

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
August 31, 2020

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

Others Present: 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; Mary Anne Sadowski, Ingerman Smith Legal Counsel; Charity Robey, Shelter Island Reporter; Julia Brennan, Shelter Island Gazette; 47 faculty/staff/students/community residents

Absent: Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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.

**Visitor Questions**

At this time, President Lynch requested a motion to move agenda items #14 Old Business and #19 Visitor Comments to this portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Robert Strauss, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

Move agenda items #14 – Old Business and #19 – Visitor Comments to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kathleen Lynch reported that the Board of Education received four (4) additional letters after this evening’s agenda was published and they will be listed on the September 14, 2020 agenda.

Ms. Lynch stated that the Board of Education has been in receipt of letters, articles and other information pertaining to the Indian Mascot/Icon since July 23, 2020. Ms. Lynch thanked her fellow board members for the tremendous amount of research they have done on the topic.

Ms. Lynch noted that the last meeting, held on August 17, 2020, was phenomenal and explained that it is her understanding that some community members are under the impression that the mascot/icon topic had to be featured on two (2) agendas in order to be brought to a vote. Ms. Lynch stated that this is incorrect according to school legal counsel, Mary Anne Sadowski.

Next, Ms. Lynch mentioned that a community member had suggested forming a committee of three (3) people who are for the change of the mascot/icon, three (3) who are against the change, three (3) administrators, and three (3) members of the Board of Education. Ms. Lynch stated that personally, she would rather offer the entire community the opportunity to share their thoughts at Board Meetings because a committee makes the pool of public opinion much smaller. Ms. Lynch then asked if any of her fellow Board Members had an opinion about forming a committee. Ms. Tracy McCarthy stated that she is not in favor of a committee because she believes that the members of the Board of Education have been voted as a “committee” and therefore they have been given the authority to vote as the public’s committee. Ms. Katherine Rossi-Snook agreed with Ms. McCarthy and echoed her sentiment by saying that as elected officials, the Board of Education has been given the authority to vote on this topic. No other Board of Education Member chose to make a statement, but were in support of not creating a committee to discuss the mascot/icon.

*Call to Order  
and Pledge of  
Allegiance*

*Mission  
Statement*

*Visitor  
Questions/Old  
Business/Visitor  
Comments*

In preparation for opening the floor to public comment, Ms. Lynch explained that the Board of Education was there to listen, there is no time limit set for each speaker, and then she reflected back on how the August 17, 2020 meeting was the epitome of democracy for everyone to have a voice and she hoped tonight would be the same.

Community member, Ms. Melanie LoBu stated that she supports transitioning away from the current mascot and that there is a group on the Island who would like to help. The group doesn't want the change to burden taxpayers or teachers so they would be happy to assist with fundraising efforts and to help create curriculum. They would also like to help build a partnership with the community and Shinnecock Nation.

Ms. Bianca Collins, Shinnecock Nation Tribal Member, expressed her support of the removal of the Indian mascot/emblem/logo. Ms. Collins stated that it is an inaccurate depiction of Indigenous People and of Shelter Island. Ms. Collins noted that such depictions are dehumanizing to Indigenous People and cause harm. Ms. Collins expressed that there are better ways to honor and support the history of the Island. In closing, Ms. Collins read an email that her cousin, also a member of the Shinnecock Nation, had written to the Board of Education in support of changing the mascot.

Community member, Mr. Ronald Jernick (stated he is not a graduate of Shelter Island School) opened by thanking the school for joining the Suffolk Community College ECP program, allowing Juniors and Seniors to take college courses and receive college credits before leaving high school. Mr. Jernick went on to discuss the mascot. Mr. Jernick asked if the members of the Board of Education looked into why the 2013 Board of Education chose not to change the mascot. He also suggested that there be a showcase in the gymnasium lobby with artifacts to educate visitors and students alike. In closing, Mr. Jernick asked what the cost will be to change the mascot and could the decision be held off until next year when it could be budgeted for properly or put on the ballot as a proposition for the community to vote on. (Ms. Lynch stated that the Board Members would answer his questions at the end of visitor comments.)

