

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
April 8, 2015**

- Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Elizabeth Melichar, Marilynn Pysher, and Linda Eklund
- Others Present: Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Physical Education/District Operations; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 1 faculty/staff/ student and 0 community resident/other
- Absent: Stephen Gessner, Mark Kanarvogel, Alfred Brigham, Sr., Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; and Elizabeth Dunning, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Vice President Graffagnino.

A motion was by made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:01 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

The budget discussion began at 7:11 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elizabeth Melichar 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 Discussion

Mr. Leonard Skuggevik opened the meeting with a statement about 2014-15 State Aid. The District had anticipated more money than it is scheduled to receive. Mr. Skuggevik, along with Mr. Donald Hoffman of Cullen & Danowski, and Assemblyman Fred Thiele are all trying to find out why this would be.

At this time, the Board of Education reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 budget, line by line and asked questions. Some budget lines were reduced, while others that were questioned, needed further research.

Mrs. Lynn Green, representing the Shelter Island Faculty Association (SIFA) informed the Board of Education that SIFA would like to sit down with the Board, as well as Mr. Skuggevik and Mrs. Rylott to discuss what the faculty can cut from the budget. The members of the Board of Education unanimously, thanked Mrs. Green for the much appreciated gesture.

Based on the discussions of the evening, Mr. Skuggevik will reduce any budget lines that were agreed upon this evening, and he will provide the Board of Education with explanations of the other lines that were requested. Based on the number of questions the members of the Board of Education had, everyone agreed that they will need to meet again, and decided the next budget discussion will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Thomas Graffagnino stated that the budget is a work in progress. He explained that the Board of Education has met several times, having added many extra budget sessions. The Board is looking to pare down and he acknowledged that this is a huge team effort between the Board of Education, Administration and the Faculty.

Visitor Questions – None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marilynn Pysher, seconded by Linda Eklund, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Call to Order

Executive Session

Mission Statement

Budget Discussion

Visitor Questions

Adjournment