

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

**PUBLIC MEETING
REGULAR MEETING**
January 10, 2011

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

Members Absent: Mark Kanarvogel; Student Liaison, Stephanie Vecchio

Others Present: Interim Superintendent, Robert Parry; Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Ted Hills from the Shelter Island Reporter; 4 faculty/staff/students and 3 community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order

Visitor Comments –

Visitor Comments

A. Mr. Jim Olinkiewicz asked the Board about the Code of Conduct as it relates to the tardiness of students. Mr. Olinkiewicz is concerned that students who are driven to school and who are tardy after 3 times, receive detention, while bus driven students who are tardy do not receive detention.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Education hereby approves the following:

Consent Agenda
Approval

- a. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting of December 13, 2010
- b. Treasurer's Report for the month of November & December 2010
- c. Extra Classroom Activity Report for the period ending, December 31, 2010, as provided.

Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence – None

Correspondence

Presentation – None

Presentation

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 8.1 – 8.2

Consent Agenda
Personnel

8.1 Appointment of personnel

Census

- a. Approval to pay Mary Kanarvogel for the administration of the bi-annual census at a rate of \$1,500.

8.2 Tenure Appointments

- a. Approval to amend and clarify the tenure appointments of the following teachers:
 1. Keith Brace – add “Music K-12” tenure area to the April 16, 2002 tenure appointment resolution.
 2. Walter Brigham – add “Math 7-12” tenure area to the May 13, 1996 tenure appointment resolution.
 3. Kathleen Cogan – add “Elementary K-6” tenure area to the July 6, 1993 tenure appointment resolution.
 4. Jenifer Corwin – add “English 7-12” tenure area to the January 12, 1999 tenure appointment resolution.
 5. Katherine Doroski – add “Business Education” tenure area to the January 25, 1983 tenure appointment resolution.
 6. Frank Emmett – add “Elementary K-6” tenure area to the May 8, 1995 tenure appointment resolution.
 7. Roberta Garris – add “Reading & Special Education” tenure areas to the April 2, 2001 appointment resolution.
 8. Sharon Gibbs – add “Science 7-12” and “Elementary K-6” tenure areas to the March 10, 2003 tenure appointment resolution.
 9. Virginia Gibbs – change tenure area from Pupil with Special Education Needs to “Elementary K-6” to the June 11, 1984 appointment resolution. Change tenure date from December 1, 1984 to September 1, 1984 and add a tenure date of September 1, 1991 for the tenure area of “Math 7-12”.
 10. Janine Mahoney – add “Special Education K-12” tenure area to the April 14, 2003 tenure appointment resolution.
 11. Richard Osmer, Jr. – add “Physical Education K-12” tenure area to the June 8, 1992 tenure appointment resolution.
 12. Audrey Pederson – change “Math 9-12” to “Math 7-12” tenure area to the March 21, 2005 tenure appointment resolution.
 13. Teri Piccozzi – acknowledge tenure by estoppel as an “ESL K-12” tenure area effective September 1, 1995.
 14. Jack Reardon – add “Technology Education” tenure area to the May 10, 1993 tenure appointment resolution.
 15. Jennifer Rylott – add “Elementary K-6” tenure area to the March 10, 2003 tenure appointment resolution.

16. Stephanie Sareyani – add “Art K-12” tenure area to the May 9, 1994 tenure appointment resolution.
17. Cheryl Woods – add “Elementary K-6” tenure area to the April 2, 2001 tenure appointment resolution.
18. Logan Kingston – clarify resolution of September 14, 2009 to state appointment in the tenure area of Elementary K-6, effective September 15, 2009, with an anticipated tenure date of September 15, 2012 and to add an appointment in the “English 7-12” tenure area, effective September 1, 2010, with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2013.

Consent Agenda
Personnel (con’t)

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Stephen Gessner, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program action:

Consent Agenda
Program

9.1

9.1 CSE/Subcommittee on Special Education/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

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business actions: 10.1 – 10.5

Consent Agenda
Business

10.1 Financial Reports

- a. Accept the Budget and Revenue Status Report for the period December 8, 2010 through January 5, 2011.

10.2 Budget Transfers

- a. Accept and approve the Budget Transfers Report, for the period, December 8, 2010 through January 5, 2011, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

10.3 Contracts

- a. Approve the contract for private school health services with the Sag Harbor UFSD, in the amount of \$636.02 per student for the 2010-2011 school year.

- b. Approve the contract with the State University of New York at Stony Brook for the Young American Writers Project for the Middle School program in the amount of \$5,400.

10.4 Donations & Budgetary Increases

- a. Authorize the Shelter Island School District to accept a donation of \$5,400 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the costs of the Young American Writers Project.

- b. Authorize the Shelter Island School District to accept a donation of \$995 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the costs of materials and supplies for jewelry design.

- c. Authorization to increase the budget line of Middle School Contractual Expenses, AO.2110.400.02.0000.5, in the amount of \$5,400, to be offset by a donation from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation.

- d. Authorization to increase the budget line of Art – Materials & Supplies, AO.2110.450.00.0000.5, in the amount of \$995, to be offset by a donation from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation.

- e. Authorization to increase to the budget line of Transfer to School Lunch, AO.9901.901.00.0000.5, in the amount of \$48,156, to be offset by use of unappropriated, undesignated fund balance.