Community member, Bianca Evangelista, (Class of 2018) stated that she is strongly advocating for the removal of an offensive mascot/emblem/icon and shared that her college, Marquette once had the same offensive mascot/emblem/icon and in 1994 they finally removed it. Ms. Evangelista stressed "1994" and pleaded that Shelter Island not fall any further behind. She stated that those who want to keep the Indian may have supported it in their days, but it is now outdated and offensive.

Community member, Jodie Bentivegna (Class of 2010) immediately offered her illustration services, free of charge, in the event the Board of Education votes to change the current mascot. Ms. Bentivegna recognized that the mascot topic is emotional and divisive and she realizes there was no malintent when it was used in the past. However, now that it is considered a stereotype of Native Americans and is hurtful to their lives, what was permissible is no longer permissible. Ms. Bentivegna asked the Board of Education to set a critical example for the children of the Shelter Island School and community by changing the offensive mascot.

Community member, Emma Gallagher (Class of 2020) stated that when you honor a group, they should feel honored. At the August 17, 2020 meeting, there were reports of Native Americans who do not feel honored. Ms. Gallagher went on to read a statement from past Board of Education Member, Marilynn Pysher who is in support of changing the mascot. In closing, Ms. Gallagher stated that when Native American people have spoken up, it is time to change.

Community member, Sherri Cavasini (Class of 1976) stated that she can see both sides of the issue and wanted everyone to know that she always represented the Shelter Island Indians with pride and respect. Ms. Cavasini admitted she and those in support of keeping the Indian are being nostalgic, but she is not racist. Ms. Cavasini noted that this is a nationwide issue and is not an easy decision. In closing, Ms. Cavasini asked the Board of Education to take their time to think about the change and perhaps they could come to a decision that would be a happy medium.

Community member, Christopher DiOrio (Class of 2007) pointed out that the older generation had immense pride for the Indian mascot, but his school experience was different. While in school, the inappropriate mascot costume was used and battle cries were made at games. Once the students realized it was wrong, they stopped using the mascot and stopped doing the battle cry. Mr. DiOrio stated that students can be proud of their community and school no matter what the mascot is and urged the Board of Education to think about what is really right. In

closing, Mr. DiOrio stated that the Indian is an offensive icon and asked the Board of Education to change it without delay.

Community member, Lora Lomuscio reinforced that we should respect and honor the guidance from the Shinnecock Nation and from Mr. Eric LaPointe who spoke at the August 17, 2020 meeting. Ms. Lomuscio stated that we should honor and respect the Native American People by listening to them. Now that we know better, let us do better.

Community member, Cliff Clark stated that Shelter Island was the “Islanders” when he went to school here. In acknowledging the Native American culture, he stated that he hoped the school would still continue to honor them whether or not the mascot is changed. Mr. Clark referred to scripture that speaks to loving with all your heart, soul and mind, and stated that if our neighbors of the Shinnecock Nation are speaking out against the use of the mascot/icon/emblem, we are not loving our neighbor. In closing, Mr. Clark stated that the use of the Indian mascot/icon/emblem is not right.

As no one else came forward to speak, President Lynch stated that at the last Board of Education Meeting, the members of the Board just listened and didn’t comment, but tonight they will comment. Ms. Lynch noted that the Board has been in receipt of a tremendous amount of communications on this topic. Addressing her fellow Board Members, Ms. Lynch asked them if they felt prepared to give a comment and cast a vote tonight, noting that if anyone is not ready, the Board would hold off until another meeting.

Ms. Sherri Cavasini, community member, asked if the team name changes, does this also mean the yearbook name (Pogatticut) will change? Ms. Lynch explained that if the Board votes to change the mascot, they would turn it over to Administration for the handling of the process. Ms. Lynch assured Ms. Cavasini that nothing would be happening overnight.

