

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

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
May 27, 2020**

Members Present: Kathleen Lynch, Jason Lones, Tracy McCarthy, Margaret Colligan and Katherine Rossi-Snook

Others Present: Dr. Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Director of Pupil Personnel, Data & Instruction; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Susan Dempsey, Shelter Island Reporter; Julia Brenna, Shelter Island Gazette; unknown number of faculty/staff/ student/community resident/other as meeting is virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Absent: Linda Eklund, Maria Carbajal, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by President Lynch, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Brookelyn Gulluscio.

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.

2020-2021 Public Budget Hearing

Dr. Doelger welcomed everyone to the 2020-2021 Public Budget Hearing and presented a brief over view of the following topics.

- Proposed Expenditure Budget
- 3-Part Budget
- State Aid
- Anticipated Revenue Budget
- Additional Propositions

At this time, Ms. Kathleen Lynch read the following statement.

We will now conduct a public hearing on the 2020-2021 adopted budget. The Board of Education has formulated a budget that is in compliance with the property tax cap and preserves programs for our students despite the economic times that are facing us. We are being faced with an unprecedented situation and I hope I can speak for my colleagues on the Board when I say that I am proud of our spending plan for next year.

Voters will be asked to render an opinion on this budget via absentee ballots, which are due back to the District on or before June 9, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Voters across the District should have already received, or are about to receive, their ballots in the mail. If there is a registered voter who has not received their ballot, please call District Clerk Jacki Dunning at (631) 749-0302 x101.

The Board of Education will open the floor to comments via the chat feature of this virtual hearing, but before that, are there any members of the Board of Education who have questions or wish to make comments?

At this time, Katherine Rossi-Snook highlighted Proposition 3, which is seeking authorization to use funds from a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in 2006 to renovate the science classrooms. Ms. Rossi-Snook noted that this money has been sitting unused for all these years and it would be beneficial to use it now to update the science labs.

President Lynch ask if there were any comments from the public that they wish to make at this time? Ms. Rylott was checking the support email and the comments section of the meeting and stated there were no comments at this time.

President Lynch then asked if any of her colleagues on the Board of Education have anything that they would like to add. No further comments were made.

*Call to Order
and Pledge of
Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

*Public Budget
Hearing*

At this time, President Lynch reminded everyone to vote by June 9 and described how the votes will be tallied on that night -- at 5:01 pm on June 9, we will have four or five teams of two elections inspectors in the high school gymnasium each working on opening the affidavit envelopes. The envelopes will be separated from the ballots and the ballots will be shuffled to preserve voter privacy. The entire process will be live-streamed on the NFHS network -- the link will be posted on the district's website. All of our inspectors, including those who are District employees, have been trained in the proper administration of an election. We will count the ballots on June 9 and announce them on a Google Meets meeting at 7:00 pm -- a link for this meeting will also be on the district's website.

Seeing no one else who wishes to participate, I hereby declare this hearing closed at 4:45 pm and we will now move on the regular business portion of this meeting.

At this time, Ms. Julia Brennan of the Shelter Island Gazette noted that she had trouble entering the meeting through the regular link. Ms. Susan Dempsey of the Report noted the same and stated that she joined via phone instead of video.

Visitor Questions (Specific to Agenda) - None

Personnel

A motion was made by Jason Lones, seconded by Margaret Colligan BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Action: 6.1 – 6.3

- 6.1 Appointment of Election Inspectors
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates any school district employee, upon the approval of the Superintendent and District Clerk, to serve as additional Election Inspector for the processing of the June 9, 2020 School District Budget Vote and Election with no additional compensation.
- 6.2 Poll Workers for Annual Meeting/Budget Vote on June 9, 2020 at a rate of \$125 per day
 - a. Angela Corbett
 - b. Lew Corbett
 - c. Lois Corbett
 - d. Shirley Ferrer
- 6.3 Vote Chairperson
 - a. Appointment of Kathleen Lynch, President, Board of Education, as the chairperson for the Annual Meeting/Budget vote on June 9, 2020

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Comments - None

At this time, Dr. Doelger stated that he received texts from several teachers who all said they were in the meeting and the link was working properly. Mr. Walter Brigham will try to determine what may have caused Ms. Brennan and Ms. Dempsey's troubles. Dr. Doelger also noted that the video of the meeting will be posted on YouTube within the next half hour for anyone who would like to view it and offered that if anyone had any questions after viewing the video they could email him directly or through the support email address.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Jason Lones, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, June 15, 2020, at 4:30 pm, on Google Meets.

Personnel

Visitor
Comments

Adjournment