# SHELTER ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

**REGULAR MEETING** 

October 17, 2016

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Alfred Brigham, Sr.

(left at 6:08 pm), Susan Binder, and Kathleen Lynch

Others Present: Mr. Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd

Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Timothy Laube, School District Business Leader; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 17 faculty/staff/student and 4 community

residents

Absent: Nicolette Frasco, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by President Graffagnino.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 5:06 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District, pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Motion carried unanimously.

The regular portion of the Board Meeting began at 6:12 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thomas Graffagnino read the following Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower:

We want our students to cherish our small Island community while applying 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 - None**

# **Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. Regular Meeting of September 19, 2016
  - 2. Special Meeting of September 28, 2016

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence - None**

### **Presentations**

# **School Board Appreciation**

As part of School Board Appreciation, Stephanie Sareyani presented each Board Member with framed artwork that was created by students to show their appreciation of the Board's dedication to the District. (*Note: the Elementary classes made banners and thank you notes for the Board Members and the Conference Room was decorated with these for when the Board Members arrived at the meeting.*) The Board thanked Mrs. Sareyani and her students for the artwork and also thanked the Elementary teachers and their students for the banners and thank you notes.

# Shelter Island Faculty Association (SIFA) Monthly Update

Mr. Becker noted that SIFA will have a presentation of beauty in the near future. Mr. Becker also shared that the Guidance Department sponsored a job shadow day and a mini college/career fair and Mrs. Martha Tuthill will present more about these events at the November meeting.

Call to Order

Executive Session

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission Statement

Visitor Questions

Consent Agenda

Correspondence

Presentations

# **Block Island Field Trip**

Mr. Becker, Ms. Taylor Kelly, Morgan Watrous, student; and Francis Regan, student; presented an overview of the Block Island Field Trip which was held on October 7, 2016. On the trip, the students wore heart rate monitors to show the effects of the hilly terrain versus less stressful moments in the trip. Ms. Watrous and Ms. Regan reported that everyone enjoyed the trip.

Presentations (continued)

# National Honor Society Cardboard Campout

National Honor Society members, Sydney Clark, Will Garrison, Elizabeth Larsen and Sophia Strauss explained to the Board of Education that the National Honor Society would like to participate in the annual "Cardboard Campout" again this year and asked the Board for permission to have said event begin at 6:00 pm on November 7, 2016 and end at 6:00 am, on November 8, 2016.

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves an overnight field trip on school property for the National Honor Society "Cardboard Campout" on Saturday, November 7, 2016, at 6:00 pm through Sunday, November 8, 2016, at 6:00 am.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Personnel

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.1

- 9.1 Additional Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 School Year at \$110 per day (certified or 4-year degree),
  - a. Christopher Kline

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.2 a

### 9.2 Resignation

a. Accept the resignation of Christopher Ruggi, Leave Replacement for Elizabeth Eklund, Elementary Teacher, effective October 7, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.2 b

### 9.2 Resignation

 Accept the resignation of Ian Kanarvogel, Varsity Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year due to a schedule conflict.

Motion carried. Mark Kanarvogel recused himself.

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.3 a

# 9.3 Leave Replacements

a. Approve Meagan Glenn, as a Leave Replacement for Elizabeth Eklund, Elementary Teacher, effective October 11, 2016 through December 16, 2016, at a prorated salary of \$11,976, Step 1 BA of the 2016-2017 teacher salary scale.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.3 h

# 9.3 <u>Leave Replacements</u>

Consent Agenda Personnel b. Approve Christopher Kline, as a Leave Replacement for Michael Cox, Elementary Teacher, effective October 11, 2016 through November 10, 2016, at a prorated salary of \$7,074, Step 1 MA of the 2016-2017 teacher salary scale.

Consent Agenda Personnel (continued)

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, both Christopher Kline and Meagan Glenn thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to work in the District.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.4 - 9.5

# 9.4 Mentor/Mentee at a Rate of \$1,500, per Shelter Island Faculty Association Contract

a. Approve Cheryl Woods as mentor to Meagan Glenn, effective retroactively to October 11, 2016 through December 16, 2016, at a rate of \$1,500, per Shelter Island Faculty Association Contract, prorated to \$300.00.