In response to Ms. Cavasini’s message, Ms. Tracy McCarthy noted that when the Board of Education does vote, the vote is on the mascot/logo/emblem only – not the yearbook.

Ms. Diane Bowditch, community member, stated that the topic of the mascot was only on an agenda once, but needs to be on an agenda twice before the Board of Education can vote on it. Ms. Lynch once again noted that under the guidance of Ms. Mary Anne Sadowski, legal counsel, that in fact is not true.

Mr. Eric Springer, community member, approached the podium and asked why the Board of Education couldn’t bring the mascot change to a public vote since it concerns the entire Island. Mr. Springer went on to say that he always respected the Indians and was taught the history of Shelter Island and the Indians when he was in school. Mr. Springer also noted that outsiders who signed the petition or spoke at the last meeting should not have a say about a change in our community.

In reply to Mr. Ronald Jernick’s questions earlier and the question Mr. Springer just asked, Mary Anne Sadowski, legal counsel, explained that there are only certain types of propositions that can be voter propositions. The topic of the mascot is not in the purview of the taxpayers and therefore is not permitted in New York State.

Ms. Lynch referred back to Mr. Jernick’s question from earlier in the meeting when he asked if the members of the Board of Education looked into why the 2013 Board of Education chose not to change the mascot. In response, Ms. Lynch stated that she has been doing a lot of research on the topic and was actually at the meeting when it was decided not to change the mascot, but instead call it an icon. As part of her research, Ms. Lynch spoke with Thomas Graffagnino, past Board of Education Member and President to find out more about the 2013 Board of Education’s decision and Mr. Graffagnino stated that 2013 was a time when he wouldn’t have changed the mascot, but now he has more understanding and knows it’s time to change.

Ms. Dawn Hedberg noted that the topic of changing the mascot is not a new issue and was actually first brought to the Board of Education in 2002/2003. The Board at that time did not vote on it. Then in 2013 it was brought to the Board of Education and they chose to vote for using the term “icon” instead of “mascot”.

At this time, Kathleen Lynch gave her fellow Board Members the opportunity to hold off on voting on whether or not to change the mascot. No Board Member came forward so Kathleen Lynch proceeded by asking that each member speak to the topic.

Ms. Lynch started the discussion by noting that if the Board of Education does not proceed now, the choice will eventually be taken away from the District because years ago, the Commissioner of Education had stated that such mascots should be changed. Ms. Lynch stated that the Board needs to focus on the business portion of the debate and not the emotions. Ms. Lynch noted that it is obvious that the intent was always to honor the Indians and she stated that she would like to do just that by retiring the mascot.

Ms. Margaret Colligan stated that she has been a spectator at Shelter Island School sporting events for more than a decade and she has never witnessed disrespect of the Indian. However, Ms. Colligan noted, "Indian" is a misnomer and has been replaced with more accurate descriptions. In closing, Ms. Colligan stated that if we ignore the call for change, we denigrate and marginalize the Native Americans.

Katherine Rossi-Snook stated that she appreciates everything that the community has shared and she was relieved to finally have this conversation. Ms. Rossi-Snook said it was absolutely clear that there was no malintent in the original use of Indians as the team name/mascot. Referring to those who spoke at the August 17, 2020 meeting and again tonight, Ms. Rossi-Snook stated that if students and coaches have a hard time wearing a uniform with "Indians" on it then that's a problem. In closing, Ms. Rossi-Snook stated that students need to love their team mascot and we need a symbol that will unite us.

Ms. Tracy McCarthy noted that one thing that came through from both sides is that we need more education on the Indigenous People of Shelter Island. In doing her research on the topic, Ms. McCarthy informally polled some teachers and asked what term they use when referring to "Indians". The teachers responded that they teach the students not to use the term "Indians", yet there it is on the school sports uniforms. Ms. McCarthy explained that it was okay to use the term Indians back in the 70's, but it no longer is appropriate. Ms. McCarthy stressed that a change in the school mascot would not take away history or pride and she suggested we incorporate ways to honor the Indigenous People of Shelter Island. In closing, Ms. McCarthy simply stated it is time to change.

