

**SHELTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 28, 2015**

Chairman Arlene Liscinsky called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Also in Attendance: Mark Holden, Dominic Barone, Director of Finance, Freeman Burr, Superintendent (arrived at 4:17 PM), and Kathy Yolish. Greg Walter, Vice President of Business Development for Landmark Student Transportation was also in attendance.

Excused Absence: Tom Minotti

Unexcused Absence: Jay Francino-Quinn

Dominic Barone advised that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss what Greg Walter of Landmark Student Transportation, Freeman Burr and Dominic Barone had discussed regarding the Landmark Student Transportation Bid process. Mr. Walter wanted an opportunity to meet with the board to discuss this bid process that was presented.

Greg Walter handed out copies of this bid to the board members. He proceeded to discuss the proposal and the items listed on the handout.

Mr. Oppel advised Mr. Walter that he should have addressed the board in March of 2014 when they were in the process of approving a contract at that time and not now. Mr. Walter agreed. He proceeded to offer a few different options that he wanted the board to consider. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to go into executive session.

Win Oppel moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Faith Hack seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Greg Walter and the recording secretary left the room while the board was in executive session.

The Executive session began at 4:43 PM.

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

The executive session ended at 5:03 PM and the regular session of the Special Finance Committee resumed at 5:03 PM.

There were no motions filed in the Executive session.

Mr. Oppel advised Greg Walter that the board would like to work with him and that the board has outlined a plan following option #3 on the proposal that was handed out that they would like Landmark to consider. Mr. Oppel also advised that this is not finalized and that Mr. Walter will need to negotiate this with Mr. Burr and Mr. Barone and they in turn will need to talk to the BOE Lawyers to discuss how this will be carried out.

There are three parts to this outline:

- 1) Compensate Landmark beginning this fall for the two extra buses that Landmark provides on a regular basis.
- 2) Change the retainage from two months to one month. That should help with the cash flow situation that Landmark is experiencing.
- 3) Have Greg Walter, Freeman Burr and Dominic Barone meet with the Special Education Department to look at potential opportunities to provide buses and delivery services for certain special education required transportation. This would help provide additional income for Landmark as well.

Mr. Walter advised that the transportation for special education will not work for this year because there would not be enough time to acquire special buses that and also train drivers for this service. The board advised him that he could work on it for the next year.

Mr. Burr advised that something should be put into place before September 1st in regards to the options proposed by the board. Dominic will set up a meeting for this week so that the process can get started.

Faith Hack moved to adjourn the meeting. Win Oppel seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Teresa Milyo

Recording Secretary