

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

**PUBLIC MEETING  
SPECIAL/ REGULAR  
MEETING**

April 11, 2011

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Linda Eklund, Kathleen Reilly, Kenneth Lewis, Jr.  
Mark Kanarvogel entered at 7:10 p.m.

Members Absent: Stephen Gessner

Others Present: Interim Superintendent, Robert Parry; Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Student Liaison, Stephanie Vecchio; Ted Hills from the Shelter Island Reporter; a number of faculty/staff/students and community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Mundy.

Call To Order

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 6:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel issue.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns executive session at 6:36 p.m.

Adjournment  
Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The special/regular meeting resumed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation –**

Presentation

**A.** Ms. Rebecca Mundy welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the Board has been reviewing and building budgets for 2 years, and the decisions made did not come easily. The Board is proud of what the school does but also has to be efficient in what is provided in the areas of program, capital, and administrative. Ms. Mundy also stated that the Board has made staffing changes reducing the teaching staff by 2.2 FTE positions. Ms. Mundy stated that the Board will save time for questions and answers.

Mr. Sam Schneider did a presentation on the Proposed Budget, Estimated Tax Levy, Property Tax Report Card and Additional Propositions. The 2011-2012 Proposed Budget will be \$9,640,614, which is a 0.97% budget to budget increase. The tax levy percentage increase, proposed, is 1.45%. Mr. Schneider discussed Bond #1 asking voters to approve renovations to the school building totaling \$2,237,000, to be repaid over 20 years; Bond #2 asking voters to approve the installation of a new generator and emergency lighting totaling \$600,000, to be repaid over 10 years; and the Capital Reserve Proposition to establish a fund for renovations/upgrades to Project F.I.T.

Presentation  
(con't)

**Visitor Questions –**

Visitor Questions

A. The Board of Education listened and answered many questions and concerns raised by the faculty, staff, and community regarding the staff reductions. Ms. Mundy reiterated to everyone present that the Board discussed possible reductions at prior meetings, spoke to the reduction of students and increase of staff, and has encouraged staff & community members to attend budget meetings.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following Business actions: 5.1 – 5.2

Consent Agenda  
Approval

5.1 2011-2012 School Budget

a. Adoption of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2011-2012 as presented for balloting.

5.2 School Property Tax Report Card

a. Approval of the 2011-2012 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

**Correspondence – None**

Correspondence

**Presentation -**

Presentation

A. Mr. Peter Miedema, Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach, presented the Board with the Class D champion's plaque. Mr. Miedema stated that it was a pleasure coaching the girls this year, and he is already excited for next year.

**Presentation –**

Presentation  
(con't)

**B.** Mr. Walter Brigham presented the Shelter Island 2009-2010 School Report Card. The key points of Mr. Brigham's presentation included defining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), Annual Measurable Objective (AMO), discussing changes with NY State's Definition of Proficiency and Changes to AMOs in upcoming years, and the present Shelter Island UFSD 2009-2010 results.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., 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 – 9.4

Consent Agenda  
Personnel

9.1 Poll Workers

a. Approval of the following Poll workers for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote of May 17, 2011, at a rate of \$125 per day:

Mr. Thomas Morritt

Ms. Ann Pollio

Ms. Betty Ann Morritt

Ms. Lois Corbett

9.2 School Budget Vote Chairperson

a. Appointment of Rebecca Mundy, President, Board of Education, as the chairperson for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote of May 17, 2011.

9.3 Reduction of FTE (Full Time Equivalent)

a. A 1.0 FTE Business Education position is to be reduced to .60 FTE, effective September 6, 2011, and that teacher Katherine Doroski is to be appointed to fill said .60 position, effective September 6, 2011.

b. A 1.0 FTE Mathematics 7-12 position is to be reduced to .60 FTE, effective September 6, 2011, and that teacher Audrey Pedersen is to be appointed to fill said .60 position, effective September 6, 2011.

c. A .916 FTE Family & Consumer Science/Home Economics position is to be reduced to .60 FTE, effective September 6, 2011, and that teacher Veronica Siller is to be appointed to fill said .60 position, effective September 6, 2011.

9.4 Abolish Position

a. Approval to abolish one School Library Specialist position, effective July 1, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously

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 Program actions:  
10.1 – 10.3

Consent    Agenda  
Program

10.1 CSE/Subcommittee/504 Recommendations for the 2010-2011  
school year

The Board President may seek a motion to accept the  
recommendations of the committees.

