

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

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2019**

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

Others Present: Dr. Christine Finn, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Linda Haas, School District Business Leader; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; Maryellen McGayhey, Videographer; 16 faculty/staff/ student and 7 community resident/other

Absent: Nicholas Labrozzi, Student Liaison

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

Kathleen Lynch 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.

2019-2020 Public Budget Hearing

Ms. Haas welcomed everyone to the 2019-2020 Public Budget Hearing. The items presented were as follows.

- Funding the 2019-2020 Budget
- Calculating the Tax Levy
- Property Tax Report Card
- Proposed Appropriations for 2019-2020
- Appropriations
- Estimated Impact to Property Taxes

At this time, Dr. Finn presented “points of pride” for Academics, Athletics and The Arts and pointed out that the 2019-2020 budget maintains all programs and even enhances some.

In closing, Ms. Haas reminded everyone to come out to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 and opened the floor to questions, of which there were none.

Visitor Questions

Mr. John Klupka, Board of Education Candidate, questioned why the district was hiring a new psychologist. Mr. Graffagnino clarified that the new psychologist was hired to replace Dr. James Dibble who is retiring at the end of the school.

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A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 1. Budget Adoption/Regular Meeting of April 16, 2019

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence - None

Presentations

*Call to Order
and Pledge of
Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

*Public Budget
Hearing*

*Visitor
Questions*

*Consent Agenda
Minutes*

Correspondence

Presentations

Disney Trip Report

Along with Class Advisor, Ms. Jennifer Gulluscio, the Class of 2023 officers, Benjamin Waife, Andrea Napoles, Angelinea Rice, Madigan Teodoru, Hayden Rylott and Sebastian Quigely-Dunning thanked the Board of Education for supporting the Disney trip and shared the many experiences they had on the trip. The members of the Board of Education, thanked the students for their presentation

At this time, Mr. Graffagnino acknowledged Tim Laube and Sam Schneider, past Shelter Island Business Officials who were in the audience.

Suffolk Zone Elementary & Middle School Awards

Mr. Gulluscio congratulated four of our students who were recognized at the annual Suffolk Zone Physical Education Awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The recipients of this year’s awards were Elijah Davidson, Mary Gennari, Lexi Jernick and Michael Kotula.

Personnel

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Tracy McCarthy BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Action:
9.1

9.1 New Hire

- a. Approve Erica Mailand as a .5 FTE Elementary Teacher and .5 FTE Teacher Assistant, retroactive to May 1, 2019, at a salary of \$31,998, prorated to \$5,759.55, Step 1 MA of the 2018-2019 teacher salary scale and at a salary of \$19,908.00, prorated to \$3,583.35, Step1 MA of the 2018-2019 teacher assistant salary scale

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Ms. Mailand thanked the members of the Board of Education and Administration for having her and stated that she has already received a very warm welcome from everyone.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Margaret Colligan BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Action:
9.2

9.2 New Hire

- a. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves Danielle Spears, as School Psychologist, effective September 1, 2019, at \$65,275.00, Step 1 MA of the 2019-2020 teacher salary scale, with a four (4) year probationary period through September 1, 2023, in the tenure area of School Psychologist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Ms. Spears must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Ms. Spears thanked the Board of Education for this opportunity and stated that she is excited to begin working with the students, parents and faculty.

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Tracy McCarthy BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Action:
9.3-9.4

9.3 Coordinators for Summer School 2019

- a. Appoint James Bocca, as .50 Summer School Coordinator, at a rate of \$716.00
- b. Appoint Jessica Nardi, as .50 Summer School Coordinator, at a rate of \$716.00

9.4 Personnel for Summer School 2019

- a. Appoint the following personnel for the Leap Into Learning Summer School Program, effective July 1, 2019 through July 25, 2019, for 34 hours each, at his/her individual hourly rate:

Presentations

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Personnel*

1. James Bocca, teacher
2. Rachel Brigham, teacher
- b. Appoint Margaret Mosher, teacher, for the Leap Into Learning Summer School Program, effective July 1, 2019 through July 25, 2019, for 34 hours, at a rate of \$51.30
- c. Appoint Jessica Nardi, teacher, for the Leap Into Learning Summer School Program, effective July 1, 2019 through July 25, 2019, for 20 hours, at her individual hourly rate
- d. Appoint the following personnel for the Specialized Reading Summer School Program, effective July 1, 2019 through August 9, 2019, at her individual hourly rate:
 1. Janine Mahoney, 24 hours
 2. Rachel Brigham, 24 hours
 3. Jessica Nardi, 12 hours
- e. Appoint the following personnel as Leap Into Learning Summer School Substitute Teachers (as needed), effective July 1, 2019 through July 25, 2019, at her individual hourly rate:
 1. Debra Sears
 2. Natalie Regan
- f. Appoint Lillian Klupka as Leap Into Learning Summer School Substitute Teacher (as needed), effective July 1, 2019 through July 25, 2019, at a rate of \$16.93 per hour
- g. Appoint Lillian Klupka as Leap Into Learning Summer School Aide Substitute (as needed), effective July 1, 2019 through July 25, 2019, at a rate of \$15.83 per hour

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Action:
9.5

9.5 Resignation

- a. Accept the resignation of Christine Finn, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2019

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Dr. Finn read her letter of resignation in which she thanked everyone for making her time in the district so special.

