

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
April 13, 2015

- Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Thomas Graffagnino, Elizabeth Melichar, Marilyn Pysher, Linda Eklund, and Alfred Brigham Sr. (arrived at 7 pm)
- Others Present: Leonard Skuggevik, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Physical Education/District Operations; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer/District Clerk Pro Tem; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 5 faculty/staff/student and 1 community resident/other
- Absent: Mark Kanarvogel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; and Elizabeth Dunning, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by President Gessner.

A motion was by made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:20 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

The budget presentation began at 7:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marilynn Pysher 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. Skuggevik welcomed everyone and read a statement regarding the budget process and the Board of Education being fiscally responsible. Mr. Skuggevik reviewed which budgetary items are out of our control versus which budgetary items are within our control, and then he discussed the changes that were made to the budget after the April 8, 2013 budget meeting.

As the Board of Education went through the budget line by line, there were some additional questions/comments. The members of the Board of Education agreed that the budget line for BOE Contractual should be reduced to have only the new Board of Education members attend the NYSSBA Conference. Mr. Thomas Graffagnino also mentioned that he believes we should cut the filming of the Board of Education meetings, something he has brought up more than once. Ms. Melichar suggested that a survey be sent to the community to find out how many people rely on watching the meetings at home, and then the Board can determine whether they cut some or possibly all of the filming. The Elementary Field Trip line was questioned and Mrs. Jennifer Rylott was able to answer the questions. Ms. Eklund voiced her concern that the music program materials and supplies line was being cut. Ms. Eklund is concerned that this will affect program, therefore affecting children.

The members of the Board of Education discussed the cost of the current Healthcare Plan and stated that they would like alternative plans to be looked at in an effort to put more money towards program. It was brought to the Board’s attention that the current plan is an item in the contract and will have to be negotiated in the future.

At this point, the rest of the questions the members of the Board Education had pertained to the Maintenance and Plant Operations budget lines. Mr. Michael Dunning was unavailable to answers these questions, as he was on vacation. The Board agreed that another budget discussion would be necessary and agreed to meet again on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm.

*Call to Order*

*Executive Session*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Mission Statement*

*Budget Discussion*

**Visitor Questions - None**

**Adjournment**

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

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Deborah Vecchio  
District Clerk Prom Tem

The next Budget Meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

*Visitor Questions*

*Adjournment*