

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
March 30, 2015**

Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Marilyn Pysher, Linda Eklund, and Alfred Brigham Sr. (arrived at 7:00 pm)

Others Present: Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Physical Education/District Operations; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; Mary Ellen McGayhey, Videographer; 1 faculty/staff/student and 1 community resident/other

Absent: Elizabeth Dunning, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by President Gessner.

A motion was by made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Marilyn Pysher, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:04 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

The budget presentation began at 7:09 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 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. Skuggevik welcomed everyone to the fifth budget presentation in preparation of the 2015-2016 school budget, and presented the topics of Budget Goals, Academic Highlights, and Proposed Budget.

Mr. Skuggevik reminded everyone that the Board of Education will adopt the 2015-2016 budget on April 22, 2015, at 6:30 pm. At this time, Mr. Skuggevik ended his presentation and opened the floor to any questions and concerns. The members of the Board of Education discussed the idea of adding additional budget discussions. The Board agreed to meet on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7:00 pm and Monday, April 13, 2015, also at 7:00 pm. Due to budget constraints, these meetings will not be televised.

Visitor Questions – None

At this time, Dr. Stephen Gessner announced that his Board of Education term expires on June 30, 2015, along with Marilyn Pysher. Dr. Gessner stated that he decided not to run again. He stated that being a member of the Board of Education has been a terrific experience and he hopes to still be involved as a community member.

Ms. Pysher took the opportunity to state that the current Board of Education is a great group of people to work with.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Linda Eklund, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Call to Order

Executive Session

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission Statement

Budget Presentation

Visitor Questions

Adjournment