

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

**REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING**
September 21, 2009

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

Members Absent:

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 and 6 faculty/staff/students and 10 community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Mundy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

The Oath of Office was administered to Gina Giambruno as Student Liaison to the Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year. Oath of Office
G. Giambruno

Visitor's Comments – None Visitor's
Comments

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 5, 2009. Approval of
Minutes

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 17, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2009.

After some discussion, the Board of Education will table the above motion until the District Clerk receives more information to complete the minutes.

Approval of Minutes (con't)

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 25, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Stephen Gessner, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2009.

Treasurer's Report

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report for the period ending June 30, 2009.

Extra Classroom Activity Fund Report

Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence –

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A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy received a letter from Daniel Moran, D.D.S resigning his position as the dental consultant for the school district. **The District Clerk will reach out to Dr. Kestler asking if he would like to take over the responsibility.**

Presentation -

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A. Ms. Janine Mahoney and Mr. Peter Miedema did a presentation to the Board regarding Channel 12 News "The Challenge". The Shelter Island School District was chosen, through a lottery system, to be on the trivia based show, which will air on Channel 12 on November 9th. Ms. Mahoney and Mr. Miedema put out a flyer to generate interest and 12 students, mostly seniors and 1 junior, signed up. There will be 1 team of 4, which will compete, and 1 exhibition team who will help train the team that will appear on the show. The team will train 2 times per week during their lunch period on trivia, rapid response, and content knowledge. October 30th the students will travel to New York City to film. The district is allowed to bring an audience of 25 people plus 4 chaperones/parents. The cost to attend will be approximately \$1,000. The National Honor Society and Student Council will fundraise, but they may need some help. They have tried reaching out to island organizations for help. Ms. Linda Eklund asked

about moving money out of defunct class accounts. Ms. Mahoney and Mr. Miedema stated the students are very proud of their accomplishments and the show has created a lot of buzz. Mr. Miedema hopes that a club, based on this program, can be created in the future for our school. Mr. Stephen Gessner commended the teachers for their volunteerism.

Presentation
(con't)

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Daniel Wilcenski as a temporary Maintenance Mechanic I, effective September 3, 2009.

Resignation of
D. Wilcenski

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Matthew Rohde as the JV Boys Baseball coach for the 2009-2010 school year, at a rate of \$4,114, as per salary Schedule C of the teacher contract.

Appointment of
M. Rohde, JV
Boys Baseball
coach

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves Robert Barber as AV Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year, at a rate of \$1,627, as per salary Schedule C of the teacher contract.

Approval of
R. Barber, AV
Coordinator

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adds the following to the substitute teacher list for the 2009-2010 school year:

Approval to add to
the substitute
teacher list

- A. John Monaghan @ \$110 per day
- B. Margaret Reilly @ \$110 per day
- C. Elizabeth Gilpin @ \$110 per day, pending receipt of transcripts

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adds Lynda Steinmuller to the substitute Custodian list for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$10 per hour.

Addition of L.
Steinmuller to the
substitute
Custodian list

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Stephen Gessner, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints Jerome Mundy as a hall monitor, between the hours of 3 – 5 p.m., at his hourly rate, retroactive to September 15, 2009 to on or about November 6, 2009, as needed.

Motion carried unanimously

Appointment of
J. Mundy, Hall
Monitor

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints Deborah Brewer as a hall monitor, between the hours of 3 – 5 p.m., at her hourly rate, subject to any applicable overtime, effective on or about November 6, 2009 – June 25, 2010, as needed.

Motion carried unanimously

Appointment of
D. Brewer, Hall
Monitor

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Kanarvogel for afternoon school detention duty at a rate of \$60 per session for the 2009-2010 school year, as needed.

Motion carried, Mark Kanarvogel abstains

Afternoon School
Detention Duty

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to transport 2 additional student(s) to the following school(s) for the 2009-2010 school year:

- A. Stella Maris – Sag Harbor, NY
- B. Ross School – Easthampton, NY

Motion carried unanimously

Approval to
transport 2 add'l
students

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the contract, including the attached rider, for fire monitoring services with Bellringer Communications, Inc. of Southampton, New York. The term of said contract is valid from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010, and

Approval of the
contract with
Bellringer
Communications,
Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said contract and rider.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the contract, including the attached rider, for burglary monitoring services with Bellringer Communications, Inc. of Southampton, New York. The term of said contract is valid from August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010, and

Approval of the contract with Bellringer Communications, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said contract and rider.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education of the Shelter Island School District hereby revises the contract with Donna Geffner, Ed.D, entered into on August 17, 2009 to authorize payment up to \$1,500, and

Revision of the contract, Donna Geffner, Ed.D.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute any necessary documents related to this contract revision.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District agrees to a modification of an agreement with Xerox for the copier in the Guidance Office, entitled Xerox Agreement 950638452, and authorizes the district to purchase said copier for \$1, and to establish a maintenance contract at a cost of \$131 per month, term of said contract to run from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010; and

Modification of an agreement with Xerox

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute such documents necessary to effectuate this modification agreement.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the purposes of a math consultant. The term of said agreement shall be effective from September 21, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Agreement between SIUFSD and Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Math Consultant

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the School Lunch Items Bid award, effective September 22, 2009, as recommended and as attached to the body of the minutes of September 21, 2009.

