BOARDS OF EDUCATION  
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Board of Education Administrative Offices  
382 Long Hill Avenue

July 22, 2009

7:15 p.m.

Agenda

I. Call to Order  
   Roll Call  
   Salute to the Flag

II. Public Hearing  
    Five Minutes is allotted to each speaker with a maximum of ten minutes. Board Policy #9325(a)

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes (Attached)  
   A. Special Meeting of June 16, 2009  
   B. Special Meeting of June 17, 2009

V. Presentations  
   A. Certificate of recognition for Melissa Simons

VI. Communications to the Board  
   A. Thank you letter to Michael Schirizzo for donation of weightlifting and exercise equipment to SHS  
   B. Thank you letter from SHS PTSO for donation to post prom event
VII. Superintendent’s Reports & Board Action Items

A. APPOINTMENTS

1. **PAULETTE CAMPBELL**, to the position of Grade 2 classroom teacher at Long Hill School due to a resignation. Paulette received both her Bachelor of Arts in History and her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Southern Connecticut State University. She has been a substitute teacher, special education tutor, instructional tutor, and long-term substitute for the Shelton Public Schools. Step 3, Level 1

2. **DONNA CUMMINGS**, to the position of Grade 6 classroom teacher at Sunnyside School due to a retirement and grade level move. Donna received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Exceptional Child Education from Flagler College in Augustine, Florida. She has previously held teaching positions at the Holy Cross School and George Washington Carver Institute in New Jersey. She has been both a building substitute and a long-term substitute for the Shelton Public School System. Step 7, Level 1

3. **BRANDY HEFLIN**, to the position of Physics teacher at Shelton High School due to a retirement. Brandy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronomy and Physics from Yale University where she also completed her teacher preparation coursework. She has also received training and instruction for UConn Early College Experience and Advanced Placement Physics instruction at the Taft School. Brandy comes to us from West Haven High School where she was a Science instructor. Step 6, Level 1, pending verification

4. **SAMUEL LAPAGLIA**, to the position of Grade 2 classroom teacher at Elizabeth Shelton School due to a retirement and grade change. Sam earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Liberal Arts from Southern Connecticut State University and his Masters from the University of Bridgeport. In addition, he holds a 6th year diploma in Information and Library Science from Southern Connecticut. He taught briefly in Sarasota, Florida and then returned to Connecticut where he has been a special education tutor and a long-term substitute for the Shelton Public School System. Step 3, Level 6, pending certification

5. **LEANE LOFFREDO**, to the position of Grade 6 classroom teacher at Elizabeth Shelton School due to an opening and grade level move. Leane received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from the University of Connecticut and her Masters in Teaching from Sacred Heart University. She completed her internship and student teaching experience at Mohegan School as well as serving as a substitute and special education tutor for the Shelton Public School System. Step 1, Level 3
6. NICHOLAS MESSINA, to the position of Grade 6 classroom teacher at Long Hill School, due to an opening. Nick received his Bachelor of Arts in Marketing and English from Albertus Magnus College and his Masters in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport. He has been a substitute and student teacher in the Trumbull School System as well as a special education tutor for Shelton. Step 2, Level 3

7. DANIEL NAZZARO, to the position of Physics teacher at Shelton High School, due to a resignation. Dan received his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Connecticut and his Masters of Science in Education from the University of New Haven. He completed his student teaching in East Lyme and a long-term substitute position at Coginchaug Regional High School in Durham, CT. Step 1, Level 3

8. EILEEN ZAVOLUK, to the position of Math teacher at Shelton Intermediate School, due to a retirement. Eileen received her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Keene State College and her Masters in Education from the University of New Haven. She has been a substitute teacher in the Milford and Stratford School Systems and comes to us from Milford as a Title 1 Math teacher. Step 3, Level 3

9. GAVRIELA ZIU-PIRES, to the position of Grade 6 classroom teacher at Elizabeth Shelton School. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and her Bachelor of Science in Education from Southern Connecticut State University. She has been a substitute teacher in the Shelton and Bridgeport School Systems as well as a special education tutor and long-term substitute for Shelton. Step 1, Level 1

10. ERICA MCNEIL, to the position of Science teacher at Shelton Intermediate School, due to an internal transfer. Erica received her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from Salve Regina University. She has completed her Masters in Teaching from Sacred Heart University. Erica completed her internship and student teaching experience at Shelton High School. In addition, she has served as a homebound tutor, CMT tutor, and a long-term substitute in Science at the high school. Step 1, Level 3