Program

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Margaret Colligan, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Program Action:
10.1 – 10.2

10.1 CSE Recommendations for the 2018-2019 School Year

- a. Committee on Special Education

10.2 CSE Recommendations for the 2019-2020 School Year

- a. Committee on Special Education

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Finance Actions:
11.1 – 11.2

11.1 Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – March 2019
- b. Extra Class Report – March 2019
- c. Appropriation Status Report

- d. Revenue Status Report
- e. Claim Auditor's Report – April 2019
- f. Payroll Audit Report – April 2019

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(continued)*

11.2 Budget Transfers & Journal Entries

- a. Accept and approve Budget Transfers and Journal Entries, for the period of March 29, 2019 through April 30, 2019, in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Business*

Business

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Business Actions:

12.1

12.1 Additional Private School Transportation

- a. Approval to transport one additional student to Ross Upper School, East Hampton, NY for the 2019-2020 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Finn pointed out that although this private school transportation request was received after the April 1 deadline, the addition of one more student on the bus did not cost any extra. Dr. Finn went on to explain that if the late request would have cost the district extra money, it would have been denied.

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Facility – None

Items for Consideration

Gifts for 2019 Graduates

Not wanting to ruin the surprise for any members of the senior class in the audience, the Board very quickly agreed that they will use their personal funds to purchase the traditional graduate gifts. Ms. Linda Eklund agreed to purchase and wrap the gifts.

*Items for
Consideration*

Set Date for Re-Organizational Meeting

The members of the Board of Education agreed that the Re-Organizational Meeting will be held on July 8, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Old Business

Old Business - None

School District Business Leader Report- None

*School District
Business Leader*

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

Mr. Gulluscio spoke about the Walk Across America event taking place in this week's physical education classes and invited everyone to join the teachers and students as they walk around the track. He also stated that the regular season is coming to an end and the Athletic Awards Dinner will be held on June 5, 2019.

*Dir. Of Athletics,
PE, Health,
Wellness &
Personnel*

Academic Administrator Report

New York State Math Assessments

Ms. Jennifer Rylott reported that for the New York State Math exam, for students in grades 3-8, the District had a participation rate of 72.6% which is slightly greater than last year which was 71%. Ms. Rylott pointed out that students who will be taking the Algebra I Regents in June do not have to take the 8th grade New York State Math Exam. At this time, Dr. Finn thanked Ms. Rylott for the smooth administration of the math exams.

*Academic
Administrator*

Superintendent Report

Young Artists and Writers Program (YAWP)

Dr. Finn reported that she had attended the Young Artists and Writers Program (YAWP) festival on Saturday, May 11, 2019 where two of our students' plays were performed. Alexandra Burns and Angelina Rice's plays were chosen and they did a great job directing their classmates who were chosen to perform. Dr. Finn

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Report*

congratulated all of the students and also thanked Lynne Colligan and Devon Treharne for facilitating the writing portion of the YAWP process in their classes.

Superintendent Report (cont'd)

Board Member Reports

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Ms. Kathleen Lynch reported that she had the opportunity to participate in Walk Across America and it was the highlight of her week. Ms. Lynch encouraged everyone to come out and participate.

Mr. Thomas Graffagnino welcomed the new hires and gave special thanks to Nurse Mary Kanarvogel for everything she does for our school.

Mr. Mark Kanarvogel remarked about how great the ball fields look and thanked Michael Dunning and his crew for all they've done to get them in great condition. Mr. Kanarvogel also thanked Nurse Mary Kanarvogel for all she does.

Ms. Margaret Colligan, on behalf of Mary Dwyer, handed out copies of the 2Rs4Fun books to each of the Board Members. Ms. Dwyer oversees the writing program at the Public Library.

Mr. Jason Lones, as part of Teacher Appreciation Week, thanked the teachers of the district for all that they do. Mr. Lones also thanked the PTSA for everything they did to celebrate the teachers throughout the week. Mr. Lones also mentioned that he has enjoyed hearing Janine Mahoney's name on WELJ for her work with Habitat for Humanity.

Student Liaison Report

Student Liaison Report – None

Visitor Comments

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Mr. Timothy Laube and Mr. Sam Schneider, both former Shelter Island UFSD Business Officials attended this meeting to thank the Board of Education for giving them both the opportunities that launched their careers as Business Officials. They specifically thanked Thomas Graffagnino and Mark Kanarvogel for their years of service on the Board of Education since have chosen not to run again. Mr. Graffagnino and Mr. Kanarvogel thanked Mr. Laube and Mr. Schneider for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Ms. Janine Mahoney, teacher, stated that she is the current Shelter Island Educational Foundation President and pointed out that the foundation has awarded \$30,000 in grants this Spring. Ms. Mahoney also reminded everyone that the Foundation's Porch Party fundraiser will be held on July, 6, 2019.

In response to Ms. Mahoney, Mr. Graffagnino spoke about how special the Shelter Island Educational Foundation is and how it gives our students many opportunities beyond the district's budget.

Ms. Kate Rossi-Snook introduced herself to the room and announced that she is running for the Board of Education.

Executive Session

Executive Session

A motion was made by Jason Lones, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:50 pm, to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District pursuant to Section 105 (e).

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, June 17, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.