

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

**REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2012**

Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Marilyn Pysher, Elizabeth Melichar, Mark Kanarvogel, Linda Eklund, Thomas Graffagnino arrived at 6:04 pm, Alfred Brigham, Sr. left at 7:05 pm and returned at 7:42 pm

Others Present: Dr. Michael Hynes, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Katy Binder, Student Liaison; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 8 faculty/staff/student and 3 community residents

Absent: Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer

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

A motion was by made by Marilyn Pysher, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:02 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the district pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:05 pm.

The regular meeting began, 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.

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting of October 15, 2012
- b. Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2012

Motion carried unanimously

Visitor Questions – None

Oath of Office to Student Liaison

- a. Dr. Stephen Gessner administered the Oath of Office to Katy Binder, Student Liaison

Correspondence – None

Call to Order

Executive Session

*Shelter Island
School Mission
Statement*

Consent Agenda

Visitor Questions

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Correspondence

Presentation

Shelter Island community member, Mr. Stewart Herman, on behalf of Lynda Herman Thomas, presented the Board of Education with the donation of a Yamaha Baby Grand Piano. He told the Board his sister is delighted to know the piano will be used as part of our music program. The members of the Board Education thanked Mr. Stewart and graciously accepted the donation.

Mr. Brian McClave, of McClave Engineering, P.C. presented a construction update. He reported that the generator was not functioning when Hurricane Sandy hit because LIPA, who needs to do the switchover, couldn't get here before the storm. He also reported that the new window installation and new water tank will both be postponed until summer 2013

Mr. Richard Osmer, Shelter Island School Athletic Director, gave a brief overview of the fall sports season and then introduced either the team captains or coaches who elaborated further. Hunter Starzee, Varsity Golf Team Captain reported the team had a good season and made it to Counties which will be played in April 2013. Lisa Kaasik, Varsity Girls' Tennis Team Captain reported that since this was the first year Shelter Island played tennis at the Varsity level it wasn't a successful season, but it was a fun season. Cynthia Belt, Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach and Karen Gibbs, Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach spoke about a very successful volleyball season with both teams being undefeated. In addition, the Varsity team won the title of Class D Champions for the ninth (9th) consecutive year. Mr. Osmer ended the presentation stating that the winter sports season is now underway.

Dr. Michael Hynes, Mr. Richard Osmer and Mr. James Colligan, members of the Sports Lobby Committee spoke about Shelter Island School's new Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Osmer read the committee's mission statement. The statement reads, "Our mission is to establish an Athletic Hall of Fame for the Shelter Island School that recognizes the importance of the school's athletic history, that recognizes and honors outstanding individual and team achievements, that create a sense of school/community pride, and that serves as a motivator for future generations of student athletes in the Shelter Island Community." Mr. Colligan described four different categories for inductees – Student Athlete, Coaches/Athletic Administrators, Honorary Members, and Teams. He also explained that the process of selecting and inducting deserving individuals and teams will be an on-going process. The location of the new Athletic Hall of Fame will be the hallway outside of the gymnasium.

Dr. Michael Hynes and Ms. Jennifer Rylott presented "APPR Overview." Dr. Hynes explained that APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review) was developed to improve New York State's educational system and to support the professional growth of educators, thus leading to better student achievement. Ms. Rylott went on to report that as part of this new process, teachers will receive composite scores based on three areas – observation, state assessments/student learning objectives, and local measure of achievement. Both Dr. Hynes and Ms. Rylott assured the Board and public that they will review the APPR process in June to determine its effectiveness.

Personnel

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.1

9.1 Appointment of Personnel

Additional Coaching for 2012-2013 School Year

- a. Brian Becker, Junior High Girls' Volleyball, at \$2,429.85

- b. Brian Becker, Junior High Girls' Basketball, at \$2,653.48

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Personnel
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Volunteer Coach for the 2012-2013 School Year

- a. Mr. James Colligan as a volunteer coach for the Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys' Basketball teams, effective November 20, 2012

Additional Substitute Teacher Aide for the 12-13 School Year at \$95.00 Per Day

- a. Rachel Fraser

Additional Substitute Monitor for the 12-13 School Year at \$10.00 Per Hour

- a. Rachel Fraser

Additional Substitute Cafeteria Worker for the 12-13 School Year at \$10.00 Per Hour

- a. Rachel Fraser

Temporary Custodial/Maintenance Assistants

- a. Appoint the following personnel as temporary custodial/maintenance assistants retroactive to October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour.
 - 1. Jim Best
 - 2. Jose Montalvo

Motion carried. Mark Kanarvogel opposed.