10.5 Declaration of Ordinary Contingent Expense

- a. Declaring the condition and replacement of fencing and bollards to be an ordinary contingent expense:

WHEREAS, as a result of an inspection by the district's Health and Safety Officer, which found that the existing fencing and barriers between the parking lot and the playground/softball areas are broken beyond repair; and

WHEREAS, functioning fencing and barriers are imperative to the health and safety of the students, staff and visitors that use the playground and softball field in order to protect such users from vehicles using the parking lot; and

Consent Agenda
Business (con't)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to remedy the situation by upgrading to a new fence, gate and concrete and metal bollard system, which will meet the health and safety needs of all students and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares the replacement to the fencing and barriers between the parking lot and the playground/softball areas to be an emergency as a result of the current state of the equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education authorizes the replacement said equipment and related structure, as an ordinary contingent expense of the Board and authorizes the Superintendent, or his designee, to take the necessary legal steps to repair said equipment and related structure.

- b. Authorization of a budget amendment to the budget code Maintenance of Plant – Contractual Expenses, AO.1621.400.00.0000.5 of up to \$12,000, to be funded through unappropriated fund balance.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Facility actions:
11.1

Consent Agenda
Facility

- a. Excessing Materials – broken beyond repair
 - 1. Hustler diesel operated lawn tractor
 - 2. Cafeteria Serving Line – Bar Code 20090019

Motion carried unanimously

Items For Consideration –

A. The Board discussed the taping of the upcoming Budget Workshop Meetings and the Public Budget Hearing. Ms. Mundy stated that this was budgeted for and is well received by the public.

Items For
Consideration

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the taping of the four (4) Budget Workshop Meetings and the Public Budget Hearing regarding the 2011-2012 budget.

Motion carried unanimously

Authorization to
tape Budget
Workshop Mtgs. &
Public Budget
Hearing

Old Business –

A. The Board of Education and administration discussed how the district newsletter is to be distributed. The newsletter will be available on the website and paper versions will be available at the public library, town hall, senior citizen center, and the senior dinner bell.

Old Business

Administrator's Report –

A. Mr. Parry reported to the Board that the 7th grade Schooner trip is still unsettled. The district is not able to confirm if the ship will be ready. Mr. Becker is calling other companies.

Administrator's
Report

B. Mr. Parry asked the Board to consider consolidating the March 15th budget workshop meeting into the regular board meeting of March 14, 2011. The Board is in agreement.

C. The NY Times ad for the Superintendent Search appeared in the 1/9 edition of the Week In Review and will also appear in the 1/16 edition of the paper. A mailing of 1,100 letters was also sent out by School Leadership, LLC.

D. Mr. Parry received recommendations to have the picture of Lt. Joseph Theinert placed in the gymnasium by the American flag.

E. Mr. John Kaasik will be producing/directing the play Zombie Prom for this school year. The dates of the play will be April 7th – April 10th.

F. Mr. Parry has received a request of a parent to host a foreign exchange student. The districts' counsel will advise as to the proper paperwork that is needed.

G. Mr. Parry reported to the Board that a current Junior student will be attending school in Norway next year. He also stated that school policy does not allow the student to be eligible for Valedictorian/Salutatorian.

H. Mr. Parry stated that the district is waiting for approval from the State Education Department for the summer construction projects, which are the columns in the lobby and the renovations to the F.I.T. Center. If the district does get SED approval, summer school will be moved to an alternate

Location, and the F.I.T. Center will have to be closed May – August. The Board of Education agreed to have Tom Graffagnino be the designee to speak with district counsel and the architect regarding the above projects.

Administrator's Report (con't)

I. The new cafeteria serving line was installed over the Christmas break. The district is now in compliance, and everyone is getting comfortable with the new addition.

J. The new basketball shooting machine is up and operating and is open to students or anyone in the community who belongs to the F.I.T. Center.

Board Member Reports –

Board Member Reports

A. Mr. Stephen Gessner has decided to run for the vacancy on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board. Mr. Gessner commented that the East End needs representation.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby nominates Stephen L. Gessner, of 32 S. Midway Road, PO Box 736, Shelter Island, NY 11964, as a candidate for a position on the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the First Supervisory District of Suffolk County.

Nomination of Stephen L. Gessner as a candidate, ES BOCES Board

Motion carried unanimously

B. Mr. Ken Lewis reported that he has been approached by parents and other educators regarding the “GAP” area, specifically what the district does for students that have not been classified and are somewhere in the middle. Mr. Lewis also reported that Ms. Lee Mohlere, who is a teacher, is doing a one-year sabbatical teaching impoverished youth in Africa & Brazil. Mr. Lewis suggested that perhaps our students can speak with her via technology or classes can be pen-pals.

C. Ms. Debbie Vecchio reported, on behalf of Stephanie Vecchio, Student Liaison, that Student Council held “Everything Goes” in December and raised approximately \$500 for a family at The Retreat in Easthampton. Also, students would like the mid-term schedule to reflect the way it was last year.

Visitor Comments –

Visitor Comments

A. Ms. Lisa Gilpin, PTSA President, commented that a representative from The Retreat will be attending the next PTSA meeting to speak about bullying. She also stated that the PTSA will offer support and help in this area.

B. Mr. Martin Weinstein commented that the city school system offers Response Interventions as a help method for students.

Visitor Comments
(con't)

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 8:15 p.m. for a personnel matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 9:37 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.