

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

**SPECIAL/BUDGET
MEETING
March 26, 2012**

Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar

Members Absent: Alfred Brigham, Sr.; Linda Eklund

Others Present: Superintendent, Dr. Michael Hynes; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Megan Mundy, Student Liaison; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 6 faculty/staff/students; 7 community members

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Gessner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Visitor Questions – None

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Presentation –

Presentation

Dr. Michael Hynes welcomed everyone to the fourth budget workshop in preparation of the 2012-2013 school budget.

The topics presented for this meeting include Board of Education Budget Goals; the 2012-2013 Tentative Expenditure Budget – Administrative, Capital and Program Components and Highlights of Improvements and Reductions; “Tax Cap” and Shelter Island UFSD Specific Figures; 2012-2013 Tentative Revenue Budget; and the Budget Calendar. Dr. Hynes stated that the budget to budget potential increase will be 1.02% and the potential increase for the levy would be 1.96%. Dr. Hynes explained that if the budget were not passed by the voters, then \$170,816 in cuts to the 2012-2013 proposed budget would have to be made.

Dr. Hynes reviewed some of the 2012-2013 improvements and reductions. Improvements include new course offerings, having an academic official, K-1 combined classroom, and team teaching in the 3rd and 4th grades. Some of the 2012-2013 reductions include changes to the Business Office, a 1.0 FTE Custodian, materials/supplies/equipment (contractual expenses), some athletics, field trips, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Hynes and the District Clerk reviewed some important dates regarding the budget vote and election of Board of Education members.

The information being presented can be found on the schools' website, as well as on Town Channel 22.

Presentation
(con't)

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 5.1 – 5.2

Consent Agenda
Personnel

5.1 Volunteer Coach

a. John Allan Meing as a volunteer coach for the Boys' Junior High Baseball team effective March 27, 2012 (pending clearance for employment by NYS Department of Education fingerprint initiative).

5.2 Agreement

a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the annexed agreement dated March 26, 2012 between it and the Shelter Island Faculty Association; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

Motion carried unanimously

Old Business –

A. Dr. Hynes discussed with the Board wearing graduation robes at commencement. He is in favor of the robes as it sets a visual tone. The Board of Education agreed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Board of Education to use/wear graduation robes for the purpose of commencement.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of BOE
to wear graduation
robes

Superintendent's Report –

A. Dr. Hynes reported that the Spring production of "Oklahoma" starts on Thursday, March 29 – Sunday, April 1, 2012.

Superintendent's
Report

B. Dr. Hynes reminded the audience, subtly, of being careful about what we post on Facebook. He wants everyone to be mindful of what they do. He has had a discussion with the students about inappropriate pictures.

Board Reports –

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A. Ms. Elizabeth Melichar stated that the Policy Committee met and is revising the Field Trip policy. The committee is also looking at classifying field trips.

B. Dr. Stephen Gessner stated that the Academic Committee met and is looking at the number of credits required for graduation. He stated that more data collection is needed. He also stated that the district has to meet the common core standards put out by New York State.

C. Mr. Thomas Graffagnino stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be meeting tomorrow Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

Visitor Comments –

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A. Ms. Laura Leever, Spanish teacher, asked if the faculty will be able to weigh in on the discussions that the Academic Committee is having.

B. Ms. Rebecca Mundy asked the Board of Education if they are going to increase the number of courses taught? She also stated that the district needs to up the ante on the number of AP classes the district currently offers.

C. Ms. Gina Sherman asked the Board of Education how soon does the number of credits required for graduation have to be implemented.

D. Ms. Patricia Quigley commented that she and Kathy Lynch attended a seminar which focused on jobs of the future.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular individual in the district pursuant to Section 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

Ms. Linda Eklund entered executive session at 8:04 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union
Free School District is Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.