

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

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
May 10, 2021**

Members Present: Margaret Colligan, Tracy McCarthy, Katherine Rossi-Snook, Dawn Hedberg, and Karina Montalvo

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; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 13 faculty/staff/ student and 5 community resident/other

Absent: Kathleen Lynch, President; Robert Strauss, and Nicholas Mamisashvili, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Vice-President Colligan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge, Vice President Colligan asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of district parents, Charles Murray and Nicholas Morehead who recently passed away.

Dawn Hedberg 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.

**2021-2022 Public Budget Hearing**

At this time, Ms. Margaret Colligan read the following:

We will now conduct a public hearing on the 2021-2022 adopted budget. I therefore declare this hearing open at 6:04 pm. If there are no objections from my fellow Board Members, I would offer the floor to Brian Doelger, Superintendent of Schools, who will deliver a brief presentation on the budget that will go before the voters on May 18.

Dr. Doelger welcomed everyone to the 2021-2022 Public Budget Hearing and presented a brief overview of the following topics.

- District Administration Budget Goals
- Accomplishments
- Proposed Expenditure Budget
- Anticipated Revenue Budget
- Estimated School Tax Calculation Examples

In closing, Dr. Doelger reminded everyone to vote on May 18, 2021, from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, in the school gymnasium, and provided instructions for receiving an absentee ballot.

At this time, Ms. Margaret Colligan stated the following.

“Thank you, Dr. Doelger. Are there any members of the Board of Education who have questions or wish to make comments? (No questions or comments were made.)

My colleagues on the Board of Education and I would like to invite anyone in the public to express any comments or questions about this budget. (No questions or comments were made.)

Do my colleagues on the Board of Education have anything that they would like to add? (Nothing was added.)

As a reminder to the public, please remember to vote on May 18. Polls are open from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, in the school gymnasium.

Seeing that no one else wishes to participate, I hereby declare this hearing closed at 6:14 pm. We will now move on to the regular business portion of the meeting.”

*Call to Order  
and Pledge of  
Allegiance*

*Mission  
Statement*

*Public Budget  
Hearing*

**Visitor Questions (Specific to Agenda) – None**

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Dawn Hedberg, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

- 8.1 Approval of Minutes
  - a. Budget Adoption/Regular Meeting of April 12, 2021
  - b. Special Meeting of April 20, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence – None**

**Presentations**

Ms. Catherine Brigham, Class of 2022 Advisor along with members of the Class of 2022, Myla Dougherty, Lily Page, Olivia Overstreet, and Francis Regan presented a proposal for Prom 2021. The students asked permission to hold Prom for students in grades 9-12, on Friday, June 18, 2021, from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, at Sylvester Manor and noted that due to COVID restrictions, only members of the Senior Class would be permitted to bring a guest.

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves Prom 2021 to be held on Friday, June 18, 2021, from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, at Sylvester Manor.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel**

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, 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 – 9.3

- 9.1 Home Instruction
  - a. Approve the following teachers for home instruction, effective retroactively to April 13, 2021, at a rate of \$71.44 per hour, not to exceed 1 hour each.

1. James Bocca	6. Peter Miedema
2. Sean Brennan	7. Brittney Russo
3. Lynne Colligan	8. James Theinert
4. Patricia Goff	9. Devon Treharne
5. Laura Leever	10. Dan Williams

- 9.2 Home Instruction
  - a. Approve Claire Geehreg for home instruction, effective retroactively to April 28, 2021, at a rate of \$71.44 per hour, not to exceed 2 hours.

- 9.3 Additional Poll Worker for Annual Meeting/Budget Vote on May 18, 2021, at a rate of \$133 per day
  - a. Jane Richards

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- 9.4 Tenure
  - a. Approval of the tenure recommendation of Patricia Goff, in the tenure area of Mathematics 7-12, effective September 1, 2021

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Margaret Colligan read a congratulatory message from Kathleen Lynch to Patricia Goff. Next, Dr. Doelger congratulated Ms. Goff and spoke about the many positive things she brings to the district. Mr. James Theinert, fellow math teacher, thanked the Board of Education for granting Ms. Goff tenure and stated she is invaluable to the Math/Science/Technology department. Mary Kanarvogel, Shelter Island Faculty Association President, also congratulated Ms. Goff. In closing, Ms. Goff thanked the Board of Education for granting her tenure

Visitor Questions

Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes

Correspondence

Presentations

Consent Agenda - Personnel

and stated that she feels lucky to work with our students every day and looks forward to doing so for many years to come.

*Consent Agenda  
– Personnel  
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**Program**

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Program Action: 10.1 – 10.2

*Consent Agenda  
– Program*

10.1 CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations for the 2020-2021 School Year

- a. Committee on Special Education
- b. Committee on Preschool Special Education
- c. 504 Committee

10.2 CSE/504 Recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year

- a. Committee on Special Education
- b. 504 Committee

Motion carried unanimously.

