

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
July 16, 2019**

Members Present: Kathleen Lynch, Linda Eklund, Jason Lones, John Klupka, and Katherine Rossi-Snook

Others Present: Dr. Allan Gerstenlauer, Interim Superintendent; Todd Guluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness and Personnel; Linda Haas, School District Business Leader; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 2 faculty/staff/student and 0 community resident/other

Absent: Tracy McCarthy; Margaret Colligan; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by District Clerk, Jacqueline Dunning, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Questions –None

Presentation

Michael Dunning reviewed the process leading up to the bathroom renovation and the results of the mandated pre-construction survey. The results of said survey showed there was asbestos in the glue used to adhere the original tiles to the walls, as well as lead used in the glaze. Therefore, an asbestos abatement and air quality monitoring services are required by law. (See items 5.2 a-e below.)

Mr. Dunning explained that only one bid came in for the bathroom renovation and it was higher than the budget. He had asked the contractor to break out the price for certain items and determined that he and his crew would be able to do some of the items in-house, bringing the bid down to the budgeted amount. The monies for this project will be covered either fully by a DASNY grant or partial DASNY grant and funds from the unassigned fund balance.

President Lynch asked Mr. Dunning if he could clear up the confusion about why asbestos is still being discovered in the building. Mr. Dunning responded that any time there is construction in the old portions of the building, there is always the possibility of asbestos being discovered. Mr. Dunning stated that although many asbestos abatements have taken place, he could never say the building was 100% asbestos-free.

John Klupka asked Mr. Dunning if there was a deadline for when the bathrooms had to be finished. Mr. Dunning explained that the project was on schedule to be done before school started in September, but due to the asbestos abatement, the project will fall behind and the bathrooms won't be ready for approximately three weeks into the new school year. The heavy construction will be completed by the time school starts and all other work will be done after 3:00 pm on school days. Mr. Dunning noted that other bathrooms in the same area of the school will be available to students.

Linda Eklund inquired as to how the bathroom project was under budgeted by so much. Mr. Dunning explained that the original idea was to spruce up the bathroom and once the project changed to a full renovation the costs shifted.

Kathleen Lynch asked about the asbestos abatement in the Faculty Room. Mr. Dunning explained that asbestos was discovered last summer when sprucing up the Faculty Room. Unfortunately, last year's mold issue in the music rooms required all of the emergency funds so the asbestos was safely sealed and held until this summer.

Business

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by John Klupka, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the following Business Action: 5.1 – 5.2

5.1 Awarding Bid for the Shelter Island Bathroom Renovation

- a. Hirsch & Company, LLC, Center Moriches, NY

5.2 Contracts

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Never Better Solutions, LLC, of Bay Shore, NY, for asbestos and lead removal related to the bathroom renovation, at a cost of \$15,862.00; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- b. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and J.C. Broderick & Associates, Incorporated, of Hauppauge, NY, for asbestos and lead air monitoring services and laboratory analysis related to the bathroom renovation, at an estimated cost of \$8,925.00; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

*Call to Order
and Pledge
of Allegiance*

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- c. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Hirsch & Company, LLC, of Center Moriches, NY, for bathroom renovations, at a cost of \$115,000.00; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- d. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Never Better Solutions, LLC, of Bay Shore, NY, for asbestos removal related to the faculty room project, at a cost of \$6,740.00; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- e. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and J.C. Broderick & Associates, Incorporated, of Hauppauge, NY, for asbestos air monitoring services and laboratory analysis related to the faculty room project, at an estimated cost of \$5,500.00; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

Motion carried unanimously

At this time, Mr. Dunning moved on to the topic of the advanced waste water system. In 2015-2016 school year, the State informed us that the district had an aging septic system and it must be replaced. At that same time, the Town of Shelter Island was looking into an advanced waste water system to reduce nitrates in the water so the two agencies merged their projects into one and started mapping out the next steps. For whatever reasons, the project stalled, never got off the ground and can no longer be moved forward.

John Cronin, the engineer for the Town of Shelter Island has a new idea that he will present to the Town Board at a meeting later today. The idea is comprised of creating a sewer district for the center of town which would hook-up the town buildings, the school, the public library and possibly the fire department. Mr. Dunning offered an alternate plan which involved the school district either installing a conventional septic system or our own advanced waste water system. Mr. Dunning pointed out that there is both New York State funding and Suffolk County funding available to use towards advanced waste water systems.

Dr. Allan Gerstenlauer stated that John Cronin is hoping to put out an RFP for an Engineering Study and such study would outline the feasibility, design and cost of the sewer district. As this project hasn't even been accepted by the Town Board yet, it is impossible to determine a projected cost. In closing, Dr. Gerstenlauer asked the Board Trustees if this joint project was something they would like to explore as an option. Each member who was present agreed it is worth exploring.

Visitor Comments – None

Superintendent Report

Dr. Gerstenlauer shared that State Education Commissioner, MaryEllen Elia has resigned. Dr. Gerstenlauer also noted that immunizations are mandatory for every student participating in summer school programs and entering school beginning in Fall 2019. Dr. Gerstenlauer stated that Mary Kanarvogel has been working with families and as long as they can prove they have begun the process they can attend programs at our school.

In follow-up to the July 8, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Gerstenlauer reported that it has been determined that flying to Washington DC would be less expensive than taking a coach bus and this option would also allow the students more time to explore on both the first day they arrive and on the day prior to leaving for the airport. Dr. Gerstenlauer asked the Board Trustees if they were in support of the students flying and every member who was present agreed flying was the better choice.

Adjournment

A motion was made by John Klupka, seconded by Linda Eklund, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

 Jacqueline Dunning
 District Clerk

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

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 Business
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Presentation

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 Comments*

*Superintendent
 Report*