

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

**BUDGET Meeting
April 24, 2013**

Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Alfred Brigham, Sr., and Marilyn Pysher

Others Present: Dr. Michael Hynes, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Academic Administrator; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 7 faculty/staff/student and 4 community residents

Absent: Linda Eklund; Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk; and Katy Binder, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Gessner.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Marilyn Pysher, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:01 pm to discuss the employment of a particular individual(s) in the district pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:31 pm and started the budget meeting 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 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.

Visitor Questions – None

Dr. Michael Hynes welcomed everyone to the special budget workshop meeting where the Board of Education will adopt the 2013-2014 School Budget and Property Tax Report Card. The agenda for this meeting included an overview of the Board Goals; Proposed Budget Highlights; the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget; the Three-Part Component Budget; and the Property Tax Report Card.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Alfred Brigham, Sr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following Business Actions: 7.1 – 7.2

7.1 2013-2014 School Budget

- a. Adoption of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 as presented for balloting.

7.2 School Property Tax Report Card

- a. Approval of the 2013-2014 School Property Tax Report Card as presented and as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3).

Call to Order

Executive Session

Pledge of Allegiance

*Shelter Island
School Mission
Statement*

Visitor Questions

Budget Discussion

*Consent Agenda
Business*

Before opening the floor to visitor comments, Dr. Stephen Gessner asked Dr. Michael Hynes to make a statement regarding Bold Software and recent reports in the news media. Dr. Hynes read the following statement:

*Bold Software
Statement*

“For 25 years, Bold System has been a leader in Election Management Services for New York School Districts. We understood that Bold provides printing and state of the art software which would reduce our election costs. We understood they were the only company working in conjunction with New York State BOCES which makes their system aid-able.

Based on what has been reported over the past several days, Shelter Island has only used the Bold software as an electronic database for voter registration and management. We do not use the system for any other purpose.”

Visitor Comments

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On behalf of the Shelter Island Faculty Association, Mr. Brian Becker read the following statement pertaining to this year’s budget process.

“On behalf of the Shelter Island Faculty Association, I would like to thank the Board of Education and Dr. Hynes for their openness and transparency throughout the budget process. Our number one goal as a union is to ensure that the students receive the best educational program possible and we feel this budget achieves that objective. We thank Dr. Hynes for explaining and discussing the budget with the faculty on an almost weekly basis. He certainly did not have to do this, but this inclusion made the faculty feel much more involved and comfortable.

The downturn in the economy, matched with unfunded state mandates and the tax cap left many school districts in an extremely tough position. Thanks to the fiscal responsibility of this board, our district was left in a position where difficult decisions had to be made, but were kept to a minimum.

As Dr. Hynes mentioned at the last budget meeting, there was a time where things looked grim. Our district was slated to receive less state aid than we did last year which could have meant major cuts to the education of our students. Thanks to the combined effort of our school community – Dr. Hynes, the teachers, the Board and the community as a whole – we were able to successfully work together in not only restoring state funding, but also receive a great deal more in order to close the budget gap. Great things can happen when all parties involved come together for a common good.

We look forward to a continued open, positive, and synergistic relationship with Dr. Hynes and the Board. Thank you very much.”

Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is a the Public Budget Hearing/Regular Monthly Meeting, on Wednesday, May 13, 2013 at 6:30/7:00 pm, in the Library.