

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

**BUDGET AND REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2016**

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Alfred Brigham, Sr. (left at 9:20 pm), Susan Binder, and Kathleen Lynch

Others Present: Mr. Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Physical Education/District Operations; Timothy Laube, School District Business Leader; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Connor Rice, Student Liaison; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; Mary Ellen McGayhey, Town of Shelter Island Videographer; 3 faculty/staff/student and 4 community residents

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Graffagnino, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathleen Lynch 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

Community members, Mr. Robert. Fredericks and Mr. Frederick. Bonacore, as well as Julie Lane of the Reporter, asked for a copy of the budget worksheet the Board was using so they could follow along. There was debate about whether or not the document could be shared at this time, as the personnel related budget numbers might reveal more than the Board was ready to reveal. Mr. Graffagnino stated that the Board would be going into a quick executive session momentarily and at that time would determine if the document could be released to the public.

Mrs. Gina Sherman and Mrs. Meredith Gurney presented the Board of Education with a petition to keep the Drivers Education program in the school curriculum and schedule. Mr. Graffagnino stated that the Board of Education never said they were going to cut the Drivers Education program. Instead, they did state that they would look at alternative ways to fill it if they were to find a candidate for the Technology teaching position who could bring other classes to the schedule.

Personnel

A motion was made by Linda Ekund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 10.1 – 10.2

- 5.1 Additional Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 School Year at \$110 per day (Certified or 4-Year Degree), Pending Clearance for Employment by the NYS Department of Education (fingerprint initiative)
 - a. Cindy J. Azzaro Pipia
- 5.2 Leave Replacement
 - a. Cindy J. Azzaro Pipia, as a Leave Replacement for Debra Sears, Special Education Teacher, effective on or about April 18, 2016 through June 3, 2016, at a prorated salary of \$8,787.29, Step 1 MA of the 2015-2016 teacher salary scale.

Motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consideration

Taping of Additional Budget Related Meeting(s)

The Members of the Board of Education discussed the idea of taping two (2) additional budget-related meetings in order for the community to have access to the final budget discussion and the adoption of the budget. These

*Call to Order
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*Mission
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meetings will be held on March 18, 2016 and March 20, 2016. All members of the Board agreed to tape these two (2) additional meetings

*Items for
Consideration
(continued)*

Pre-K Program

Ms. Jennifer Rylott announced that for the 2016-2017 school year, the District will be able to accept all four (4) year old students into the Pre-K program and she is currently proposing that it be a full day program. Administration is meeting with the Preschool Board within the next few days and will be able to share more details about the full day program once this meeting has taken place.

*Executive
Session*

Executive Session

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Lynch, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:22 pm, to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District pursuant to Section 105 (e).

Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:43 pm, the Board came out of Executive Session and the Budget Workshop resumed.

*Budget
Workshop*

Budget Workshop

While the Board of Education and Administration went into Executive Session, Mr. Timothy Laube consulted legal counsel and was directed that if the Board was discussing the documents in open session then the public was privy to the information. Budget worksheets were handed out to all of the audience members. Mr. Graffagnino reminded the audience that the budget is a work in progress.

Mr. Laube explained that at this point, the levy to levy increase is 7.32% and reminded everyone that 25% of that increase is due to the Bond that was approved by the community in September 2014.

Mr. Graffagnino reviewed the specific items the Board of Education had questioned the week before – ESBOCES, Field Trips, Materials & Supplies, and Plant Maintenance. All specific questions were answered.

*Visitor
Comments*

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Mr. Fredericks and Mr. Bonacore asked very specific questions pertaining to specific budget lines. All questions were answered by either members of the Board or the administration. One question pertained to the Medical Insurance – Retirees line, which prompted Ms. Eklund to ask for clarification about this line. Ms. Eklund questioned if the District pays for a full policy for retirees who are Medicare eligible even though this is their secondary insurance. Ms. Deborah Vecchio responded that the District does pay for a full policy for these retirees.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday April 18, 2016, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.