# 9.5 Additional Coaching for the 2016-2017 School Year

a. Meagan Glenn, Varsity Cheerleading, \$ 3,652.11

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.6 a

### 9.6 Amend Motions

a. Amend the motion of April 20, 2016 from:

Approve an unpaid childcare leave of absence for Kerri Knipfing, Elementary Teacher, to commence on September 1, 2016 through November 11, 2016, with said period credited towards the employee's FMLA leave of absence.

to:

Approve a **paid medical** leave of absence for Kerri Knipfing, Elementary Teacher, to commence on **September 6, 2016** through **October 17, 2016**, **and an unpaid childcare leave of absence to commence on October 18, 2016** through **November 28, 2016**, with said periods credited towards the employee's FMLA leave of absence.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.6 b

### 9.6 Amend Motions

b. Amend the motion of May 9, 2016 from:

Approve a contractual childcare leave of absence for Elizabeth Eklund, Elementary Teacher, to commence on or about September 26, 2016 through December 21, 2016, with said period credited towards the employee's FMLA leave of absence.

to:

Approve a contractual childcare leave of absence for Elizabeth Eklund, Elementary Teacher, to commence on **September 19**, **2016** through **September 30**, **2016** and an unpaid childcare leave of absence to commence on October 3, 2016 through December 16, 2016, with said periods credited towards the employee's FMLA leave of absence.

Motion carried. Linda Eklund recused herself.

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.6 c - e

# 9.6 Amend Motions

c. Amend the motion of August 15, 2016 from:

Janina Speece, as a Leave Replacement for Kerri Knipfing, Elementary Teacher, effective September 6, 2016 through November 11, 2016, at a prorated salary of \$14,241, Step 1 MA of the 2015-2016 teacher salary scale.

to:

Janina Speece, as a Leave Replacement for Kerri Knipfing, Elementary Teacher, effective September 6, 2016 through **November 28, 2016**, at a prorated salary of **\$16,915.25**, Step 1 MA of the 2016-2017 teacher salary scale.

d. Amend the motion of September 19, 2016 from:

Approval of a paid medical leave of absence for Sharon Gibbs, Science Teacher, to commence on September 6, 2016 through on or about October 31, 2016, with said period credited towards the employee's FMLA leave of absence.

to:

Approval of a paid medical leave of absence for Sharon Gibbs, Science Teacher, to commence on September 6, 2016 through **June 23, 2017**, with said period credited towards the employee's FMLA leave of absence.

e. Amend the motion of September 19, 2016 from:

Robert Miller, as a Leave Replacement for Sharon Gibbs, Science Teacher, effective retroactively to September 6, 2016 through October 31, 2016, at a prorated salary of \$12,302, Step 1 MA of the 2016-2017 teacher salary scale.

to:

Robert Miller, as a Leave Replacement for Sharon Gibbs, Science Teacher, effective retroactively to September 6, 2016 through **June 23, 2017**, at a salary of **\$61,510**, Step 1 MA of the 2016-2017 teacher salary scale.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Graffagnino stated that everyone's thoughts, prayers and hearts are with Mrs. Gibbs, at which time most everyone in the room concurred.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.7 #1 - #6

### 9.7 Step Movement

- a. Approval to move the following faculty on the salary scale, effective retroactively to September
   1, 2016
  - 1. James Theinert Step 5MA+30 to Step 5MA+45
  - 2. Michael Cox Step 5MA+30 to Step 5MA+45
  - 3. Sean Brennan Step 1 MA to Step 1MA+15
  - 4. Jessica Bosak Step 6MA+45 to Step 6MA+60
  - 5. Lynn Colligan Step 10 MA to Step 10MA+15
  - 6. Kerri Knipfing Step 4MA+15 to Step 4MA+30

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Susan Binder, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.7 #7

### 9.7 Step Movement

- a. Approval to move the following faculty on the salary scale, effective retroactively to September 1, 2016
  - 7. Mary Kanarvogel Step 12MA+15 to Step 12MA+30

Motion carried. Mark Kanarvogel recused himself.

