

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
November 13, 2013**

Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Elizabeth Melichar, Linda Eklund, Marilyn Pysner, Thomas Graffagnino, and Mark Kanarvogel.

Others Present: Dr. Michael Hynes, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Mary Ellen McGayhey, Shelter Island Town Videographer; 2 faculty/staff/student and 0 community residents

Members Absent: Alfred Brigham, Sr.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Gessner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stephen Gessner read the following Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower:

We want our students to cherish our small Island community while applying 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.

Presentation

Dr. Hynes thanked everyone for coming to the Special Meeting on such short notice and began his presentation about the heating system. Dr. Hynes reported that our current heating system is old and inefficient, and the controls no longer work. The system has to be manipulated manually which requires someone to be here almost every hour around the clock. In addition, the oil consumption is at an accelerated rate; burning a significant amount of extra oil per day. Dr. Hynes presented the Board of Education with three options that would address this situation.

Option 1

Fix the existing old controls at an estimated cost of \$26,000. This option would require using the outdated controls with the old, inefficient system. This option would only last a few years and wouldn't work with any new system in the future.

Option 2

Install new, updated controls at an estimated cost of \$55,000. This option would allow the controls to work with both the old system and any potential new heating system.

Option 3

Install new, updated controls (option #2) and a new heating system at an estimated cost of \$1.63 million. This would include installing and refurbishing existing ventilators through the school, upgrading the existing terminal units, replacing the six (6) boilers with two high-efficient cast iron boilers, separate the FIT Center from the main boiler room and replace existing fire alarms.

Dr. Hynes then proceeded to explain a few options that would offset the impact of the \$1.63 million cost. He suggested the following.

1. Use money from the 2013-2014 budget to pay for the new \$55,000 control system.

*Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

Presentation

2. Use a portion/or most of Capital Reserve to cover some of the cost of a new system
3. Budget for a new fire alarm system in the 2015-2016 budget; reducing by another \$75,000

*Presentation
(continued)*

If all of these options were considered, the total that still needed to be covered would be brought down to approximately \$1.2 million.

Dr. Hynes explained that if the Board is considering Option #3, we would have to go out to the community to vote on a bond. If we want the construction to take place over summer vacation, we would need to hold such a vote in February and the Board would have to make that decision very soon in order to meet all of the legal deadlines. A Board resolution for a bond would have to be voted on in November 2013 or December 2013 at the very latest.

Dr. Hynes concluded his presentation and opened the meeting to questions/comments.

At the Board's request, Mr. Patrick McClave of McClave Engineering explained in depth the technical breakdown of what the \$1.6 million would cover.

The discussion continued amongst the members of the Board of Education and they agreed that the installation of new, updated controls at an estimated cost of \$55,000 was the best option for now and they would continue the discussion about a bond at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the purchase and installation of new updated heating system controls from Johnson Controls, of Syosset, New York, at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Comments - None

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Adjournment

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room.