Chairman Mark Holden called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call:
Mark Holden, Chairman
Thomas Minotti, Vice Chairman
Arlene Liscinsky, Secretary
Win Oppel
James Orazietti
Mike Pacowta
John Francino-Quinn
Timothy Walsh
Kathleen Yolish

Full Quorum

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner
Human Resources Director, Carole Pannozzo

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda
Thomas Minotti moved to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Win Oppel. Mr. Oppel amended the motion by moving the Chairman’s comments to the end of the agenda; motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing
Sandra Gasiorowski, 48 Kings Highway, spoke in support of funding for additional social workers to meet the social and emotional needs of students.

Persephone Ocasio, 116 High Street, brought a concern to the board relative to a bullying situation involving her younger sister.

Judson Crawford, 8 Jordan Avenue, inquired about rental fees for use of Board of Education facilities. He also expressed concern over the state’s upcoming implementation of a uniform chart of accounts and how that might affect the Board of Education’s accounting practices.
Approval of Minutes
Win Oppel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2013 and Special Meeting of October 16, 2013; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0-2 (abstentions by Thomas Minotti and Kathy Yolish, who were absent from October 16 meeting); motion passed.

Communications to the Board
Freeman Burr said he received notification that the Peru field trip has been cancelled due to lack of interest, and the high school will offer the trip again next year.

Superintendent’s Commentary
Freeman Burr discussed a shortfall in our IDEA allocation and how that is affecting the disbursement of remaining Title I Funds to the schools. He stated that schools received $305,000 already and will receive an additional allocation of $30,000 this week. Hopefully, once the $60,000 IDEA gap is reconciled, the schools will receive the remaining $60,000 by November 15.

Mr. Burr congratulated the board on achieving once again CABE’s Board Leadership Award, Level I. The award will be presented at the CABE/CAPSS Conference in Groton on November 15.

Freeman Burr reviewed the assessment options given by the state and discussed Shelton’s decisions as follows:

Grades 3-8:
- All students in Grades 5 & 8 will take the CMT Science (March 2014)
- All students in Grades 3-8 will take the Smarter Balance Field Test (SB-FT) in ELA and Mathematics (February-June 2014)

High School
- All students in Grade 10 will take the CAPT (all subject areas in March 2014)
- All students in Grade 11 will take the Smarter Balance Field Test (SB-FT) in ELA and Mathematics (February-June 2014)

Shelton High School was recognized for raising over $3,700 for the Valley Goes Pink campaign to raise breast cancer awareness, which included “pinked” hair for Headmaster Beth Smith, housemasters, football captains, coaches, and Athletic Director. Friday night’s pink football game opponent, Fairfield Prep, contributed $800 to the cause.

Superintendent Burr announced the Sunnyside Principal first round interviews will be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week.
Mr. Burr stated that Tina Henckel, Assistant Director of STEM, has been attending authentic instruction and assessment programs and successfully flew and landed an airplane in a flight simulator test. He noted that integrated into the simulators are geometry, algebra, trigonometry, physics, weather, earth science, as well as business applications.

Superintendent Burr said the high school will hold a breakfast tomorrow honoring 155 CAPT Scholars, 24 of whom achieved advanced goal on all four sections of the CAPT.

Items Voted On
Timothy Walsh moved to approve the request of Shelton High School Robotics Team to fundraise during the 2013-2014 school year; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; motion passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Shelton Board of Education and the Shelton Education Association 7/01/14-6/30/17; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; discussion – Chairman Holden commented briefly on how well the negotiations went; motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the Superintendent’s proposed performance objectives for 2013-2014; seconded by Timothy Walsh; motion passed unanimously.

Win Oppel moved to approve the 2014 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Education; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; motion passed unanimously.

The approved meeting dates are:
- January 22
- February 26
- March 26
- April 23
- May 28
- June 25
- July 23
- August 27
- September 24
- October 22
- November 19
- December 17

Reports of Standing Committees
Teaching and Learning – Thomas Minotti reviewed the topics of October 21 committee meeting including School Climate Survey; 2012-13 DRA Score Report; AP Report on Assessment Outcomes 2012-13; SAT Scores and College Selection/Acceptance; Homebound Guidelines; Professional Learning activities for November. Minutes are posted online. The meeting date for November will be announced.

Policy – Kathy Yolish discussed the agenda topics of meeting held October 21 including updated guidelines for homebound students; revision to Adult Ed policy due to state statute change; Policy 4118.3 Certified/Non-Certified and Merit Job Descriptions;
proposed changes to Wellness Policy #6142; Bylaw Revision 9120 (void due to City Charter) and 9320 (must be aligned to City Charter and changes will be instituted for next Policy meeting). Next meeting will be November 18 at 5:30 p.m.