Consent Agenda Personnel (continued) A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.7 # 8

Agenda Personnel (continued)

Consent

# 9.7 Step Movement

- a. Approval to move the following faculty on the salary scale, effective retroactively to September 1, 2016
  - 8. Elizabeth Eklund Step 2MA to Step 2MA+15

Motion carried. Linda Eklund recused herself.

Consent Agenda Program

# **Program**

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program action: 10.1 - 10.2

# 10.1 Music Department Field Trips

- a. Approve the following music department field trips.
  - Nutcracker (8th grade) December 21, 2016
  - Opera (10<sup>th</sup> grade) January 30, 2017
  - Broadway (students participating in music related extracurricular programs) May 17, 2017

# 10.2 CSE and 504 Recommendations for the 2016-2017 School Year

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Finance**

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Susan Binder, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Finance actions: 11.1 – 11.3

### 11.1 Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report September 2016
- b. Extra Class Report September 2016
- c. Appropriations Status Report
- d. Revenue Status Report
- e. Claim Auditor's Report September 2016
- f. Payroll Audit Report September 2016

### 11.2 Budget Transfers

a. Accept and approve Budget Transfer Reports for the period of September 13, 2016 through October 11, 2016, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

### 11.3 Tax Levy

a. Approval to set the tax levy for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$10,000,816.

Motion carried unanimously.

# **Business**

A motion was made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business actions: 12.1 – 12.3

# 12.1 Donations & Budgetary Increases

- a. Authorize the Shelter Island School District to accept a donation of \$800.00 from Margaret and Norbert Doyle for the Music Program.
- Authorization to increase the budget line of Music Program Materials & Supplies, A2110.450.00.0018, in the amount of \$800.00, to be offset by the \$800.00 donation from Margaret and Norbert Doyle.

Consent Agenda Finance

Consent Agenda Business

### 12.2 Contracts

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Lynn Cataldo, of East Marion, NY for student services. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and authorize the Superintendent to execute said agreement.
- b. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Out East Therapy of New York, Center Moriches, NY, for student services. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; 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 Cunningham Air Duct & Chimney Services, of Bayport, NY, for the 2016-2017 annual kitchen exhaust duct cleaning, in the amount of \$894.00; 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 Liberty Lawn and Landscape, LLC, of Shelter Island, NY, for snow removal services, in the amount of \$6,250.00. The term of said agreement shall be October 18, 2016 through April 30, 2017; 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 Parkway Pest Services, of New Hyde Park, NY, for pest control services, in the amount of \$3,000. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2016 June 23, 2017; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- f. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and John Scaramucci/Harry Goldman Water Testing, certified water system operator and water tester, of Mattituck, NY. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- g. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Otis Elevator Company, of Plainview, NY, for annual maintenance, at a cost of \$2,786.76. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- h. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Pathfinder Village, of Edmeston, NY, for student services. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
- i. Approve the contract for the purpose of expending IDEA Flow-Through Funds between the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Pathfinder Village, as required by New York State Education Law; and authorize the Board President to execute said contract. The term of said agreement shall be retroactive to July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- j. Approve the contracts for transportation services, for a passenger coach, for the music department field trips as follows; and authorize the Board President to execute said contracts.
  - 1. Hampton Jitney on December 21, 2016, in the amount of \$1,275.00, for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Nutcracker Field Trip
  - 2. Hampton Jitney on January 30, 2017, in the amount of \$1,150.00, for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Opera Field Trip
  - 3. Hampton Jitney on May 17, 2107, in the amount of \$1,300.00, for the Broadway Field Trip

# 12.3 <u>Electing Participation in New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP)</u>

a. BE IT RESOLVED that the Shelter Island Board of Education of the Shelter Island School District, of the State of New York elects to participate as a participating employer in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) and to include in such plan, its officers and employees and its retired officers and employees, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Article XI of Civil Service Law and the Regulations governing the New York State Health Insurance

Consent Agenda Business (continued) Program, as presently existing or hereafter amended together with such provisions of the insurance contracts as may be approved by the President of the Civil Service Commission and any administrative rule or directive governing the plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shelter Island Board of Education has already appropriated in the current budget approximately, \$1,600,000.00 for the purpose of paying the employer's costs including administrative charges levied by and payable to the State of New York on account of the coverage of such officers and employees, and retired officers and employees, and their dependents in the plan.