Ms. Dawn Hedberg noted that it is clear that the original intent was to honor the Native Americans, but we are unintentionally affecting them today. They are telling us it is inappropriate and hurtful. Ms. Hedberg stated that she has read everything on both sides of the research and it hurts her that many of her friends are upset about this being an issue. In closing, Ms. Hedberg emphasized that no one is trying to take away the pride graduates have had in the past, but the time has come to make a transition.

Mr. Robert Strauss pointed out that one's pride is in the school experience and one's accomplishments, not the name of the school's sports team. If the mascot is changed, none of that will change. Mr. Strauss noted that this is a difficult decision, but it is time for a change.

Ms. Karina Montalvo stated that if the Native American People are hurt by the current mascot, we need to take their feelings into consideration and make a change.

President Lynch thanked her fellow Board of Education Members, everyone in attendance, and everyone who wrote and spoke.

*Motion to retire  
the Indian icon/  
mascot/ emblem*

At this time, a motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Katherine Rossi-Snook, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

Retire the use of the Indian icon/mascot/emblem for the Shelter Island Union Free School District

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sherri Cavasini asked if the name of the yearbook (Pogatticut) will be discussed at another time to which President Lynch answered, yes. Ms. Cavasini also asked who chooses the new name. President Lynch stated that it will be a process because there is a lot to think about. President Lynch then stated that she would like Ms. Cavasini to be involved in the process as her passion and pride of the school is quite evident.

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

5.1 Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of August 17, 2020

Motion carried unanimously.

*Consent Agenda  
- Approval of  
Minutes*

## Correspondence

- a. August 17, 2020: Email from Member of Shinnecock Tribe
- b. August 18, 2020: Email from community member
- c. August 19, 2020: Email from community member
- d. August 22, 2020: Email from community member
- e. August 23, 2020: Email from community member
- f. August 24, 2020: Email from R. Eurich of Endicott, NY
- g. August 25, 2020: Email from community member
- h. August 27, 2020: Email from community member
- i. August 28, 2020: Email from community member

Correspondence

Presentations

Consent Agenda  
- Personnel

## Presentations - None

### Personnel

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Margaret Colligan, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel action: 8.1

#### 8.1 New Hire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; The Board of Education hereby approves Kristin Andrejack, as .60 FTE Physical Education Teacher, K-12 and .40 FTE Teacher Aide effective September 2, 2020, prorated at \$48,898, Step 1 MA of the 2020-2021 teacher salary scale and Step 1 of the 2020-2021 teacher aide salary scale.

Motion carried unanimously.

Both Dr. Doelger and Mr. Gulluscio reported that Ms. Andrejack was one of the best candidates they've interviewed for any position. Ms. Andrejack expressed her gratitude and stated that she is eager to get to know the students and families.

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Katherine Rossi-Snook, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel action: 8.2 – 8.19

#### 8.2 New Hire

Appoint Matthew Dunning, as a 1.0 FTE Teacher Aide, effective September 2, 2020, at a salary of \$22,372.00, Step 1 of the 2020-2021 teacher aide salary scale.

#### 8.3 Create Position

Approval to create one (1) Office Assistant (Spanish Speaking) position, effective September 1, 2020, at a salary of \$40,879.00, prorated to \$34,118.00 and appoint Ramona Miranda to said position.

#### 8.4 Extra Compensation

Approve the following teachers for professional development, for the period of August 24, 2020 – September 1, 2020, at their individual hourly rate, not to exceed 3 hours person

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| 1. Janine Mahoney   | 4. Michelle Weir      | 7. Maggie Manarel |
| 2. Michelle Corbett | 5. Jennifer Gulluscio |                   |
| 3. Debra Sears      | 6. Mia DiOrio         |                   |

#### 8.5 Curriculum Planning

Approve Kristin Andrejack for curriculum planning, retroactive to August 27, 2020 at a rate of \$45.00, not to exceed 3 hours.

