

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

BUDGET MEETING
January 31, 2022

Members Present: Margaret Colligan, Katherine Rossi-Snook, Kathleen Lynch (left at 6:04), Tracy McCarthy, and Karina Montalvo

Others Present: Dr. Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio; District Treasurer Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 0 faculty/staff/student and 2 community residents

Absent: Robert Strauss; Dawn Hedberg; Harrison Weslek, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by President Colligan.

Call to Order

Executive Session

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A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby voted to go into an executive session at 5:01 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District.

The members of the Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 6:04 pm. President Colligan led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Tracy McCarthy read the following Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower:

We want our students to cherish our small Island community while applying 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.

Budget Presentation – Instructional & Education

2023-2024 Budget Presentation: Instructional & Education

Dr. Doelger welcomed everyone to the second presentation to be held in preparation of the 2023-2024 school budget and explained that tonight’s presentation will focus on the instructional and education portion of the budget. Topics presented by Dr. Doelger at this meeting were as follows.

- Accomplishments
- Budget Formation Process
- District Administration Budget Goals
- Academic Administration & General Classroom Instruction
- Proposed Budget – Academic Administration & General Classroom Instruction
- Special Education
- Occupational Education
- Summer School
- Guidance, Counseling & Health
- Proposed Budget – Special Education, Occupational Education, Summer School, Library and Computer Instruction, and Guidance, Counseling and Health
- Co-Curricular Activities
- Athletics
- Proposed Budget – Co-Curricular & Athletics
- Budget – Next Steps

In closing, Dr. Doelger reviewed the schedule of the dates and topics for the remaining 2023-2024 school budget meetings, and noted that all meetings will begin at 6:00 pm, in the conference room. The schedule is as follows.

- February 13, 2023 – Budget Presentation: Facilities, Transportation, Capital

- March 1, 2023 – Budget Workshop
- March 13, 2023 – Budget Overview & Adjustments
- April 5, 2023 – Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
- May 8, 2023 – Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 16, 2023 – Budget Vote, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, School Gymnasium

*Budget
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Education
(continued)*

At this time, Dr. Doelger opened the floor to questions.

Katherine Rossi-Snook asked why there was a decrease in the summer school line. Dr. Doelger responded that the decrease was based on what was actually spent for summer school last year. Ms. Rossi-Snook then asked why the guidance line decreased. Dr. Doelger explained that Ms. Martha Tuthill resigned after the budget was adopted last year so the 2022-2023 budget still reflected her salary.

Tracy McCarthy didn't have a question, but did want to commend Student Liaison, Harrison Weslek, who presented at the last Board of Education Meeting, asking for a Soccer team and/or Intramural team. Ms. McCarthy noted that Mr. Weslek was articulate and confident and came to the meeting prepared to lobby for a soccer team.

*Visitor
Questions*

Visitor Questions - None

Old Business

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A community member in the audience, who plays in the adult soccer league on Shelter Island stated he was very pleased that the school was going to have a school soccer team in Fall 2023.

Community member, Benjamin Dyett commended the Board of Education and Administration for all of the work they do to provide students with such an amazing educational opportunity. Mr. Dyett then asked the if there were any updates on the Waste Water Issue (septic project). Dr. Doelger replied that no formal decision has been made just yet and explained that he and the Board of Education are waiting to hear from the Town regarding a SEQRA report and a grant award. Mr. Dyett asked how much the project would cost if the school did it on its own versus joining the Town on their septic project. Dr. Doelger responded that the cost for the district to do it on its own would be approximately \$1,000,000 which we have in our repair reserve, and the cost if we joined the Town would only be approximately \$300,000. Dr. Doelger stated that he will have a more definitive answer about whether or not we will be joining the town on their project in the next couple of weeks.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning – District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday February 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.