

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

**SPECIAL/REGULAR
MEETING**
April 18, 2012

Members Present: Stephen Gessner, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Elizabeth Melichar, Linda Eklund, Alfred Brigham, Sr.

Members Absent: Megan Mundy, Student Liaison

Others Present: Superintendent, Dr. Michael Hynes; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Julie Lane from the Shelter Island Reporter; 6 faculty/staff/students and 3 community resident(s).

The special budget workshop/regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Gessner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Ms. Elizabeth Melichar read the following Shelter Island School Mission statement – Engage, Explore, Empower: Mission Statement

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 Presentation –

Budget
Presentation

Dr. Michael Hynes welcomed everyone to the special budget workshop meeting where the Board of Education will adopt the 2012-2013 School Budget and Property Tax Report Card. The agenda for this meeting will include a review of the Board of Education Budget Goals(which were adopted by the BOE on January 9, 2012); Proposed Budget Highlights; the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget; the Three-Part Component Budget; the Property Tax Report Card; and some important dates from the Budget Calendar.

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

Budget Presentation
(con't)

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following Business actions: 5.1 – 5.2

Consent Agenda
Business

5.1 2012-2013 School Budget

a. Adoption of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013 as presented for balloting.

5.2 School Property Tax Report Card

a. Approval of the 2012-2013 School Property Tax Report Card as presented and as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3).

Motion carried unanimously

Visitor Questions –

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A. Ms. Lynne Colligan stated that she would like the Board of Education to re-consider removing the Literary Magazine program for next school year.

B. Ms. Patricia Quigley asked Dr. Hynes about the ELA & Math kits in the library.

C. Ms. Kathleen Minder asked the Board about having a celebration of the mosaic and lobby renovation.

The regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Visitor Questions (Specific to the agenda) - None

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Elizabeth Melichar, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following:

Consent Agenda
Approval (con't)

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Special/Budget Workshop Meeting of February 29, 2012
2. Special Budget/Regular Meeting of March 12, 2012

3. Special Meeting of March 22, 2012
 4. Budget Workshop Meeting of March 26, 2012
- b. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2012

Consent Agenda
Approval (con't)

Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence –

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A. Dr. Gessner read a letter from staff member Stephanie Sareyani expressing her sincere appreciation to Mr. Dunning and Mr. Sulahian for their exquisite installation job of the lobby mosaic.

Presentation –

Presentation

A. Two student representatives from the 11th grade class spoke to the Board regarding the Prom, which will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. at the Island Boatyard.

B. The President of the Science Club, along with Mr. Dan Williams, High School Science teacher, presented to the Board plans for the creation of a rain garden. The location will be on the playground side of the school. Mr. Williams will be receiving a grant from the Peconic Estuary, which will pay for a fence, mulch, etc. The students will take care of the garden, and the garden will need no watering since there is a downspout which will collect the rainwater and flood the garden.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the installation of a rain garden, to be located on the playground side of the school, and maintained by the school Science Club.

Approval of the
installation of a
rain garden

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Dan Williams also presented the Board with the schools' new Intel science program, which will be a course offered for the first time this Fall. The class is an inquiry style class that will be examining, building, and following a plan. It will start with students learning how to use equipment, followed by projects Mr. Williams will initiate, and ending with students being able to work on their own ideas. Mr. Williams plans to work with Brookhaven Lab and Stonybrook University. Dr. Gessner suggested that Mr. Williams work with Island retirees who have expertise in the area of Science. Mr. Williams stated that he planned on pairing students with mentors.

Mark Kanarvogel left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel action: 10.1 – 10.4:

Consent Agenda
Personnel

10.1 Appointment of personnel

Teacher Aide

- a. Mary Boeklen, to a 26-week probationary position as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, effective April 19, 2012, at a salary of \$18,353, Step 1 of the teacher aide salary scale, pro-rated.

Part-Time Shared Aide

- a. Lindsay Springer, as a part-time Teacher Aide for 3 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$11.50, effective April 19, 2012 – June 22, 2012.

Leave Replacement

- a. Christine Gallagher as a leave replacement for Kathleen Cogan, Elementary Teacher, effective February 27, 2012 to June 22, 2012, at a salary of \$55,159, prorated, Step 1 MA of the teacher salary scale.

Network & Systems Technician

- a. Jeremy Stanzione to a 26-week probationary position as a Network & Systems Technician, retroactive to April 16, 2012, at a salary of \$41,737, Step 1 of the Network & Systems Technician salary scale, pending clearance for employment by the NYS Department of Education (fingerprint initiative).

Poll Workers

- a. Approval of the following Poll workers for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote of May 15, 2012, at a rate of \$125 per day:

Mr. Thomas Morritt
Ms. Betty Ann Morritt

Mr. Lew Corbett
Ms. Lois Corbett

10.2 Retirement Incentive Agreements

a. Adoption of the retirement incentive by and between the Shelter Island Union Free School District and the Shelter Island Faculty Association (Teachers).

b. Adoption of the retirement incentive by and between the Shelter Island Union Free School District and the Shelter Island Faculty Association (SRP – School Related Professionals).

