

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 24, 2015**

Chairman Arlene Liscinsky called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

In Attendance: Arlene Liscinsky, Chairperson, Win Oppel Vice Chairperson, Tom Minotti, Faith Hack.

Also in Attendance: Mark Holden, Dominic Barone, Director of Finance, Freeman Burr, Superintendent, Kate Kutash, Kathy Yolish, Deb Keller. Alderman John Anglace and Alderman Eric McPherson were also present.

Absent (Unexcused): Jay Francino-Quinn.

Win Oppel moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. Tom Minotti seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

A handout of the Final Budget Proposal for 2015-2016 was handed out. A discussion was had on the proposed budget. Mr. Barone advised the he and Superintendent Burr met with the Mayor this morning. Dominic advised the mayor that there will be a surplus of approximately \$350,000 in the current year's budget subject to insurance reconciliation. A discussion was had regarding the surplus and how it could be spent for capitol purchases.

Mr. Burr advised that there were 8 retirements this year. There are 3 retirements that are not filled for the upcoming school year. He also advised that 4 positions were eliminated at Perry Hill School due to the fact that enrollment is down. One position was eliminated at SIS and 1 position at Shelton High School. Mr. Burr advised that all of these positions except for one of them are due to retirements or resignations. Further discussion was had.

Mr. Burr also updated the board on class sizes for the upcoming school year. He also advised that the Pre-K program is moving out of LHS and over to Mohegan school due to the fact that there is no room at LHS for the upcoming school year.

At the meeting this morning the Mayor advised Mr. Burr and Mr. Barone that \$125,000 would be added to the BOE budget after July 1, 2015. Mr. Oppel asked John Anglace if this was on the July agenda for the Alderman meeting. Mr. Anglace advised that the July agenda has not been developed yet. The board asked Mr. Anglace if this could be added to the agenda. Mr. Anglace advised that this is the first he is hearing about it at which time Mr. Burr advised that they had just met with the Mayor that morning. Mr. Anglace did advise that in past history when the Mayor and the Superintendent agree on something it happens.

Win Oppel moved to adopt the 2015-2016 proposed budget as outlined in the 2 page handout dated 06-24-15 and labeled Final Budget Proposal for a total of \$69,470,000. Tom Minotti seconded the motion. Mark Holden added that if the \$125,000 additional money expected from the City does not materialize that we will need to readjust the figures. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Faith Hack moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing salaries for the non-bargaining units. Win Oppel seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

The Executive Session began at 6:25 PM.

Win Oppel moved to come out of Executive Session. Tom Minotti seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

The regular portion of the Special Finance Committee resumed at 6:42 PM.

There were no motions filed in the Executive Session.

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Teresa Milyo

Recording Secretary