

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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
March 5, 2018**

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar (arrived at 6:13 pm), Susan Binder, Kathleen Lynch and Tracy McCarthy

Others Present: Dr. Christine Finn, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Idowu Ogundipe, School District Business Leader; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer1 faculty/staff/ student and 1 community resident/other

Absent: Sarah Lewis, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Graffagnino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thomas Graffagnino 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.

Budget Workshop

The members of the Board of Education and Administration reviewed the budget line by line.

Dr. Finn reported that the 2018-2019 budget being reviewed this evening includes \$75,000 for private school transportation to Our Lady of the Hamptons. Dr. Finn explained that a family lives within the 15 mile distance (14.9 miles) and by law is eligible for transportation. Dr. Finn confirmed that every family attending this private school is now eligible to receive transportation and by law, if the family who lives within 15 miles of the private school moves, the other families will still receive transportation for another three years. In closing, Dr. Finn noted that there will be a centralized pick up/drop off location at Shelter Island School, just as there is for the other private school bus.

While reviewing each budget line, the members of the Board of Education inquired about several different items, some of which were answered and others required additional research. Dr. Finn and Mr. Ogundipe told the members of the Board of Education they would gather and send the additional information to them the next day.

Mr. Graffagnino acknowledged that the District will not pierce the tax cap for the 2018-2019 budget, but asked if it will be necessary to pierce for the 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Ogundipe stated that although the District is trimming the 2018-2019 budget to stay within the tax cap, he does not believe there will be enough to trim next year and the District will need to pierce the cap for the 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Graffagnino reminded everyone that retirements and/or massive cuts could always offset the need to pierce the cap for 2019-2020.

Visitor Questions - None

Executive Session

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:07 pm, to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Susan Binder, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning - District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, March 19, 2018, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Call to Order

Mission Statement

Budget Workshop

Visitor Questions

Executive Session

Adjournment