Consent Agenda **Business** (continued)

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Laube presented a brief overview of the Shelter Island Union Free School District Health Care Costs for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 based on the transition from East End Health Plan to New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP).

**Facility** 

Facility - None

Items for Consideration

# **Items for Consideration - None**

**Old Business** 

#### **Old Business**

The following red lined items from the September 19, 2016 Meeting were discussed.

- a. Red-Lined Items from Previous Board Meetings
  - New sound system for Gymnasium: (At the September 19th board meeting, Mr. Gulluscio reported that the sound system will be replaced in a few phases. This year, in Phase 1, the speakers, along with a few other components, will be replaced. At the October 17th meeting, Mr. Gulluscio reported that this is a work in progress.)
  - Debate Team: The Board of Education would like to continue to learn more about the Debate Team. (At the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mr. Skuggevik announced that the Debate Team will present at the *November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.)*
  - Joint Professional Practices Committee (JPPC) to Meet: The JPPC committee will meet on September 27, 2016, at 3 pm in the Conference Room.
  - Parents Sending Children to Off-Island Schools: The Board of Education and Administration will continue to look into different ways to reach out to the parents who send their children to off-island schools in order to learn why and what we can do as a district to perhaps bring them back here. At the October 17th meeting, Mr. Graffagnino announced that the District has been speaking with Oysterponds Union Free School District with regards to tuitioning their students in to our District. Mr. Graffagnino mentioned Oysterponds is very interested, but we are still in the talking stages. Audience members inquired about the number of students that would attend Shelter Island School. Mr. Graffagnino stated it is too early to say, as that would be completely up to the Oysterponds parents. The Board will update the public as the conversation with Oysterponds continue.
  - Shared Decision Making: At the September 19th meeting, Mr. Skuggevik stated he would update the Shared Decision Making Plan and put together the committee members. At the October 17th meeting, Mr. Skuggevik stated he still needed three parents from the PTSA, plus a community member and once he has these names he will set a meeting date. There was concern that the PTSA only reached out to parents at a PTSA meeting. After discussing various options, the PTSA was granted permission to have their message sent through the District's Connect Ed Email System. Michelle Corbett, PTSA President will supply the message to be sent.

School District Business Leader Report – (Nothing further)

# Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel Report Fall Athletics Update

Mr. Gulluscio reported that there was only 1.5 weeks left to the Fall Season. He also announced that the Dig Pink Volleyball Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 and Senior Sendoff for the volleyball team will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016. Mr. Gulluscio reported that the Varsity Golf Team will be participating School District **Business Leader** Report

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in the League Tournament on October 20, 2016. Mr. Gulluscio wrapped up his athletics report by stating that the winter athletics registration portal opens on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

# **Physical Education Website**

Mr. Gulluscio thanked the Physical Education department for creating a new webpage for the department.

### **Health Education Department**

Mr. Gulluscio shared that the Health Education Department classes are running very well.

### Stomp Out Bullying Day

Mr. Gulluscio explained that Stomp Out Bullying Day was October 5, 2016 and students, faculty, staff and parents wore blue in recognition of the cause.

# **Dignity for All Students Act Class**

Mr. Gulluscio announced that a class for the Dignity for All Students Act will be held at the Shelter Island Union Free School District on November 3, 2016, from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm, in the Conference Room. This class is open to Shelter Island teachers, as well as teachers from neighboring districts.

### **Academic Administrator's Report**

# After School Program

Ms. Rylott reported that the Town of Shelter Island's After School Program has started up again and will run from October 4, 2016 – December 15, 2016. The program is currently for students in grades 2-5, but there is a need for a similar program for K-1 students so the Town may expand the program, or create something else for these younger students.

