MOTIONS

The Board of Education met at 6:33 p.m. in Conference Room C for discussion of Contract Settlements with the Finance Director, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Technology. Jay Francino-Quinn moved to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.; seconded by Paula Ellis; vote 7-0; motion passed. Present were Arlene Liscinsky, Timothy Walsh, Win Oppel, Thomas Minotti, Paula Ellis, Kate Kutash, Jay Francino-Quinn, Freeman Burr, Allan Cameron (departed at 6:55 p.m.) and James Brant. Win Oppel moved to leave Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Chairman Timothy Walsh called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: (alpha order)
Paula Ellis
John Francino-Quinn
Kate Kutash
Arlene Liscinsky, Vice Chair
Mike Pacowta (excused)
Thomas Minotti, Secretary
Win Oppel
Timothy Walsh, Chairman
Kathleen Yolish (excused)

Quorum of 7 present; 2 absent

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Lorraine Rossner
Director of Finance, Allan Cameron
Executive Director of Curriculum & Support Services, Kathy Bender
Acting Director of Human Resources, James Brant

Win Oppel moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to approve the addendum; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Timothy Walsh moved to table addendum item VIII. B. 8. until the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2011; seconded by Win Oppel; vote 7-0; motion passed.
Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2011; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 6-0-1 (abstention by Timothy Walsh); motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to approve the appointment of Sean O'Rourke to stipend position of Newspaper Advisor at Shelton Intermediate School; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Jay Francino-Quinn moved to approve the appointment of Larry Vieira to stipend position of Boys Head Hockey Coach at Shelton High School; seconded by Kate Kutash; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to approve the appointment of Allison Wells to stipend position of Assistant Boys Swim Coach at Shelton High School; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings for the 2012 Calendar Year; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve Policy #5131.911, Bullying, which has sat for review since the last meeting; seconded by Paula Ellis; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Paula Ellis moved to approve the stipend position renewals listed on the attachment; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Thomas Minotti moved to approve the recommended specifics regarding the three-year contract of the Assistant Superintendent, Director of Finance and Director of Technology, and for the Superintendent to proceed with Board of Education Counsel to finalize these agreements; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reallocate the savings in the teacher salary accounts as designated in proposals; seconded by Win Oppel; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Thomas Minotti moved to endorse the Shelton Public Schools District Improvement Plan for 2011-2012 as presented during the Lighthouse Workshop on October 18, 2011; seconded by Arlene Liscinsky; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to ratify the three-year mediated contract agreement settlement between the Shelton Board of Education and the Shelton Administrators’ Council for 2012-2015; seconded by Thomas Minotti; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to approve a revised Investment Policy Statement for the existing Shelton Board of Education 403(b) Plan, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee; seconded by Win Oppel; vote 7-0; motion passed.
Arlene Liscinsky moved to direct the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to secure a separate Federal Employer Identification Number from the existing number used by both the City and the Board of Education, as recommended by the Finance Committee; seconded by Win Oppel; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Arlene Liscinsky moved to adopt the following resolution regarding Burden of Proof in special education hearings; seconded by Win Oppel; vote 7-0; motion passed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Shelton Board of Education proudly supports the expertise of its special education teachers and related service providers in developing and designing high-quality programs for children with disabilities in the Shelton Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the Shelton Board of Education supports Connecticut’s adoption of the standards set forth in the United States Supreme Court decision in the Schaffer v. Weast case;

WHEREAS, the Shelton Board of Education believes that, in order to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars in Fairfield County, it is important to take any actions possible to eliminate waste and redirect funding in favor of programming to benefit children and away from unnecessary administrative expenses;

Be it RESOLVED that the Shelton Board of Education strongly supports changing the law to ensure that, like 48 other states in our nation, the burden of proof in special education hearings be placed with the party initiating the hearing.

Paula Ellis moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.; seconded by Jay Francino-Quinn; vote 7-0; motion passed.

Diane Luther

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Secretary to Board of Education
October 28, 2011