

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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP  
February 24, 2021**

- Members Present: Kathleen Lynch, Margaret Colligan, Tracy McCarthy, Katherine Rossi-Snook, Dawn Hedberg, Robert Strauss, and Karina Montalvo
- Others Present: Dr. Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Director of Pupil Personnel, Data & Instruction; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane of the Shelter Island Report; Julia Brennan of Shelter Island Gazette, and 1 faculty/staff/ student and 1 community resident/other
- Absent: Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Nicholas Mamisashvili, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Lynch, 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 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**

Dr. Brian Doelger welcomed everyone and reviewed the accomplishments made in the current school year and highlighted the fact that during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been in school full-time since September. Dr. Doelger also reviewed the District Administration Budget Goals, and highlighted some changes to the budget that took place since the last meeting – savings in Occupational Education costs and Teachers Retirement System costs, and increases due to the addition of a potential COVID-19 aide position and two (2) part-time custodians. Dr. Doelger then reviewed the current proposed budget summary and noted that a reduction of approximately \$70,000 still needs to be made in order to stay within the 2% tax cap. Dr. Doelger also reviewed the schedule of the dates and topics for the remaining 2021-2022 school budget meetings. The schedule is as follows.

- March 8, 2021 – Budget Overview and Adjustments
- April 12, 2021 – Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
- May 10, 2021 – Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 18, 2021 – Budget Vote, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, School Gymnasium

Following his presentation, Dr. Doelger went through the line-by-line budget and provided an explanation for each of the lines that increased significantly.

Dr. Doelger opened the floor to questions. Mr. Robert Strauss complimented Dr. Doelger on a great job. Ms. Tracy McCarthy thanked Dr. Doelger for clarifying the significant increases. Ms. Kathleen Lynch noted that it was interesting to see shifts in the budget due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a question not related to the budget, Ms. Katherine Rossi-Snook inquired about the COVID-19 immunizations being administered at the Shelter Island School and wanted to know if there was a plan for additional vaccines for people beyond the senior citizens and school personnel. Dr. Doelger responded that there will be an overflow list for people who don't fall into those two groups and if there are any extra vaccines they will be called.

Ms. Tracy McCarthy asked Dr. Doelger to explain how and why the school was chosen as the point of distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Doelger explained that he, along with Chief James Read and Supervisor Gerry Siller made the decision to hold the vaccine distribution at the school because it is the only site on the Island large enough to accommodate social distancing for the estimated fifty (50) people running the operation and the five hundred (500) people being vaccinated.

**Visitor Questions & Comments - None**

*Call to Order*

*Mission Statement*

*Budget Workshop*

*Visitor Questions*

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Robert Strauss, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

  
Jacqueline Dunning - District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, March 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

*Adjournment*