

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

**BUDGET SPECIAL
MEETING**
April 19, 2010

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Kenneth Lewis, Jr., Linda Eklund, Kathleen Reilly
Stephen Gessner entered at 6:49 p.m.

Members Absent: Gina Giambruno, Student Liaison

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Ted Hills from the Shelter Island Reporter; 3 faculty/staff/students; 2community members

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Presentation –

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Ms. Rebecca Mundy welcomed everyone to the final presentation of the 2010-2011 proposed budget. The topics for tonight's agenda include Proposed Budget Highlights, Component Budget, Estimated Tax Levy, Estimated Tax Rate, Property Tax Report Card, Contingency Budget, and the Capital Reserve Propositions.

Mr. Sam Schneider did a brief presentation of the proposed 2010-2011 Budget. The budget amount for 2010-2011 is \$9,547,979, which is a 0.18% budget to budget increase from 2009-2010, and includes a top to bottom examination of all expenditures. The proposed budget amount also includes one multiple-year contract with Sunrise Busses, Inc., in the amount of \$73,200.

Mr. Schneider also explained the component budget, which consists of 3 parts: Administrative, Program and Capital. Administrative makes up 13.34% of the budget, Program 75.93% of the budget, and Capital 10.73% of the budget. Administrative is defined as the Board of Education, Central and Business Administration, Legal, Personnel, Curriculum Development, Instructional Supervision, and Employee Benefits. Program is teaching and instruction, library and computers, pupil services, transportation, community programs, census, employee benefits, and inter-fund transfers. Capital is the operation and maintenance of plant, employee benefits, and debt service.

Also discussed by Mr. Schneider was the estimated tax levy and estimated tax rate. The estimated tax levy for the proposed 2010-2011 budget is -0.79% and the estimated tax rate is \$2.82 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Mr. Schneider also explained the property tax report card and the contingency budget. The 2010-2011 contingent budget, as per the formula is \$9,562,660, which is more than the proposed budget. A contingent budget cannot be higher than a failed budget. If the district were to go on contingency, the proposed budget would be used, less non-contingent items. The 2010-2011 contingent budget, adjusted, would be \$9,535, 858.

Presentation
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Mr. Schneider discussed the definition of the Capital Reserve Fund and Proposition #2, the playground renovation. The Capital Reserve Fund can only be created with voter approval, be used only with permission of the voters, and for specific reasons under the establishing language, can be funded only for a set term, and can be expended for a specified purpose for an indefinite, reasonable term. The Capital Reserve Fund does not constitute an additional cost to the taxpayer. The Capital Reserve Fund has \$268,000 not yet allocated for approved projects. Proposition #2 asks the voters to use \$135,800 for the renovation of the playground at the Shelter Island School.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2010-2011 as presented for balloting.
Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of the
proposed budget
for the fiscal year
2010-2011

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3), the Board of Education hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.
Motion carried unanimously

Approval of the
Property Tax
Report Card for
the 2010-2011
school year

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 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 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.