#### 8.6 Permanent Substitute Teachers for the 2020-2021 School Year

- a. Appoint Jasmine Bielic-Frasco, as Permanent Substitute Teacher, at a rate of \$175 per day, and grant five (5) sick days, effective September 2, 2020 – June 25, 2021
- b. Appoint Andrew BeltCappellino, as Permanent Substitute Teacher, not to exceed 4 days per week, at a rate of \$175 per day, and grant four (4) sick days, effective September 2, 2020 – June 25, 2021

- c. Appoint Marina Katolis, as Permanent Substitute Teacher, not to exceed 4 days per day per week, at a rate of \$175 per day, and grant four (4) sick days, effective September 2, 2020 – June 25, 2021
- 8.7 Permanent Substitute Custodians for the 2020-2021 School Year
- a. Appoint Julieta Sugeidi Santos, as Permanent Substitute Custodian, for the 10:00 am – 2:00 pm shift, at a rate of \$20, per hour effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, pending clearance for employment by the New York State Department of Education fingerprint initiative.
  - b. Appoint Jacqueline Suriel, as Permanent Substitute Custodian, for the 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm shift, at a rate of \$20, per hour effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, pending clearance for employment by the New York State Department of Education fingerprint initiative.
- 8.8 Detention Monitors for the 2020-2021 School Year at \$60/period
- a. James Bocca
  - b. Deborah Brewer
  - c. Lynne Colligan
  - d. Jasmine Frasco
  - e. Mary Kanarvogel
  - f. Janine Mahoney
  - g. Helene Starzee
  - h. James Theinert
  - i. Martha Tuthill
- 8.9 Appointment of Co-Curricular Positions for the 2020-2021 School Year
- a. Martha Tuthill, DECA Club Co-Advisor, at \$819.60
  - b. James Theinert, DECA Club Co-Advisor, at \$819.60
  - c. Janine Mahoney, National Honor Society, at \$2,037.54
  - d. Janine Mahoney, Landmark Books (Book Craft Club), at \$1,639.20
  - e. Jennifer Gulluscio, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Advisor, at \$404.97
  - f. James Bocca, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Advisor, at \$404.97
  - g. Patricia Kreppein, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor, at \$809.95
  - h. Peter Miedema, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor, at \$809.95
  - i. Devon Treharne, Unity Club Advisor, at \$809.95
  - j. Jeremy Stanzione, Video Game Development/Club Programming, \$809.95
  - k. Keith Brace, Sound Equipment Technician/Trainer, at \$1,639.20
  - l. Jennifer Gulluscio, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor/Disney Trip Coordinator, at \$2,037.54
  - m. Michelle Corbett, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor, at \$2,037.54
  - n. Keith Brace, School Play Instrumental Music Director, at \$2,037.54
  - o. Devon Treharne, School Newspaper, at \$5,306.32
  - p. Michelle Corbett, Student Council, at \$3,053.89
  - q. Patricia Kreppein, Yearbook Joint-Advisor, at \$1,768.77
  - r. Jasmine Frasco, Yearbook Joint-Advisor, at \$1,768.77
  - s. Debra Sears, Yearbook Joint-Advisor, at \$1,768.77
  - t. Debra Sears, Junior National Honor Society, at \$1,639.20
  - u. Lauren Farkas, Elementary Play Director, at \$809.95
  - v. Daniel Williams, Science Club, at \$1,639.20
  - w. Lauren Farkas, School Play Pianist/Accompanist/Vocal Director, \$3,053.89
  - x. John Kaasik, Play Director/Producer, \$5,306.32
  - y. Michelle Corbett, Substitute Dispatcher, \$3,053.89
- 8.10 Appointment of Coaches for the 2020-2021 School Year
- a. Brian Springer, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, \$6,698.07
  - b. Robert DeStefano, Varsity Golf Coach, \$3,953.18
  - c. Joshua Green, Varsity Girls Cross Country Coach, \$3,953.18
  - d. Jason Green, Varsity Boys Cross Country Coach, \$3,953.18
  - e. Cynthia Belt, Varsity Volleyball Coach, \$6096.95
  - f. Kevin Barry, Varsity Winter Track Coach, \$3,953.18

