

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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
April 1, 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; Linda Haas, School District Business Leader; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; 0 faculty/staff/ student and 1 community resident/other
- Absent: Nicholas Labrozzi, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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.

Budget Workshop

President Graffagnino opened the meeting and stated that the 2019-2020 budget is still a work in progress and must be finalized in time for adoption at the April 16, 2019 meeting.

Dr. Christine Finn stated that since the Board of Education last met, the cost of purchasing a bus had been taken out of the budget and the 19-20 proposed budget currently stands at 12,153,377.21. Dr. Finn then spoke about additional areas that could also be trimmed if the Board of Education trustees wanted to reduce the budget further and noted that these reductions would be relatively painless. The areas included transfer to capital, salary adjustments, private school, special education public school, TRS, summer salary and elementary travel and conference. All of these reductions combined equals \$218,500.00.

Before making any decisions, the Board Trustees further discussed the budget. Mr. Lones inquired about having more than the allowed 4% in the unassigned fund balance. Mr. Graffagnino explained that this is necessary for our small district because one special education student alone could bankrupt the district if we didn't have the extra monies available. Ms. Eklund requested a 5-year spending plan, updated each year to allow for proper planning during each budget season.

At this time, Dr. Finn asked each Board Trustee whether or not they were in favor of reducing the budget by the \$218,500.00 mentioned earlier. All seven Board Trustees agreed to all of the reductions. With these reductions, the 2019-2020 proposed budget now stands at \$11,934,877.21.

Mr. Graffagnino stated that this budget will be brought to the Board for adoption at the April 16, 2019 meeting and requested that an updated budget sheet be sent to the Board Trustees this week to ensure they are all familiar with the budget they will be adopting.

Visitor Questions

Mr. John Klupka, a community member stated that Ms. Eklund's idea of a 5-year plan is good so no one can say they were blindsided when tougher budget decisions need to be made. Mr. Klupka also recommended that it is important to create a sense of urgency when it comes to the budget to ensure the "yes" votes come out.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning - District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Call to Order

Mission Statement

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Adjournment