**Finance**

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Katherine Rossi-Snook, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Finance Actions: 11.1 – 11.3

*Consent Agenda  
– Finance*

11.1 Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer’s Report – March 2021
- b. Extra Class Report – March 2021
- c. Appropriation Status Report
- d. Revenue Status Report
- e. Claim Auditor’s Report – April 2021
- f. Payroll Audit Report – April 2021

11.2 Budget Transfers & Journal Entries

- a. Accept and approve Budget Transfers and Journal Entries, for the period of February 27, 2021 through April 29, 2021, in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

11.3 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

- a. Adoption of the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution of the Shelter Island Union Free School District, New York, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Consent Agenda  
- Business*

**Business**

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Karina Montalvo, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Business Actions: 12.1 - 12.2

12.1 Contracts

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island School Union Free District and J.C. Broderick & Associates, Incorporated of Hauppauge, NY, for monitoring during asbestos removal in the Academic Suite, in the amount of \$5,825.00; 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 Branch Services of Ronkonkoma, NY, for asbestos removal in the Academic Suite, in the amount of \$10,864.72; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- c. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Milburn Flooring of Copiague, NY, for installation of flooring in Science Room #44, in the amount of \$8,373.00; 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 Milburn Flooring of Copiague, NY, for installation of flooring in Science Room #45, in the amount of \$7,498.70; 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 Milburn Flooring of Copiague, NY, for installation of flooring in the Academic Suite, in the amount of \$5,484.39; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- f. Approve the contract between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Bridgehampton Union Free School District, for student services. The term of said contract shall be retroactive to September 14, 2020 through June 25, 2021; and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to execute said agreement.
- g. Approve the contract for Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding (Resolution A) with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2021-2022 school year; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

12.2 Additional Private School Transportation

- a. Approval to transport three (3) additional students to Hayground School, Bridgehampton, NY, for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Facility - None**

**Items for Consideration**

Class of 2021 Gifts

Margaret Colligan stated that the Board will need to discuss the gifts for the Class of 2021 at another time because she didn't want to give away the surprise with so many students in the audience. (Note: these gifts are personally paid for by the members of the Board of Education.)

Re-Organization Meeting Date

Ms. Colligan stated that the Re-Organizational Meeting will be set for July 12, 2021 and asked all Board Members to check their calendars and to let Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk know as soon as possible if that date doesn't work with their schedule.

**Old Business - None**

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

Mr. Todd Gulluscio reported that the Spring Athletics Program is up and running. Spectators can come to the games and should bring their own lawn chairs because there will be no bleachers. Social distancing and masks are still required. Mr. Gulluscio mentioned that the Desire to Lead program is wrapping up and he announced that the Athletic Awards Ceremony will be held on June 23, 2021, at 6:30 pm, outside on the stage.

**Director of Pupil Personnel, Data & Instruction Report**

Ms. Jennifer Rylott presented the 2021 Regents and final exam schedule. The Global History, US History, Geometry, Algebra II, Physics, Chemistry, and Spanish Checkpoint A and B exams have been cancelled this year. Students in those classes will take final exams instead. The English 11, Biology, Algebra I, and Earth Science Regents exams will be administered. Students enrolled in these classes will also have a final exam during class time. For students passing those classes, they may opt out of taking the Regents exam this year. In terms of grading, quarter 4 averages will be calculated using the final exam score or the Regents score – whichever is highest. Ms. Rylott explained that Regents scores will only be recorded on student transcripts with written request by parents, and for courses where a Regents exam will not be administered, course credit is based upon successful completion with a passing average for the year.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Doelger offered his sincere condolences to the families of Charles Murray and Nicholas Morehead (parents who recently passed away) and stated that the Social/Emotional Team is available to anyone who needs anything during this difficult time. He again congratulated Patricia Goff on her tenure appointment. He thanked the PTSA for everything they did for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Dr. Doelger also announced that last week was Nurse Appreciation Day and Cafeteria Super Hero Day, and he thanked Nurse Mary Kanarvogel, and Helene Starzee and Stephanie Tybaert for everything they do for our students.

Dr. Doelger was excited to share that Shelter Island School was named a top high school by US News & World Report.

*Consent Agenda  
– Business  
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*Facility*

*Items for  
Consideration*

*Old Business*

*Dir. of Athletics,  
PE, Health,  
Wellness &  
Personnel  
Report*

*Dir. of Pupil  
Personnel, Data  
& Instruction*

*Superintendent  
Report*

In closing, Dr. Doelger asked the Board of Education what they thought about holding a half day of in-person classes and a half day of virtual classes the day of the budget vote -- Tuesday, May 18, 2021, since the community will be coming into the building to vote beginning at 12:00 pm. Those Board Members present were all in favor of this idea.

Tracy McCarthy asked Dr. Doelger if there was an update on the date of graduation. For those who weren't aware, Dr. Doelger explained that some of the senior class parents weren't aware that the graduation date was moved to Friday. (The change was made in Summer 2020 and communicated in a letter and on the school calendar in August 2020.) To determine which day was preferred, Dr. Doelger created a survey. The survey will be cut off on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 to be discussed at a senior parent meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021. Dr. Doelger told Ms. McCarthy that he will share the final date after the meeting.

**Board Member Reports**

Ms. Katherine Rossi-Snook stated that the Chalk the Walk fundraiser was a wonderful activity and she hopes it becomes a standard fundraiser event. Ms. Rossi-Snook also reported that she met with the Farm Director at Sylvester Manor and would like to discuss at the next Wellness Committee Meeting the feasibility of getting food scraps from the school cafeteria for them to use at the Sylvester Manor farm.

**Student Liaison Report – None**

**Visitor Comments - None**

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Katherine Rossi-Snook, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

  
Jacqueline Dunning  
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

*Superintendent  
Report  
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*Board Member  
Reports*

*Student Liaison  
Report*

*Visitor  
Comments*

*Adjournment*