- g. Jason Green, Varsity Winter Track Coach, \$3,953.18
  - h. Joshua Green, Varsity Spring Track Coach, \$3,953.18
  - i. Jason Green, Varsity Spring Track Coach, \$3,953.18
  - j. Michael Z. Mundy, JV Boys Basketball Coach, \$5,669.63
  - k. Laura Mayo, JV Volleyball Coach, \$5,153.00
  - l. Peter Miedema, Varsity Baseball Coach, \$6,182.63
  - m. Brian Springer, Varsity Softball Coach, \$6,182.63
  - n. Laura Mayo, Junior High Girls Volleyball Coach, \$2,833.02
  - o. Peter Miedema, Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, \$3,093.75
  - p. Claire Read, Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, \$3,093.75
  - q. Michelle Corbett, Cheerleading Coach, \$3,537.02
- 8.11 Athletic Chaperones for the 2020-2021 School Year (one game per night at \$103.83, two games per night at \$159.35, Clock Keeper at Chaperone Rate plus \$10)
- a. Kristin Andrejack
  - b. Brian Becker
  - c. James Bocca
  - d. Keith Brace
  - e. Deborah Brewer
  - f. Mary Kanarvogel
  - g. Janine Mahoney
  - h. Laura Mayo
  - i. Peter Miedema
  - j. Claire Read
  - k. James Theinert
  - l. Martha Tuthill
- 8.12 Non-Aligned Personnel Employment Agreements  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the annexed agreements between the Shelter Island School District and non-aligned personnel; and  
  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements.
- 8.13 Substitute Teachers for the 2020-2021 School Year at \$110 per day (certified or 4-year degree)
- a. Jenifer Corwin
  - b. Matthew Dunning
  - c. Frank Emmett
  - d. Sara Grammatica
  - e. Susan Kaufman
  - f. Chrystyna Kestler
  - g. Lillian Klupka
  - h. Lee Yuen Lew
  - i. Marion McEnroe
  - j. Kathleen Springer
- 8.14 Substitute Nurse for the 2020-2021 School Year at \$110 per day (RN)
- a. Chrystyna Kestler
- 8.15 Substitute Aide for the 2020-2021 School Year at \$95 per day
- a. Mary Boeklen
- 8.16 Substitute Monitor for the 2020-2021 School Year at \$13 per hour
- a. Mary Boeklen
- 8.17 Substitute Cafeteria Worker for the 2020-2021 School Year at \$13 per hour
- a. Mary Boeklen

8.18 Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2020-2021 School Year

- a. Father Peter DeSanctis – Varsity Golf
- b. Michael Dunning – Varsity Baseball

8.19 CPR Training

Approve Mary Kanarvogel to provide Adult, Child, Infant CPR/AED Certification, Healthcare Provider and First Aid Training for the 2020-2021 school year, with compensation as follows.

- Adult, Child, Infant CPR/AED Certification at \$45 per coach/employee
- Healthcare Provider and First Aid Training at \$60 per person

Motion carried unanimously

Consent Agenda  
- Personnel  
(continued)

Consent Agenda-  
Program

Consent Agenda-  
Finance

Consent Agenda-  
Business

**Program**

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Robert Strauss, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program action: 9.1

9.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy

- a. Policy #7110 – Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy

Motion carried unanimously.