### Results from Grades 6-12 Back to School Night New Format Parent Survey

Ms. Rylott reported that 24 parents responded to the Grades 6-12 Back to School Night New Format Parent Survey. Of the 24 responses, 16 prefer the new model, 7 prefer the old model and 1 was undecided. A few items to improve upon would be using the full gym instead of half the gym (to help reduce the noise level), creating larger signs to highlight the teachers/areas for parents who are new to the Secondary School, and providing name tags for parents, in addition to teachers. As some parents noted that they missed seeing the classrooms, next year, student representatives will give tours of the building for any parents who are interested.

### "Where are They Now" Reporter Article

Ms. Rylott thanked the Reporter for the latest installment of the "Where are They Now" series, a series that highlights a different Shelter Island graduate each month.

# **Superintendent's Report**

# **Construction Update**

Mr. Skuggevik reviewed all of the work that had been done in the building as part of the Energy Performance Contract and Bond work. This included solar panels, lighting retrofits, window film, weather stripping on exterior doors, new boilers, replacement of unit ventilators, and brick repointing.

### **Water Testing**

Mr. Skuggevik spoke about the trace of lead recently found in the District's water system. He assured everyone that the one drinking fountain affected was immediately turned off. The water has been treated and re-tested. Once the new results are received, the District will send a communication to parents.

# **PTSA Meeting**

Mr. Skuggevik recently attended a PTSA meeting and reported it was the largest turnout he has ever seen. The organization has a lot they want to do this year. At this time, Ms. Michelle Corbett, PTSA President announced that the next PTSA meeting is November 15, 2016, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room and she encouraged everyone to attend.

# Recess

Mr. Skuggevik announced that Administration has worked with Mr. Brian Becker and Mr. Michael Cox to develop a new lunch/recess system that will allow for extra recess time. This new system will be piloted in the coming days.

# **Elementary Summer Reading Superhero Celebration**

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Health, Wellness
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Academic Administrator's Report

Superintendent's Report Mr. Skuggevik thanked Jennifer Gulluscio for volunteering to work on the summer reading program and thanked Mr. Becker and Ms. Kelly for creating events for the students to participate in at the Superhero Celebration, which celebrated the elementary summer reading success.

# **Board Member Reports**

Thomas Graffagnino thanked Stephanie Sareyani and the students for the priceless gifts of artwork that were presented to each Board Member.

As many community members were excited to hear that the District would be installing solar panels on the school building, Mr. Graffagnino also asked Julie Lane if she could include photos of the solar panels in the Reporter. Ms. Lane stated that these photos would not be in this week's issue, but they will be featured in an upcoming issue.

Kathleen Lynch reported that she went to Sag Harbor School with Michael Cox and Todd Gulluscio to check out their Morning Program. She stated it was a nice experience and the District will look at which pieces we could eventually bring to our building.

#### **Student Liaison Report - None**

### **Visitor Comments**

Mr. Ben Heins reported that his son has been bullied by the same student last year and again this year. Mr. Graffagnino interrupted for one moment just to remind Mr. Heins not to use any names or any other personal information. Mr. Heins understood and stated he would not. Mr. Heins continued by stating that the threats which have been both verbal and physical, have been unprevoked and have escalated over time. Mr. Heins questioned the District's policy regarding physical altercations and Mr. Heins was told the District has a zero tolerance policy. Mr. Heins asked the Board of Education and Administration what was going to be done to protect his son. Mr. Graffagnino respectfully thanked Mr. Heins for bringing this to the attention of the Board and stated they will look further into the matter. Mr. Skuggevik added that he and Mr. Heins spoke last year and the District continues to follow up on the situation because we want this to be a safe place for all children.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was by made by Kathleen Lynch, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:37 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals, pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Susan Binder, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday November 14, 2016, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Superintendent's Report (continued)

Board Member Reports

Student Liaison Report

Visitor Comments

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Adjournment