11. KATHERINE DEVONCHUK, to the position of Language Arts teacher at Shelton Intermediate School, due to a retirement. Katie completed her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Connecticut and her Master of Science in Secondary Education from the University of Bridgeport. She completed her internship and student teaching at Shelton Intermediate as well as a long term substitute position in Language Arts. Step 1, Level 3
12. PATRICIA GRACE-FARFAGLIA, to the position of Family and Consumer Science teacher at Shelton High School, due to a retirement. Pat received her Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Science from Cornell University, a Masters in Nutrition and Public Health from Columbia and a second Masters in Business Administration from Rensselaer. She has worked in and for numerous facilities: Hartford Public Schools, St. Francis Hospital, Veteran Affairs, Hartford Hospital, Rensselaer, Western Connecticut State University and University of Connecticut. Step 5, Level 6

13. MARIA OLMOS, to the position of interim unified track coach, as a leave replacement

14. EDWARD TOMASKO, to the position of custodian at Shelton High School, due to a transfer

15. BERNADETTE GRECO, to the position of special education teacher at Booth Hill School, due to a transfer. Bernadette holds a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University. She has been a special education teacher in Ansonia for 23 years, most recently at Prendergast Elementary. Step 14, Level 3

16. ROBIN LUTHER, to the position of special education teacher at Booth Hill School, due to a transfer. Robin holds a Bachelor of Science in Special Education/ Elementary Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University. Robin recently served as a long-term special education substitute at Lafayette School as well as a homebound tutor. She also served as a K-12 classroom substitute for various districts. Step 1, Level 1

B. RETIREMENTS (Information Only)
   1. SUSAN FINN, Grade 1 teacher at Mohegan School, effective June 30, 2009, after 41 years of service
   2. ELIZABETH JORDAN, school nurse at St. Lawrence School, effective July 15, 2009, after more than 23 years of service

VIII. Superintendent’s Reports & Action Items

A. REPORTS
   1. Instructional Update
      a. Teaching American History Grant
      b. School Nurse Report
      c. Year in Review
   2. Approved Field Trip
3. School Facilities Report
   a. SHS Renovation Building Committee
   b. Perry Hill School Building Committee
   c. Public Improvement Building Committee
   d. BOE Technology Building Committee
   e. SHS Fire Rehabilitation Building Committee

B. ITEMS TO BE VOTED ON
   1. Consideration of the Board to approve Policy #5134, Student Transportation, that has been sitting for review
   2. Consideration of the Board to approve the request of the Shelton High School Band Parents Association to conduct fundraisers during the 2009-2010 school year
   3. Consideration of the Board to approve the request of Elizabeth Shelton School PTO to conduct fundraisers during the 2009-2010 school year
   4. Consideration of the Board to reappoint the stipend position holders as listed on the attachment. Evaluations of these individuals have been completed, and each has been recommended for reappointment.
   5. Consideration of the Board to approve the request of the Shelton High School Girls Cross Country Parents Club to conduct fundraisers during the 2009-2010 school year

IX. Comments by the Board Chair

X. Reports by Standing Committees
   A. ATHLETICS
   B. BUILDING & GROUNDS
   C. CAFETERIA/TRANSPORTATION
   D. CURRICULUM/Policies/TECHNOLOGY
   E. PERSONNEL
   F. FINANCE
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XI. Reports of Special Committees
   A. CES
   B. CABE
      1. CABE/CAPSS Convention Registration

XII. Old Business

XIII. For Your Information (Attached)
   A. Currently Vacant, Budgeted Positions
   B. Enrollment Report

XIV. Adjournment
VII. Superintendent’s Reports & Board Action Items

A. APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

17. MELISSA BIZZOTTO, to the position of part-time Kindergarten teacher at Booth Hill School, due to an opening. Melissa graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Masters in the Art of Education. She was a second grade teacher at Samuel Staples Elementary in Easton and an Early Literacy Teacher at Osborn Hill Elementary in Fairfield. **Step 6, Level 3**

18. WENDY CUSHING, to the position of Grade 1 classroom teacher at Mohegan Elementary due to a retirement. Wendy received her Bachelor of Science from Southern Connecticut State University in Advanced K-12 Classroom Teaching from Capella University. In addition, she received her Masters in Early Childhood Education from Southern Connecticut State University. She has taught in both the New Haven and Monroe school districts in first grade and kindergarten. **Step 9, Level 3**