

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

BUDGET MEETING
January 29, 2018

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Tracy McCarthy, Susan Binder, and Kathleen Lynch

Others Present: Dr. Christine Finn, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Idowu Ogundipe, School District Business Leader; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; Mary Ellen McGayhey, Town of Shelter Island Videographer; 1 faculty/staff/student and 4 community residents

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Graffagnino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. member, Barry Ryder.

Elizabeth Melichar 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.

2018-2019 Budget Presentation: Special Education

Ms. Jennifer Rylott presented the Special Education portion of the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Topics presented by Ms. Rylott included, Special Education Overview, In-District Special Education Services, Shelter Island Classification Rates, Shelter Island Classification by Disability, Looking Ahead (Goals), Contractual Salaries and Other Budget Items. In closing, Ms. Rylott opened the floor to questions, of which there were none.

Next, Mr. Gulluscio presented the Athletics portion of the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Topics presented by Mr. Gulluscio included Participation Statistics, Programs & Participation, Benefits of Educationally Based Athletic Programs, and Budget Items. Mr. Gulluscio then stated that the proposed budget included the cost of “shared” sports to address the need when a student is skilled to play at a Varsity level, but the District is unable to field a Varsity level team. This would be offered as a restricted model which would require the District to pay a “tuition” fee per student to a neighboring district. The ability of the student athlete would be evaluated by the Shelter Island School District, as well as the “shared” District. Mr. Gulluscio further explained that due to budget constraints, transportation would not be provided, and parents would be required to transport their child to and from the “shared” district. Additionally, this opportunity would only be available for Juniors and Seniors, and they would only be able to participate in such an arrangement if it wouldn’t hurt our chances of fielding a home team. Mr. Gulluscio closed by stating that this arrangement would be re-evaluated each year. In closing, Mr. Gulluscio opened the floor to questions, of which there were none.

Next, Mr. Idowu Ogundipe, School District Business Leader presented the Educational portion of the 2018-2019 proposed budget. Topics presented by Mr. Ogundipe included, School Budget Organization, Staff Overview, Benefits: Three Year Comparison, Non-Personnel Expenses, Support Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Transportation, Ferriage, Contractual Services, and Materials & Supplies.

Mr. Ogundipe reviewed the schedule of the dates and topics for the remaining 2018-2019 school budget meetings, and noted that all the meetings will begin at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room. The schedule is as follows.

- February 12, 2018 – Facilities & Capital
- March 5, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- March 19, 2018 – Budget Overview
- March 21, 2018 – Budget Workshop (if needed)
- April 18, 2018 – Budget Adoption

*Call to Order
and Pledge of
Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

*Budget
Presentation –
Special
Education*

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Presentation –
Athletics*

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Presentation --
Educational*

- May 7, 2018 – Budget Hearing

Mr. Ogundipe ended his presentation and opened the floor to any questions or concerns. Ms. Elizabeth Melichar questioned the increase in the Occupational Education Off Island Transportation line which increased by 121.49% and asked how many students are participating in the program. Mr. Ogundipe stated that he would have to research the answer to her question.

Visitor Comments

Ms. Christine Gallagher, parent, shared that she appreciates the idea of “shared” sports and hopes it will still stand if and when cuts to the proposed 2018-2019 budget begin to take place.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning – District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday February 12, 2018, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

*Budget
Presentation –
Educational
(continued)*

*Visitor
Comments*

Adjournment