

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

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
May 9, 2022**

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

Others Present: Dr. Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 2 faculty/staff/ student and 0 community residents/other

Absent: Margaret Colligan, Karina Montalvo, and Luca Martinez, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Vice-President Rossi-Snook, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tracy McCarthy 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.

2022-2023 Public Budget Hearing

At this time, Vice-President Rossi-Snook read the following:

We will now conduct a public hearing on the 2022-2023 adopted budget. I therefore declare this hearing open at 6:03 pm. If there are no objections from my fellow Board Members, I will 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 17.

Dr. Doelger welcomed everyone to the 2022-2023 Public Budget Hearing and presented a brief overview of the following topics.

- Budget Formation Process
- Accomplishments
- District Administration Budget Goals
- The Adopted Budget
- Revenue Budget
- School District Performance & Budgetary Goals Met
- Please Vote

In closing, Dr. Doelger reminded everyone to vote on May 17, 2022, from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, in the school gymnasium, and provided instructions for receiving an absentee ballot.

At this time, Ms. Rossi-Snook 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 17. 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 6:11 pm.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Use of the 2020 Repair Reserve

We will now move on to the public hearing for the proposed use of the 2020 Repair Reserve. I therefore declare this hearing open at 6:11 pm.” Ms. Rossi-Snook introduced Michael Dunning, Facilities Manager.

*Call to
Order and
Pledge of
Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

*Public
Budget
Hearing*

Michael Dunning reviewed the lobby plaza plans from BBS Architects noting that the staircase railing is rotting, the stairs out to the bus parking area are rusting, the concrete has been previously repaired in several different places, the storm drain is damaged and can cave in at some point, and the cement where the planter box meets the wall of the building is cracked and pulling away from the building. Mr. Dunning stated that the cost of the lobby plaza repair project will be \$145,880 and asked the Board of Education for permission to use the 2020 Repair Reserve to cover the full amount.

Board Member, Robert Strauss asked if we are locked into the price of \$145,880 or can the prices fluctuate until the work is done in the summer. Mr. Dunning responded that we are locked into that price.

Board Member, Tracy McCarthy asked when was the original railings and cement work done. Mr. Dunning stated 1992; noting that it lasted for 30 years. Ms. McCarthy asked if we could expect the new work to last 30 years and Mr. Dunning replied that we could expect it to last that long.

At this time, Ms. Rossi-Snook stated the following.

“Thank you, Mr. Dunning. 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 the use of the 2020 Repair Reserve. (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.)

Seeing that no one else wishes to participate, I would like to ask for a motion to approve and/or accept the following action: 5.1

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

- 5.1 WHEREAS, on Monday, May 9, 2022, the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District held a duly advertised public hearing to examine the plans to expend the sum of \$145,880.00 from the 2020 repair reserve fund for the purpose of lobby plaza concrete and railing repair at the Shelter Island School.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of seeing these repairs take place using funds as described herein; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby authorizes an increase to the 2021-2022 budget, in the Plant Maintenance Contractual line A.1621.400.00.0000, in an amount not to exceed \$145,880.00, to be offset by the 2020 Reserve for Repair, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-d; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to sign any necessary contracts with vendors and service providers to effectuate these repairs.

Motion carried unanimously.

I hereby declare this hearing closed at 6:16 pm and we will move on to the regular business portion of the meeting.”

Visitor Questions (Specific to Agenda) – None

Consent Agenda

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

- 8.1 Approval of Minutes
 - a. Budget Adoption/Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022
 - b. Special Meeting of April 27, 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor
Questions

Consent Agenda
– Approval of
Minutes

Correspondence – None

Correspondence

Presentations

Presentations

New Elementary Math Curriculum Development

Ms. Michele Yirce reported that K-5 teachers want to ensure they are developing our students as mathematicians, as well as fostering critical thinking and problem-solving so our students can apply what they have already learned to new real-world situations. Ms. Yirce noted that it is also important that the New York State Next Generation Standards in each grade level be addressed. With these goals in mind, the teachers have begun building a math curriculum. To date, the teachers have mapped out the skills they currently teach across each quarter and drew parallels between the work that each grade level is doing. They are working on a K-5 articulation of the math skills taught by each grade level and have created a scope and sequence to map it out. This scope and sequence will be a living, breathing document. The teachers took a deep dive into the eight mathematical practices listed in the New York State Standards and brainstormed ways to develop these practices. The teachers also learned about a new mathematical teaching strategy called, “3 Act Math” which involves presenting the students with a real-world problem, and asking them what information is needed in order to solve the problem. The next steps will be to continue to curate the scope and sequence, mapping out the length and order of the units, and choosing which rigorous activities and engagement strategies will be best to teach our students as mathematicians and critical thinkers.

At this time Dr. Doelger explained that Michele Yirce is the “de facto” leader on this mission and a new ELA curriculum will be developed next year so that grades K-5 will have a complete curriculum. Jennifer Rylott thanked Dr. Doelger for supporting this project as it is one she is very passionate about.

