

**SHELTER ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2023

Members Present: Kathleen Lynch, Margaret Colligan, Tracy McCarthy, Katherine Rossi-Snook, Dawn Hedberg, Anthony Rando, and Karina Montalvo

Others Present: Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julia Brennan, Shelter Island Gazette; 6 faculty/staff/students and 5 community residents

Absent: Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Lynch, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Katherine Rossi-Snook read the following Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower:

We want our students to cherish our small Island community while applying and expanding their learning about, understanding of, and engagement with the wider world. To do this, they must be: ethical and moral individuals; respectful and responsible communicators; creative and analytical thinkers; knowledgeable and literate readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists; participants in and audiences for art, drama, music, athletics, and other artistic, cultural, and social activities; skilled and successful workers and consumers; and committed and active citizens.

Visitor Questions – None

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

- 6.1 Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of August 21, 2023
 - b. Special Meeting of August 31, 2023

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – None

Presentations – None

Personnel

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Margaret Colligan, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 7.1 – 7.3

- 7.1 Amend Motions
 - a. Amend the following motion of August 21, 2023 from:

Approve the following teachers for EL Education professional development, for the period of August 14, 2023 – September 6, 2023, at their individual hourly rates, not to exceed 10 hours per person.

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| 1. Natalie Regan | 4. Claire Geehreg |
| 2. Kerri Knipfing | 5. Adrienne Pitch |
| 3. Elizabeth Eklund | 6. Michele Yirce |

to:

Approve the following teachers for EL Education professional development, for the period of August 14, 2023 – September 6, 2023, at their individual hourly rates, not to exceed **10.5** hours per person.

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| 1. Natalie Regan | 4. Claire Geehreg |
| 2. Kerri Knipfing | 5. Adrienne Pitch |
| 3. Elizabeth Eklund | 6. Michelle Yirce |

*Call to Order
and Pledge of
Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

*Visitor
Questions*

*Consent Agenda
– Minutes*

Correspondence

Presentations

*Consent Agenda
– Personnel*

- b. Amend the following motion of July 12, 2023 from:

Appointment of Coaches for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. Joshua Green, Junior High Cross Country Co-Coach, \$1,466.65
2. Erin Mulrain, Junior High Cross Country Co-Coach, \$1,466.65

to:

1. Joshua Green, Junior High Cross Country Coach, \$2,933.33

- c. Amend the following motion from August 31, 2023 from:

Appoint Cynthia Pipia as a Leave Replacement for Maggie Manarel, effective on or about October 10, 2023 through June 26, 2024, at a salary of \$68,938, prorated to \$60,818, Step 1 MA of the 2023-2024 teacher salary scale.

to:

Appoint Cynthia Pipia as a Leave Replacement for Maggie Manarel, effective on or about **October 2, 2023** through June 26, 2024, at a salary of \$68,938, prorated to **\$62,645.43**, Step 1 MA of the 2023-2024 teacher salary scale.

- d. Amend the following motion from August 31, 2023 from:

1. Daniel Williams Mentor to Sara Pfennig for the 2023-2024 school year (Prorated to \$375 for Quarter 1 as per the Shelter Island Faculty Association Contract)
2. Janine Mahoney Mentor to Sara Pfennig for the 2023-2024 school year (\$1,125 for Quarters 2, 3 and 4 as per the Shelter Island Faculty Association Contract)

to:

1. Janine Mahoney Mentor to Sara Pfennig for the 2023-2024 school year (**\$1,500 for all four quarters** as per the Shelter Island Faculty Association Contract)

8.2 Amendment to Agreement

- a. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the amended agreement between it and Dr. Brian Doelger, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement

8.3 Additional Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2023-2024

- a. Kristin Sweeney - All Sports
- b. Erin Mulrain - All Sports
- c. Francesca Frasco - Junior High Cross Country

Motion carried unanimously.

Program

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Anthony J. Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program actions: 8.1

8.1 CPSE/CSE Recommendations for the 2023-2024 School Year

- a. Committee on Preschool Special Education
- b. Committee on Special Education

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Dawn Hedberg, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Finance actions: 9.1 –9.2

9.1 Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer’s Report – July 2023
- b. Extra Class Report – July 2023
- c. Appropriation Report
- d. Revenue Status Report
- e. Claim Auditor’s Report – June 2023

- f. Claim Auditor’s Report – July 2023
- g. Claim Auditor’s Report – August 2023
- h. Payroll Audit Report – August 2023

9.2 Budget Transfers & Journal Entries

- a. Accept and approve the Budget Transfers and Journal Entries for the period of August 17, 2023 through September 11, 2023, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Margaret Colligan, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business actions: 10.1 – 10.2