- a. Committee on Special Education
- b. Subcommittee on Special Education
- c. Section 504 Committee

10.2 Second Reading and Adoption of the following Policies:

- a. Policy #7160 – School Census
- b. Policy #8110 – Curriculum Development, Resources and  
Evaluation
- c. Policy #8120 – Request For Part 100 Variance or Part 200  
Innovative Program Waiver From Commissioner’s Regulations
- d. Policy #8130 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- e. Policy #8210 – Safety Conditions And Programs
- f. Policy #8211 – Prevention Instruction
- g. Policy #8220 – Career And Technical (Occupational) Education
- h. Policy #8230 – Guidance Program
- i. Policy #8240 – Instructional Programs: Driver Education,  
Gifted And Talented Education And Physical Education
- j. Policy #8241 – Patriotism, Citizenship And Human Rights  
Education
- k. Policy #8242 – Civility, Citizenship And  
Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education
- l. Policy #8250 – Evaluation Of The Instructional Program
- m. Policy #8260 – Title I Parent Involvement Policy
- n. Policy #8270 – Instructional Technology
- o. Policy #8280 – Instruction For English Language Learners Or  
Students With Limited English Proficiency
- p. Policy #8310 – Purposes Of Instructional materials
- q. Policy #8320 – Selection Of Library and Audiovisual Materials
- r. Policy #8331 – Controversial Issues
- s. Policy #8340 – Textbooks/Workbooks/Calculators
- t. Policy #8350 – Use Of Copyrighted Materials
- u. Policy #8360 – Religious Expression In The Instructional  
Program

- v. Policy #8410 – School Calendar And School Day
- w. Policy #8420 – Opening Exercises
- x. Policy #8440 – Homework
- y. Policy #8450 – Homebound Instruction

Consent Agenda  
Program (con't)

10.3 Deletion of Superseded Policies:

- a. Approval to delete old policies: #0350, #1740, #1900, #4200, #4220, #4300, #4310, #4311, #4313, #4314, #4314-R, #4315.1, #4317, #4322, #4322-P1, #4322-P2, #4322-P3, #4322-R, #4326, #4326-R, #4326-E-1, #4327, #4327-R, #4327-E, #4510.1, #4511, #4513, #4513-R, #4600, #4714, #4730, #4810, #4810-R, #4821, #5120, #8650, and #8650-R.

Motion carried unanimously

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 Business actions: 11.1 – 11.4

Consent Agenda  
Business

11.1 Financial Reports

- a. Accept the Budget and Revenue Status Report for the period March 10, 2011 through April 7, 2011.

11.2 Contracts

- a. Approve the contract with Suffolk County authorizing the sub-allocation of funds received under a Federal grant for pre-school special education costs.

11.3 Private School Transportation

- a. Approval to transport 18 students to the following private schools for the 2011-2012 school year:
  - 1. Ross School & Ross Primary School - Easthampton, NY (9 students)
  - 2. Stella Maris - Sag Harbor, NY (9 students)

11.4 Bid

- a. Approval to accept a bid from Tech Depot for the purchase of 60 net book computers at a cost of \$31,566 using Federal funds.

Consent    Agenda  
Business (con't)

Motion carried unanimously

**Items For Consideration – None**

Items            For  
Consideration

**Old Business – None**

Old Business

**Administrator's Report –**

Administrator's  
Report

- A. Mr. Parry congratulated John Kaasik, the cast, and crew, of the production Zombie Prom for a job well done. Ms. Mundy stated it was an excellent show. The district cannot thank Mr. Kaasik enough.

**Board Member Reports –**

Board    Member  
Reports

- A. Ms. Mundy reported to the Board that they all have received a draft copy of the budget newsletter. She has asked that all of the Board members review it.

- B. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel reported to the Board that John Kaasik and his crew put in an amazing amount of time into the production of Zombie Prom.

**Visitor Comments –**

Visitor Comments

- A. Mr. Frank Emmett, President, Shelter Island Faculty Association (SIFA), stated that he recognizes the hard work of the Board of Education.

- B. Mr. Strauss asked the Board of Education what is going to be done with the old laptops. Mr. Schneider stated they will be used for replacement parts.

- C. Ms. Lisa Gilpin asked the Board of Education if it is completely out of the question to have put up a levy increase of 5% and have an alternate plan if needed. Ms. Mundy stated that that was discussed and is not where the Board of Education wanted to go. They wanted to be fiscally responsible.

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Adjournment  
(con't)

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Deborah Vecchio  
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union  
Free School District is Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.