

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

BUDGET MEETING
January 28, 2019

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Kathleen Lynch, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Margaret Colligan and Jason Lones

Others Present: Dr. Christine Finn, Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Linda Haas, School District Business Leader; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; Mary Ellen McGayhey, Town of Shelter Island Videographer; 1 faculty/staff/student and 0 community residents

Absent: Tracy McCarthy, Board Trustee; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Nicholas Labrozzi, Student Liaison

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

Margaret Colligan 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.

2019-2020 Budget Presentation: Facilities & Capital

Mr. Graffagnino reminded everyone that the budget is a work in progress and introduced Ms. Linda Haas, School District Business Leader. Ms. Haas welcomed everyone to the third presentation to be held in preparation of the 2019-2020 school budget. Topics presented by Ms. Haas included, School Budget Organization, Facilities and Capital, Debt Service and Cafeteria Costs. While reviewing the plant operations contractual line, Ms. Haas highlighted a 300.53% increase and noted that the line includes various security-related projects which the district is hopeful will be covered by a grant. Ms. Haas reviewed the schedule of the dates and topics for the remaining 2019-2020 school budget meetings, and noted that all the meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. The schedule is as follows.

- February 11, 2019 - Education
- March 4, 2019 – Budget Workshop
- March 11, 2019 – Budget Overview
- March 25, 2019 – Budget Workshop (if needed)
- April 16, 2019 – Budget Adoption
- May 13, 2019 – Budget Hearing

Ms. Haas ended her presentation and opened the floor to questions. Ms. Linda Eklund inquired about the grant Ms. Haas referred to when presenting the large increase for the plant operations contractual line. Dr. Finn explained that the grant monies are from Assemblyman Thiele. Thinking this was a grant received from Mr. Thiele several years ago, Ms. Eklund inquired further. Dr. Finn explained this was a new grant, but the amount is not yet known. Dr. Finn recommended that the district buy these important security-related items whether or not they are covered by the grant.

Next, Ms. Eklund noted that an asbestos abatement is an item included in the budget and asked if insurance would cover a portion of the cost. Mr. Michael Dunning, Facilities Manager stated that insurance does not cover an asbestos abatement unless the need is caused by a flood or something similar. Ms. Eklund then inquired about the window film also included in budget. Mr. Dunning explained that the film strengthens the glass, slowing down an intruder trying to break in to the building.

As a final comment, Ms. Eklund explained that the Transportation Committee has been meeting to determine the feasibility of the district buying a 20 passenger mini-bus and asked Ms. Haas to discuss the findings of the

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committee. Ms. Haas explained that the cost of a mini-bus would be \$55,000, it could be either purchased or leased, and the drivers would be volunteers who would have to be screened; adhering to Department of State rules. Dr. Finn added that if a mini-bus was purchased the anticipated savings per year would be approximately \$40,000 – not including the calculation of ferriage savings.

Mr. Graffagnino requested that all of the findings of the Transportation Committee be sent to all seven board members prior to the next board meeting so each member can review it and he closed by stating that the district will not pierce the cap to include this mini-bus.

Visitor Comments - None

Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning – District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday February 11, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

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Adjournment