10.1 Contracts

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Wainscott Common School District, NY for student services. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- b. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and School Business Advisor, of Westhampton Beach, NY, for consulting services, at \$28,975, for the term of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

10.2 Private School Transportation

- a. Approval to transport one (1) additional student to Hayground School, Bridgehampton, NY for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Facility - None

Items for Consideration - None

Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel Report

Mr. Todd Gulluscio presented and congratulated the student athletes and coaches on the 8th consecutive NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Award. Mr. Gulluscio explained that this award is given when all Varsity teams have an average of 90 or higher. Mr. Gulluscio shared that everyone is excited for the school’s first home soccer match this coming Friday. In closing, Mr. Gulluscio noted that the athletes and coaches have done a fantastic job navigating the recent hurdles this Fall season between bus cancellations, lack of officials, and inclement weather.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Jennifer Rylott announced that enrollment for grades Pk3 through 12 is currently at 193. Ms. Rylott reminded everyone that Open House will be held this coming Wednesday, September 20, 2023 and that she will be hosting a meeting to help parents understand Title I Grants, from 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm in the Conference Room. Ms. Rylott noted she is also seeking parents to be on the Title I Grants Committee. Ms. Rylott shared that the Elementary Staff has been working with Christina Lesh on the new Kiddum Curriculum; noting that Grades 6-8 ELA Teacher Debra Sears will also pilot the program. In closing, Ms. Rylott noted that our district is ahead of the curve.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Doelger reported that everyone had a great opening to school. He stated that everything is running smoothly and he’s getting great reviews on the new staff members. Dr. Doelger continued his report by sharing the great news that Shelter Island High School has been ranked in the top 18% of the country by U.S. News & World Report. Dr. Doelger explained that this is based on our scores for State exams, AP tests, minority and special education students, and our graduation rates. In additional exciting news, Dr. Doelger shared that the Grades 3-8 New York State assessment results were just released, but still embargoed, and he can’t wait to share the results because they were through the roof. Dr. Doelger contributes so much growth to our teachers who are using IReady, RTI, professional development and new curriculum. Dr. Doelger shared that the septic project was flawless and while

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– Business*

*Facility

Items for
Consideration

Dir of Athletics,
PE, Health,
Wellness &
Personnel Report

Assistant
Superintendent
Report*

*Superintendent
Report
(continued)*

*Board Member
Reports*

it's too early now, he hopes to have data for true readings in the new year. Dr. Doelger stated that the next project will focus on security. Dr. Doelger and the members of the Board of Education discussed the Board Goals from last year; noting they have achieved a lot already and tweaking the goals for this year.

Board Member Reports

Ms. Karina Montalvo stated that she is very excited to have the septic project completed.

Mr. Anthony Rando reported that as part of a PBA project, there will be Jiu Jitsu mats donated for an upcoming program. There will be different dates for different age groups – Kindergarten - Grade 5, Grades 6-12, and adults. The program is expected to run the end of October and dates will be announced soon. Mr. Rando went on to say that the Shelter Island Police Department will be presenting a school safety talk to the faculty and administration on September 27 as part of the first Faculty Meeting of the school year.

Ms. Margaret Colligan shared that she attended a recent Friday Night Dialogue at the Shelter Island Public Library where Mr. Nicholas Cardarus was the guest speaker and presented, "Digital Madness." The presentation was very informative and Ms. Colligan highly recommends everyone watch the webinar.

Ms. Katherine Rossi-Snook reported that she attended the PTSA Back to School BBQ and it was delightful. Ms. Rossi-Snook asked if a schedule of home games, as done in the past, be provided again.

Ms. Kathleen Lynch congratulated the students, teachers and administrators on the very positive test scores that are still embargoed and noted that she can't wait for them to be public.

Visitor Comments

Ms. Amanda Katta reported that Shelter Island Little League has introduced a Fall Ball program and the response has been overwhelming with twenty (20) children enrolled and over ten children on the waiting list. Ms. Katta thanked Mr. Gulluscio for helping to find field space for them to use once per week.

Mr. Brett Surerus stated that the league is experiencing challenges, such as most North Fork teams don't want to travel to Shelter Island, and that there are no lights on the field. The league is steering towards the South Fork to cooperate with Shelter Island. Mr. Surerus went on to say that there is a gap of no sports for students in grades 6-8. Mr. Surerus would like the school and Town Recreation Department to develop programs for this age group. (Note: grades 7 and 8 do have team opportunities.)

Board Member Rando is also a member of the Town Recreation Committee and he stated that the Town is looking to get students in grades 6-8 involved.

President Lynch recommended an Athletic Mentoring Program.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Katherine Rossi-Snook, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby voted to go into an executive session at 7:00 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk Pro Tem

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room.