**Finance**

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Finance actions: 10.1 – 10.2

10.1 Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – July 2020
- b. Extra Class Report – July 2020
- c. Appropriations Status Report
- d. Revenue Status Report

10.2 Budget Transfers and Journal Entries

- a. Accept and approve Budget Transfer Reports and Journal Entries for the period of August 8, 2020 through August 26, 2020, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Business**

A motion was made by Katherine Rossi-Snook, seconded by Margaret Colligan, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business actions: 11.1 – 11.2

11.1 Contracts

- a. Approve the final Eastern Suffolk BOCES contract for services in the 2019-2020 school year, at a final cost of \$258,501.69, which includes all services that were necessary to meet the needs of the District, and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- b. Authorize the extension of the following transportation contracts with Sunrise Bus, Incorporated, for the 2020-2021 school year; and authorize the Board President and Superintendent to execute said agreements.
  - 1. Contract #415503 – Occupational Education Transportation - \$36,065.40
  - 2. Contract #415502 – Athletics - \$80.66/ hour for large bus, \$65.86/hour for small bus, with a yearly estimate of \$53,539.50
  - 3. Contract #415506 – Off Island Routes Private Schools - \$109,353.66
  - 4. Contract #415505 – On Island Home to School - \$59,844.56
  - 5. Contract #415504 – Cutchogue East Route - \$69,413.39, with a monitor for the year



11.2 Additional Private School Transportation

Approval to transport one (1) additional student to Hayground School, Bridgehampton, NY, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

*Consent Agenda  
Business  
(continued)*

*Facility*

*Items for  
Consideration*

*Director of  
Athletics, PE,  
Health, Wellness  
& Personnel  
Report*

*Director of Pupil  
Personnel, Data &  
Instruction*

*Superintendent's  
Report*

*Board Member  
Reports*

*Adjournment*

**Facility - None**

**Items for Consideration - None**

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

Mr. Todd Gulluscio announced that the Athletics Department and Business Office hired a new office assistant, Ramona Miranda. Mr. Gulluscio also noted that he is awaiting further guidance for sports teams to return to play. In closing Mr. Gulluscio announced that the Shelter Island Police Benevolent Association will be buying ice cream for all students, grades PK-12, on the first day of school.

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

Ms. Jennifer Rylott reported that there are now fifty (50) new students enrolled in the district. Ms. Rylott thanked Donna Clark, office assistant for single handedly entering all of the new students into the system and noted that between registration and being the point of contact for the new families, it has become a full-time job in itself. Ms. Rylott ended her report by stating that it is very exciting to have so many new students and we are still able to open school five (5) days a week at this point.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Doelger reported the following:

- Congratulations to Shelter Island's social studies teacher, Peter Miedema who was named Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the Long Island Council for the Social Studies.
- The plan for opening is going well and he is looking forward to welcoming all of our new students.
- Thanks to Ms. Jennifer Rylott for the accommodating the constant changes to the master schedule and Mr. Michael Dunning and his crew for moving all of the classrooms.
- Administration meets every day to discuss safety.
- Virtual Orientation Meeting for students
- Two (2) back to school safety procedure videos on Facebook
- First day of school is Thursday, September 10, 2020
- Informal Meet & Greet sessions for Elementary students and teachers to be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Teachers and students will meet socially distanced, outdoors.
- Meeting with Dr. Potter to determine an easier way for students and faculty to get COVID testing if necessary. Dr. Potter will write a blanket prescription for anyone to use.
- Newly refurbished tennis courts look incredible.
- Thanks to Michael Dunning, Jennifer Rylott, Todd Gulluscio, Mary Kanarvogel, Business Office, Donna Clark and Jacki Dunning for all of their work throughout distance learning and over the summer.
- Thanks to the community for supporting the district's re-opening plan.
- Thanks to the Board of Education for their assistance with and support of the re-opening plan.

In closing, Dr. Doleger thanked the parents for trusting us with their most prized possessions and stated that he has never been more excited to have students return to school.

**Board Member Reports**

Katherine Rossi-Snook thanked Mrs. Jennifer Gulluscio for setting up an informal meet and greet for the first grade students. Ms. Rossi-Snook also stated that she would like to see the school create a bicycle collective so children can have access to extra bicycles.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Katherine Rossi-Snook, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

  
Jacqueline Dunning  
District Clerk

Adjournment  
(continued)

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:00 pm, on the field adjacent to the playground structure or in the case of rain, the gymnasium.