr. Belden explained the timeline for the budget process and said the mayor will make his recommendations mid-March.

Amanda Kilmartin, Kate Kutash and Patti Moonan discussed recommended considerations and changes to specific line items including additional counselors; half-time music teacher; additional PreK teacher (current budget does not include); additional teacher at Mohegan School due to class sizes; Network Administrator in IT Department at higher rate of pay to be competitive with other districts; increase for curriculum writing; items to be moved to City side (capital expenditures) including textbooks for SHS, curriculum materials for K-4, additional Pre-K materials; replacement cafeteria tables, additional \$450,000 for technology equipment (ChromeBooks) for grades 5-12. They proposed a net addition of \$2.6 million or 3.6%. The total request would be \$76 million or 4.45%.

There was discussion of capital project reimbursements. Rick Belden said he has been working with Joe DeSanti. Mr. Belden explained the Public Improvement Building Committee and the City Finance Department submit paperwork and documentation to us and the Superintendent submits information to the State. He said the Board of Education is not responsible for the building committees or the projects in the city. The Board of Education accepts the project when it is completed. Mr. Belden said he has no information why that was not done, but he is working on formally accepting the projects with four resolutions prepared for action at the next Finance Committee. Mr. Oraziotti stated the City will look favorably upon us if we get it resolved.

Amy Romano said Dr. Smith's assessment of the budget is needed. Mrs. Romano discussed her ideas, some of which are similar to those previously discussed. Mrs. Yolish suggested a coordination with Amanda Kilmartin to consolidate their spreadsheets for discussion at the next meeting.

Rick Belden spoke again about the timeline and said there will be a number of opportunities during the process for this board to advise the mayor/Board of Aldermen on what the needs are.

Kathy Yolish will send board members possible dates for a special meeting/budget workshop. Rick Belden will send capital information to the board.

Comments by the Board Chair

Kathy Yolish thanked the speakers for their considerate comments. She said the board does pay attention to comments and please understand that we must be careful about discussing personnel matters. Mrs. Yolish clarified her no vote against the appointment of Kenneth Saranich as Assistant Superintendent on May 22, 2019. She said we didn't have a budget yet and weren't sure if we would have to find monies by laying off staff. The other reason was we were given no contract to read. As I indicated that night, my no vote was not against the person or the position. She only wanted to postpone the appointment for a few weeks until receipt of the budget from the City. She spoke about Dr. Clouet's extensive experience prior to officially becoming Shelton's superintendent in January 2016, and his appointment was well received as he endeavored to become actively involved with the community and school district through February 2020. His commitment to children and education is respected and recognized, and I know that he will fare well in this new opportunity with the State Department of Education. I, along with so many others, wish him future success and hope he finds happiness and satisfaction in his journey. Mrs. Yolish read some quotes from Dr. Seuss and thanked Dr. Clouet for choosing Shelton and for continuing on to assist the State in the directions they choose.

Reports of Standing Committees

Teaching & Learning – Amy Romano said the committee met on February 11. A presentation of new courses at SHS was given by Kathy Riddle. She also presented goals, which included increased classes in the Arts and the need for more World Language courses. Mrs. Romano thanked Superintendent for his services and looks forward to working with our new Interim Superintendent. The next meeting will be March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance – John Fitzgerald said the committee met on February 19. Rick Belden gave his Financial Report and Expenditure Report with statement that the year-end audit has been completed and forwarded to the State. There was a discussion about school project reimbursements. John Calhoun gave a Facilities Report. Complete minutes are online. Mr. Fitzgerald said it was nice working with Dr. Clouet and wished him well.

Policy – James Orazietti reported on the meeting of February 11. The second addition made by the State to the BOE Attendance Policy will sit for 30 days and will be approved at the March BOE meeting. The previous adjustment will also be approved then. Policy regarding Advertising/Political Activities was reviewed and will be on next month's agenda. Ken Saranich reported there are no policies regarding religious holidays, but there are statutes. Ken distributed a handout regarding allowed types of religious activities. There was discussion about a question posed to Mandy Kilmartin about why students have off and teachers do not. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting. A correction was made to the Building Use Fees. Protocol for the Democratic Primary was discussed. There was discussion of Shelton being out of compliance for Physical Restraint and Seclusion guidelines, which need to be updated. This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting on March 10. James Orazietti distributed policies to be reviewed by board members. Mr. Orazietti thanked Dr. Clouet for his time and contributions to the Shelton Public Schools.