**Ad Hoc Full-Day Kindergarten Committee** – Kathy Yolish reviewed the topics of the October 21 meeting including the last site visit to Orange Avenue Elementary School in Milford; plans for site visit to Bungay School in Seymour. Following that site visit, Invitations will be extended to Mayor Lauretti, John Anglace and John Papa to visit an all-day kindergarten program. The next committee meeting will be November 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Kathy Yolish moved to approve for review Certified/Non-Certified Job Descriptions proposed Policy #4118.3, and Wellness Policy #6142 proposed changes, to sit for approval at the next Board of Education Regular Meeting; seconded by Win Oppel; motion passed unanimously.

**Finance** – Arlene Liscinsky detailed the topics covered at the committee meeting of October 16 including budget review; line item transfers; report on Pay to Participate; facilities update on high school issues; security update; and report on technology grant. Mrs. Liscinsky said Sodexo’s contract is expiring, and RFQs will be sought for food service provider. The Proposed Budget Making Schedule for School Year 2014-15 was distributed and reviewed; all board members and candidates, as well as public, are encouraged to attend the November 6 Special Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the Line Item Transfers proposed by the Finance Director at the Finance Committee’s October 16, 2013 regular meeting; seconded by Win Oppel; motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Special Committees**

**CES** – Arlene Liscinsky updated the board on the addition planned for CES location at 40 Lindeman Drive. There was discussion of a uniform calendar within each RESC, which is optional for 2014-15 but mandated by the state for 2015-16.

**CABE** – Kathy Yolish gave information on an educational panel discussion with state and local officials at Norwalk Community College on October 25. Kathy Yolish reminded members that the CABE Convention will be held on November 16-17 and will be attended by Arlene Liscinsky, Timothy Walsh, Mark Holden, Kathy Yolish and Freeman Burr. Also noted was opening of registration for NSBA Conference in New Orleans next April.

**For Your Information**

Chairman Mark Holden noted the appointment of Gilberto Montanez to the position of custodian at Elizabeth Shelton School and referenced the attachments in packet including Staff and Stipend Actions, Enrollment Report and Vacancy Report.
Staff Appointments
Non-Certified Staff -
Gilberto Montanez, Custodian, Elizabeth Shelton School, effective date TBD

Stipend Appointments:
Jose Gil, Assistant Coach/Girls’ Soccer, SHS, Fall Season
Thomas Jurzynski, Head Coach/Boys’ Swimming, SHS, Winter Season
Stephen Malafronte, Freshman Coach/Boys’ Basketball, SHS, Winter Season
Mia Scarpa, Co-Advisor/Drama Club, SHS, 2013-2014

Athletic Stipend Reappointments:
LeAnne Bianchine, Head Coach/Boys’ Volleyball, SHS, Spring Season
Vincent Convertito, Head Coach/Girls’ Lacrosse, SHS, Spring Season
Christopher DeBlock, Assistant Co-Coach/Boys’ Wrestling, SHS, Winter Season
William Maloney, Interscholastic Coach/Boys’ Baseball, SIS, Spring Season
Robert Rotolo, Assistant Co-Coach/Boys’ Wrestling, SHS, Winter Season

Athletic Stipend Resignations:
Kevin Goncalves, Assistant Coach/Boys’ Volleyball, SHS, 2013-2014
Christopher Mahl, Assistant Coach/Boys’ Indoor Track, SHS, 2013-2014
Christopher Mahl, Assistant Coach/Boys’ Outdoor Track, SHS, 2013-2014
George Perduta, Assistant Coach/Boys’ Swimming, SHS, 2013-2014
Michael Staples, Freshman Coach/Boys’ Basketball, SHS, 2013-2014

Highlights
Mike Pacowta and James Orazietti, who are not seeking re-election to the board, each reflected on their experiences as board members and expressed appreciation to past and present fellow board members and staff. Mr. Orazietti lamented some decisions made by the board during his tenure and highlighted several major accomplishments.

Kathy Yolish commented on the Literacy Night held at Long Hill School, which was well attended by staff and parents.

Jay Francino-Quinn affirmed comments made in Public Session concerning the need for additional school social workers. He inquired about final costs of the hardscape at Central Office and cellphones. Arlene Liscinsky responded that Mr. Francino-Quinn was absent from Finance Committee meetings when discussion occurred and the information is available.

Comments by the Board Chair
Chairman Mark Holden commented that each of the schools had something unique to offer at the back to school nights. He noted that parents are starting to become involved with the Full Day Kindergarten Committee. Mr. Holden announced the board representa-
tives for the Sunnyside School Principal interviews will be Kathy Yolish and Arlene Liscinsky; Tim Walsh and Mark Holden will join the second round school site interviews. Chairman Holden discussed the data on full day kindergarten that shows a program based on rigorous curriculum has a lasting impact on students.

Adjournment
Chairman Holden adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Diane Luther
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Recording Secretary – Board of Education
October 30, 2013