Personnel

Consent Agenda
- Personnel

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Robert Strauss BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Action: 10.1 – 10.5

10.1 Additional Schedule C Position

- a. James Theinert, Video Game Development/Club Programming, \$818.05, retroactive to February 1, 2022 through June 24, 2022

10.2 Resignation

- a. Accept the resignation of Laura Mayo, Spanish 7-12 Teacher, effective June 30, 2022

10.3 Rescind Motion

- a. Rescind the following motion of March 14, 2022
 Rescind the following motion of August 30, 2021 due to a childcare leave of absence.
 Appoint Lauren Farkas, School Play Pianist/Accompanist/Vocal Director, \$3,084.43 for the 2021-2022 school year

10.4 Amend Motion

- a. Amend the motion of August 30, 2022 from
 Appoint Lauren Farkas, School Play Pianist/Accompanist/Vocal Director, \$3,084.43 for the 2021-2022 school year
 to:
 Appoint Lauren Farkas, School Play Pianist/Accompanist/Vocal Director, \$3,084.43, **prorated to \$1,542.22, September 1, 2022 - March 7, 2022**

10.5 Additional Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year at \$110 per day (certified or 4-year degree)

- a. Mallory Clark; retroactive to April 27, 2022
- b. Maria DiOrio; retroactive to May 4, 2022

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Kathleen Lynch wished Laura Mayo all the best. Ms. Lynch added that Ms. Mayo is a good, kind person who deserves all the best. Dr. Doelger echoed Ms. Lynch’s sentiment and stated that Ms. Mayo is the best of the best who loves and cares about children.

Program

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Program Action: 11.1 – 11.2

- 11.1 CSE/504 Recommendations for the 2021-2022 School Year
 - a. Committee on Special Education
 - b. 504 Committee
- 11.2 CSE/504 Recommendations for the 2022-2023 School Year
 - a. Committee on Special Education
 - b. 504 Committee

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Finance Actions: 12.1 – 12.4

- 12.1 Financial Reports
 - a. Treasurer’s Report – March 2022
 - b. Extra Class Report – March 2022
 - c. Appropriation Status Report
 - d. Revenue Status Report
 - e. Claim Auditor’s Report – March 2022
 - f. Claim Auditor’s Report – April 2022
 - g. Payroll Audit Report – April 2022
- 12.2 Budget Transfers & Journal Entries
 - a. Accept and approve Budget Transfers and Journal Entries, for the period of April 5, 2022 through May 2, 2022, in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 Budgetary Increase
 - a. Authorize an increase to the Plant Maintenance Equipment budget line A.1621.200.00.0000 in the amount of \$3,261.30, to be offset by insurance recovery check #26722 from NYSIR, in the amount of \$3,261.30, for the purchase of a replacement refrigerator for the cafeteria.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business - None

Facility

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Robert Strauss, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Facility Action: 14.1

- 14.1 Excessing of Obsolete Equipment
 - a. HP All In One PC Serial #20090867 (stripped for spare parts)

Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration

Class of 2022 Gifts

Katherine Rossi- Snook asked if her fellow Board Members would like to continue with the traditional graduate gift and then asked for a volunteer to prepare the gifts. All members of the Board agreed that the same gift should be given and Kathleen Lynch volunteered to take on the project. (Note: these gifts are personally paid for by the members of the Board of Education.)

Consent Agenda
– Program

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– Finance

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– Business

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– Facility

Items for
Consideration

Re-Organization Meeting Date

Ms. Rossi-Snook stated that the Re-Organizational Meeting will be set for July 11, 2022 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.

Items for Consideration (continued)

Old Business - None

Consent Agenda – Old Business

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

Mr. Todd Gulluscio reported the following.

- Wrapping up the Spring Athletics season
- Working on Fall/Winter Season for next year.
 - Basketball season will look different with a more competitive schedule
- Thank you to Shelter Island Country Club who gifted membership to the members of the Varsity Golf Team
- Review of dates for end of year events
- Announced the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm
- Tonight is the last night of this year's Desire to Lead program

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

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Ms. Jennifer Rylott reported that 53 students were eligible to take the New York State Math Exam for grades 3-7 (grade 8 takes the Algebra Regents so they don't take this test) and 6 students opted out. This year's rate of participation was 89% which was up 8% from last year. In closing, Ms. Rylott noted that she still has not received word from New York State regarding the Regents exams in June. All she knows so far is that they are required to be taken and they are required for graduation.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Doelger reported the following.

- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. Dr. Doelger publicly stated that Shelter Island School teachers are the best because they care about our students like they are family. Dr. Doelger thanked the PTSA who celebrated our teachers with a breakfast on Monday and a luncheon on Friday.
- Thank you, John and Anu Kaasik, all the expert volunteers, and our students for putting on a brilliant production of Matilda.
- Shelter Island School was ranked in the top 22% of schools in the country and top 27% in New York State by U.S. News and World Report.
- SITV, under the direction of technology teacher, Mr. Christopher Conrardy, won a first place and third place award at the Broadcast Awards for Senior High (BASH) Ceremony.
- Academic Awards Ceremony and Athletics Ceremony will be held in the Gymnasium.
- Graduation will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022, no matter the weather. If the weather is nice, the ceremony will be held outdoors and if it rains, the ceremony will be held in the gymnasium.
- Ms. Yirce's 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and the Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held in the Auditorium.
- Job Fair 2022 was a tremendous success with 25 businesses attending to recruit our students who are old enough to work this summer.
- The Vision Statement Committee wrote the following Vision Statement. It is not final, but a good start.

Superintendent Report

We believe in community, empowerment, and integrity. We love, nurture, and educate our students so they gain knowledge and make good choices to grow and advance. We utilize our unique talents to collaborate with our students to be successful and impactful in their aspirations while ultimately making the world a better place.

Board Member Reports

Robert Strauss thanked Martha Tuthill for putting together the job fair.

Board Member Reports

Tracy McCarthy reported that the 5th grade class visited Sylvester Manor and it was a great trip. Ms. McCarthy noted that there was a special visit from a member of the Shinnecock Nation.

Kathleen Lynch thanked Stacey Soloviev, owner of the Chequit, for hosting a fundraiser to benefit the students attending the Spain trip this summer.

Student Liaison Report – None

Visitor Comments - None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Robert Strauss, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.



Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Student Liaison
Report

Visitor
Comments

Adjournment