Reports of Special Committees

C.E.S. – Kathy Yolish stated there was no meeting. Next meeting will be in March.

CABE – Diana Meyer stated The Day on the Hill is March 12 from 8:30-12 in Hartford. Kathy Yolish gave additional information about the event.

Unfinished Business

There was nothing discussed.

New Business

Kate Kutash said in accordance with the agenda, stated in Public Comment, based on what is heard during Public Comment, the Board may add a matter to the agenda. She referenced the large number of speakers and the topic of appointment of Interim Superintendent, and said she would like to add an item for discussion.

Kate Kutash moved to add to the agenda under New Business, based on public comment, discussion of the appointment of Interim Superintendent; motion seconded by Diana Meyer. Roll call vote: Yea – Amanda Kilmartin, Kate Kutash, Diana Meyer, Patti Moonan. Nay – John Fitzgerald, James Orazietti, Carl Rizzo, Amy Romano, Kathy Yolish. Motion failed with 4 in favor; 5 opposed.

Kathy Yolish received three requests for donations and discussion was held.

Diana Meyer moved to add to the agenda under New Business the following requests for discussion and possible action: Donation requests from SHS PTSO to fund the Post Prom activities and PHS Predators Robotics team to offset costs to attend the World Championship lieu; and, in lieu of board member gifts during Board Appreciation Month, donate to the SHS Book and Achievement Awards to a deserving student in lieu of gifts to board members. Motion seconded by James Orazietti. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the following donations: \$1,250 to SHS PTSO to fund the Post Prom activities; \$1,500 to PHS Predators Robotics team to offset costs to attend the World Championship in Detroit; \$100 donation to Book and Achievement Awards Program; motion seconded by Carl Rizzo and approved unanimously.

Diana Meyer moved to add to the next Policy Committee agenda to outline guidelines for appointment of a student representative to the Board of Education; motion seconded by James Oraziatti and passed unanimously.

For Your Information

Mrs. Yolish referenced the attached reports on Vacancy, Staff and Stipend Actions and Enrollment.

Celebrations

Kathy Yolish congratulated all the students who participated in the Invention Convention. She judged Mohegan School's event with Dr. Clouet and found the students to be poised, well prepared and very proud of their inventions. She is looking forward to judging the Invention Convention at Perry Hill School. She congratulated Jack Goode, a music student at ECA who scored 103 out of 107 points for All State CT Music Association Jazz Ensemble. She said this clearly demonstrates the value of the Arts and how important and necessary they are for our school system.

Amanda Kilmartin said she was impressed with the students who spoke tonight. She said it has been a pleasure working with Dr. Clouet, who has been nothing but a gift to this district. Some things that come out with leadership were mentioned this evening – the advocacy for diversity, Habits of Mind, Social Emotional Learning; the fact that he knows the students; always open to answer questions from board members or parents. She extended her personal gratitude and said she will feel his absence.

Kate Kutash thanked Dr. Clouet for always keeping the board members updated and answering their calls. She wished him well.

James Oraziatti, Amy Romano, and Carl Rizzo each expressed appreciation and wished Dr. Clouet well.

John Fitzgerald congratulated the Girls Basketball team on their season and wished luck to Dr. Clouet and said we are looking forward to his coming back with ideas to help us out in Shelton.

Diana Meyer thanked Dr. Clouet for all he has done and to let him know we always felt respected, listened to, and he was always there for people.

Patti Moonan thanked Dr. Clouet for helping her out as a new member and wished she had more time to work together with him. She also enjoyed being at Long Hill School during their School of Distinction presentation and congratulated the staff for their efforts.

Adjournment

Mrs. Yolish adjourned the meeting at 10.08 p.m.

Diane Luther

Secretary to Board of Education

March 6, 2020