

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
March 14, 2016**

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Alfred Brigham, Sr. (left at 8:15 pm), Susan Binder and Kathleen Lynch

Others Present: Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Timothy Laube, School District Business Leader; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Physical Education/District Operations; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; Christopher Tehan, Town of Shelter Island Videographer, 4 faculty/staff/ student and 3 community resident/other

Absent: Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; and Connor Rice, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Graffagnino, 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 and expanding their learning about, understanding of, and engagement with the wider world. To do this, they must be: ethical and moral individuals; respectful and responsible communicators; creative and analytical thinkers; knowledgeable and literate readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists; participants in and audiences for art, drama, music, athletics, and other artistic, cultural, and social activities; skilled and successful workers and consumers; and committed and active citizens.

Budget Presentation

Mr. Todd Gulluscio welcomed everyone to the third budget presentation in preparation of the 2016-2017 school budget. Mr. Gulluscio presented the topic of Athletics, which included an overview of program participation, benefits of the program, results of a participation survey, and future program goals. In conclusion, Mr. Gulluscio then reviewed each of the individual Athletics budget lines. Mr. Gulluscio ended his presentation and opened the floor to questions. Board Members stated that with the currently tight fiscal atmosphere, they will need to carefully look at the Athletics budget, but stressed that they would rather not make cuts to this portion of the budget.

At this time, Mr. Graffagnino took a moment to thank Mr. Todd Gulluscio, Mr. Michael Dunning, Mr. Fred Hyatt, Mr. Darin Binder, and Mr. David Gurney for all they have contributed to the upgrade to the baseball field on Fiske Field.

In continuation of the evening’s budget presentations, Ms. Jennifer Rylott presented the topic of Special Education, which included an overview of the Special Education Department, an overview of the District’s Special Education programs & related services, the accomplishments of the department, and an explanation of the future of the department. Ms. Rylott then reviewed each of the individual Special Education budget lines, highlighting an overall decrease in the department’s budget.

Ms. Rylott ended her presentation and opened the floor to any questions and concerns.

Ms. Melichar spoke about related services for students in the special education program who choose to attend private schools, and pointed out that if our District has the ability to provide a service here, a teacher could be paid a stipend to do so, and if the parent refused to use the home District’s service, we wouldn’t have to pay for these services when provided at the Private School. Ms. Rylott stated that she was not familiar with this and would have to research it further.

Next, Mr. Skuggevik presented a 5 year review of program, highlighting what we learned from the past, what was needed and the foundation that we have built and will continue to build upon in the future. At this time, Mr. Skuggevik turned the presentation over to Mr. Timothy Laube.

Mr. Laube presented the topic of Educational Program, which included salaries, contractual, travel &

Call to Order

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materials & supplies, and BOCES services.

Mr. Graffagnino noted that the BOCES services budget line had increased over the past two years, and then pointed out that a few years ago, the Board and Administration very carefully pared back this budget line. He voiced concern about it increasing again. Mr. Graffagnino asked for Mr. Laube to research these increases and to let the Board know his findings.

Mr. Laube reviewed the schedule of the dates and topics for the remaining 2016-2017 school budget meetings, and noted that all the meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. The schedule is as follows.

- March 21, 2016 – Capital and Athletics
- March 28, 2016 – Budget Overview
- April 20, 2016 – Budget Adoption

Mr. Laube ended his presentation and opened the floor to any questions and concerns.

Mr. Graffagnino noted that there is still a lot of work to be done on this budget and therefore, the Board of Education will need to add a few workshop meetings to the budget schedule. The members discussed their availability and agreed on the following workshop dates.

- April 4, 2016
- April 11, 2016
- April 18, 2016 (if needed)

Ms. Linda Eklund, questioning the Board of Education budget lines, inquired about the benefits of the District being a membership of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). Ms. Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk explained that membership provides the District with complimentary webinars, policy services, and new board member training to name a few of the benefits. Ms. Eklund asked Ms. Dunning to find out the difference in cost for the Annual NYSSBA Conference, for members versus non-members.

Visitor Questions

Ms. Jodie Hallman, a parent in the audience reviewed a statement that Mr. Gulluscio had made. Mr. Gulluscio had stated that there wasn't enough interest to field a Varsity Girls' Basketball team, next year. Ms. Hallman asked if there would be a Junior Varsity team instead. Mr. Gulluscio assured her there would be.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:30 pm, to discuss the employment of a particular individual in the District pursuant to Section 105(e).

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

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Adjournment