10.3 Resignation of Personnel

Teachers

a. Kathleen Cogan, Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

b. Katherine Doroski, Business Education Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

c. Veronica Siller, Home & Careers Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

d. Robin Anderson, Special Education Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

e. Logan Kingston, English Language Arts Teacher, effective August 1, 2012.

f. Jenifer Corwin, English Language Arts Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

g. Audrey Pedersen, Math 7-12 Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

School Related Professionals

a. Mary Ruth Kehoe, Food Service Worker, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

b. Melanie Mitchell, Cook, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

c. Barbara Jean Ianfolla, Account Clerk, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2012.

10.4 School Budget Vote Chairperson

a. Appointment of Thomas Graffagnino, Vice President, Board of Education, as the chairperson for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote of May 15, 2012.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Alfred Brigham, Sr.,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby
accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following
Program actions: 11.1 – 11.3

Consent Agenda
Program

11.1 CSE Recommendation for the 2011-2012 school year

The Board President may seek a motion to accept the
recommendation of the committee.

- a. Committee on Special Education

11.2 District Plan for the Education of Students With Disabilities

- a. Approval of the Shelter Island Union Free School District's
District Plan for the Education of Students With Disabilities

11.3 School Calendar 2012-2013

- a. Approval of the Shelter Island School District's School
Calendar for 2012-2013

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education of the Shelter Island
Union Free School District cast votes for the election of members to the
Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Education. Votes were cast for:

Election of
Members to ES
BOCES Board of
Education

- Pamela Betheil, Mount Sinai School District
- Stephen Dewey, Eastport-South Manor School District
- Chris Garvey, Hampton Bays School District
- Joseph LoSchiavo, Patchogue-Medford School District
- Jeffrey Smith, Mattituck-Cutchogue School District

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel,
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education of the Shelter Island
Union Free School District hereby approves the BOCES Administrative
Budget for 2012-2013.

Approval of the ES
BOCES
Administrative
Budget

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Elizabeth Melichar, seconded by Alfred Brigham,
Sr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts
the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business
actions: 12.1 – 12.5

Consent Agenda
Business

12.1 Donations & Budgetary Increases

a. Authorize the Shelter Island School District to accept a donation of \$10.00 from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts to be used for materials and supplies.

b. Authorization to increase the budget line of Materials and Supplies, AO.2810.450.00.0000.5, in the amount of \$10.00, to be offset by a donation from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts.

12.2 Contracts

a. Approve the contract for private school health services with the Bridgehampton UFSD, in the amount of \$924.81 per student for the 2010-2011 school year.

12.3 Private School Transportation

a. Approval to transport 15 students to the following private schools for the 2012-2013 school year:

1. Ross School & Ross Primary School - Easthampton, NY (11 students)
2. Hayground School - Bridgehampton, NY (4 students)

12.4 Tax Deferred Annuity Plan (403(b)) for Employees

a. AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company

12.5 NYCLASS

WHEREAS, the Shelter Island UFSD, is currently a participant of the NYCLASS Program;

WHEREAS, the Shelter Island UFSD, has been notified of an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which reflects that the Village of Potsdam will become the new Lead participant and provides for changes to the Investment Advisor from time to time as determined by the Governing Board of NYCLASS (the form of such Amendment which is attached hereto);

WHEREAS, the Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve an Amendment to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement, in which certain terms are modified to reflect the change in the Lead Participant and Investment Advisor for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island UFSD does hereby authorize the Superintendent to execute the amendment.

Consent Agenda
Business (con't)

Motion carried unanimously

Facility – None

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Items For Consideration – None

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Consideration

Old Business – None

Old Business

Administrator's Report –

Administrator's
Report

A. Dr. Hynes thanked the staff, who will be retiring, for all of their many years of service to the Shelter Island School District.

B. Dr. Hynes stated that the district is in Phase 1 of the lobby renovation project. Mr. Reardon will be interviewing past alumni, and all of the class pictures will be on the walls shortly.

C. Dr. Hynes stated that 3-8th grade students are in the last stages of ELA testing. The Math tests will be administered next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 25 – 27th.

Board Member Reports –

Board Member
Reports

A. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met and discussed the parking lot and walking trail project. He reported that the bench for Mrs. Misciagna was installed on the playground and there were a lot of donations towards the purchase of the bench.

B. Ms. Elizabeth Melichar stated that the Policy Committee met and finished the draft of the Field Trip policy. The Committee is now working on the Regulation to that policy. She also stated that the next policy the committee will work on will be the DASA (Dignity For All Students) policy. Ms. Melichar also reported that the Shared Decision Making Committee will be meeting next week. She also thanked everyone who has participated on the SDM Committee in the past, as they were involved in the planning and had the vision for the current lobby beautification project.

Student Liaison Report – None

Student Liaison
Report

Visitor Comments –

Visitor Comments

A. Mr. Brian Becker acknowledged the retirees and stated that their will be 100 years of lost service to the district. He would like the Board of Education and the Shelter Island Faculty Association to work together to provide a send off to all.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular individual(s) in the district and to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Sections 105(e) and 105(f) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 8:41 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.