Program

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program actions: 10.1

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Program*

10.1 Sub CSE/CPSE/504 Recommendations for the 2012-2013 School Year

- a. Sub Committee on Special Education
- b. Committee on Preschool Special Education
- c. Section 504 Committee

Motion carried unanimously.

Business

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Business Actions: 11.1 – 11.4

*Consent Agenda
Business*

11.1 Budget Transfers

- a. Accept and approve the Budget Transfers Report, for the period of October 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012 that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

11.2 Tax Levy

- a. Approval to set the tax levy for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$8,893,329.00

11.3 Donations & Budgetary Increases

- a. Authorize the Shelter Island School District to accept a donation of \$3,000 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the costs of the Nutcracker Field Trip.
- b. Authorization to increase the budget line of Field Trip Ticket Fees, AO.2110.419.00.0000.5, in the amount of \$2,290.00, and Field Trip Transportation Fees, AO.5540.400.00.2110.5, in the amount of \$710.00, to be offset by a \$3,000.00 donation from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation.
- c. Authorize the Shelter Island School District to accept a donation of \$1,200 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the costs of the Opera Aida Field Trip.
- d. Authorization to increase the budget line of Field Trip Ticket Fees, AO.2110.419.00.0000.5, in the amount of \$250.00, and Field Trip Transportation Fees, AO.5540.400.00.2110.5, in the amount of \$950.00, to be offset by a \$1,200.00 donation from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation.

11.4 Contract

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Pathfinder Village, for the instruction of children. The term of said agreement shall be September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Facility – None

Items for Consideration – None

Old Business – None

Academic Administrator’s Report

Ms. Jennifer Rylott reported that the new Elementary Report Card was rolled out successfully. She also mentioned that she has had the opportunity to observe several teachers as part of the new APPR. The most positive thing she’s noticed about the new APPR is that teachers are taking the time to self-reflect .

Superintendent’s Report - None

Board Member Reports

Ms. Elizabeth Melichar reported that she attended the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Convention in Rochester, along with Dr. Stephen Gessner, Ms. Marilyn Pysner and Dr. Michael Hynes. Ms. Melichar presented each board member with a copy of the Pre-Law Seminar binder she received at the convention. Ms. Melichar continued her report by stating that she had the opportunity to hear Commissioner King speak about education. She then spoke about how this particular trip is a nice way for Board members to grow together as a group, and there is even more growth when the Superintendent attends with the Board.

Mr. Mark Kanarvogel announced that the Dr. Hynes was inducted as a Shelter Island Lion at the Lions Club Dinner. Mr. Kanarvogel went on to say that Dr. Hynes also spoke at the dinner

Facility

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Old Business

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*Board Member
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and it was a great opportunity for the community to meet him. Mr. Kanarvogel commended Dr. Hynes for continuing to do all of the things he said he would do as Superintendent.

Dr. Stephen Gessner spoke about the NYSSBA Convention and reported that there was a lot of discussion about the 2% cap. In keeping with the topic, Dr. Gessner stated that as a District we succeeded to remain under the cap last year and he believes, although it may be difficult, we will do it again this year. Dr. Gessner then echoed Ms. Melichar’s sentiment about the convention being a great opportunity for the group to grow together.

Ms. Marilyn Pysher spoke about a book she picked up at the NYSSBA Convention – Learning for the Future: Rethinking Schools for the 21st Century. Ms. Pysher announced it was a fascinating book and she devoured it.

Student Liaison Report

Ms. Katy Binder reported that Student Council is planning to either hold a food drive or toy drive for the holidays and they are also putting together packages to send to the troops.

Visitor Comments – None

Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm, in the Library.

*Board Member
Reports (continued)*

*Student Liaison
Report*

Visitor Comments

Adjournment