

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

**SPECIAL/ BUDGET
MEETING**

April 4, 2011

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Kathleen Reilly, Mark Kanarvogel, Stephen Gessner, Linda Eklund, Kenneth Lewis, Jr.

Members Absent: Stephanie Vecchio, Student Liaison

Others Present: Interim Superintendent, Robert Parry; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Maintenance Crew Leader, Michael Dunning; Mary Anne Sadowski, Ingerman Smith LLP; Ted Hills, Shelter Island Reporter; 6 faculty/staff/students; 3 community members

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by President Mundy.

Call To Order

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 6:07 p.m. for the purpose of a specific personnel matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 7:06 p.m. and resumed the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation –

Presentation

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy welcomed everyone to the last budget workshop meeting regarding the 2011-2012 school budget. Mr. Schneider discussed the contingency budget and reviewed budget targets based on different projected percentage levies.

Ms. Rebecca Mundy discussed the budget targets with the Board and the entire board agreed they do not want a 5.31% levy to levy increase but rather an increase at or less than 2%. The reductions needed for a 2% levy to levy is \$285,310. Ms. Mundy stated that the board will need some time to gather information and will have to discuss whether there will be a reduction in staff. The contingency budget is 2.24%.

Visitor Comments – None

B. Mr. Marty Weber discussed the status of the F.I.T. Center/Columns Project with the Board, the need to do the project, and the bid process for the project.

Mr. Sam Schneider gave an overview of the situation, and Mary Anne Sadowski, school counsel, stated that the project needs to be done; the building is not in code compliance. The money allocated for the project is a combination of user fees plus \$300,000 of unappropriated fund balance plus \$215,000 and was voted on at the board meeting of April 20, 2009. The Board members each stated their position regarding the projects and discussed the awarding of the contract.

Presentation
(con't)

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby awards and accepts the low bid of BB1, A1, A2 & A4, opened on March 31, 2011 for the F.I.T. Center/Columns Project, totaling \$459,500, as discussed and presented and as attached.

Acceptance and
Award of Bid, FIT
Center/Columns
Project

Motion carried, Kenneth Lewis, Jr. opposed

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Authorization to
allocate an add'l
sum for the
funding of the FIT
Center Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously authorized the funding of the F.I.T. Center Project on the basis that the work to be performed threatened the health and safety of the occupants of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with law prepared plans and specifications for said project and publicly advertised and opened bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, said bids exceed the amount previously authorized by the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the allocation of an additional sum, not to exceed \$215,000, for the funding of the Project, as an ordinary contingent expense, to be funded from excess unappropriated, unallocated fund balance.

Motion carried, Kenneth Lewis, Jr. opposed

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby prefers charges pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75 against an employee of the District as set forth in written charges filed with the District Clerk,

Civil Service Law
Section 75

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Michael Ahearn, Esq. is hereby designated as Hearing Officer to hear such charges and to make proposed findings of fact and a recommendation with respect to measure of discipline, if guilt be found, in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Law,

Civil Service
Section 75 (con't)

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that said employee shall be suspended without pay for thirty days pending determination of the charges.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 8:42 p.m. for the purpose of a specific personnel matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 10:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.