Approval of the
School Lunch
Items Bid award

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following to attend NYSSBA's 90th Annual Convention & Educational Trade Show, October 14 - 18, 2009, Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York, NY. Conference expenses to be paid for in accordance with Board Policy:

NYSSBA's
Annual
Convention

- A. Sharon Clifford
- B. Donna Guiffre
- C. Kathleen Reilly
- D. Thomas Graffagnino
- E. Rebecca Mundy
- F. Stephen Gessner

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the renewal services agreement between the Shelter Island UFSD and the OMNI Financial Group, Inc. The term of said agreement is July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. This agreement is understood to supersede any previously entered into agreements that run concurrent to the term of this agreement.

Agreement
between SIUFSD
and OMNI
Financial Group,
Inc.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget and Revenue Status Reports, as of September 16, 2009, for the following funds:

Acceptance of the
Budget and
Revenue Status
Reports

- A. General Fund
- B. School Lunch Fund
- C. Federal Fund

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Stephen Gessner, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Budget Transfers Report, for the period July 1, 2009 through September 16, 2009, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of the Budget Transfers Report

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, one of our District students who is a member of the golf team attends a vocational and technical program conducted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in Brookhaven and is therefore unable to accompany his teammates being transported from Shelter Island to scheduled golf matches from his Brookhaven BOCES program; and

WHEREAS, such efforts resulted in obtaining quotes from commercial entities which were substantially higher than the amount necessary to reimburse the child's parent for mileage, at the IRS rate of 55 cents per mile, from Shelter Island to Brookhaven to pick up the student and take him to 8 individual golf matches, and including round trip fare on the North Ferry; and to which arrangement the student's parent was willing to agree, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes reimbursement to the parent of the aforesaid student for mileage at the IRS rate from the District to Brookhaven and from there to each of the 8 golf matches in which the student, as a member of the District team, participates during the Fall of 2009 amounting in all to a sum not to exceed of \$333.74. This will be payable upon presentation of proof of each trip taken. The District will provide round trip North Ferry tickets to the parent for each of the games.

Motion carried, Mark Kanarvogel opposes

Authorization to reimburse parent for mileage

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS, one of our District students who is a member of the soccer team attends a vocational and technical program conducted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in Riverhead and is therefore unable to accompany his teammates being transported from Shelter Island to scheduled soccer games from his Riverhead BOCES program; and

Authorization to reimburse parent for mileage

WHEREAS, such efforts resulted in obtaining quotes from commercial entities which were substantially higher than the amount necessary to reimburse the child's parent for mileage, at the IRS rate of 55 cents per mile, from Shelter Island to Riverhead to pick up the student and take him to 5 individual soccer games, and including round trip fare on the North Ferry; and to which arrangement the student's parent was willing to agree, now therefore be it

Authorization to
reimburse parent
for mileage
(con't)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes reimbursement to the parent of the aforesaid student for mileage at the IRS rate from the District to Riverhead and from there to each of the 5 soccer games in which the student, as a member of the District team, participates during the Fall of 2009 amounting in all to a sum not to exceed of \$121.22. This will be payable upon presentation of proof of each trip taken. The District will provide round trip North Ferry tickets to the parent for each of the games.

Motion carried, Mark Kanarvogel opposes

Mr. Stephen Gessner asked Mr. Sam Schneider how the district audit is going. Mr. Schneider commented that the auditors were in the district for 2 weeks in he summer, were in last week, and will be in the district this week. Mr. Schneider is waiting for the CBIZ valuation of fixed assets and indicated that the deadline was October 15th. Mr. Schneider also commented that 1 auditor has been in the district for training of the new software.

Facility - None

Items For Consideration – None

Old Business – None

Administrator's Report –

A. Mrs. Clifford reported that some positions are up on Shared Decision Making and they are looking for 1 community member to replace Mr. Stephen Gessner. The community member cannot have any children, be married to anyone who works for the district, or be employed by the school district.

Administrator's
Report

Board Member Reports –

Board Member
Reports

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that there will be a policy committee meeting at 5 p.m. on September 30, 2009.

B. Ms. Rebecca Mundy also stated that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met today with the architects and identified 20 items that need to be addressed. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel stated that it was a very productive and interesting meeting.

C. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel stated that the work done in the building over the summer was monumental. Jim Rogers and Sam Schneider supervised the projects and are to be commended. He also thanked Mosaic Associates Architects. Mr. Kanarvogel encouraged people to look around the building. Mr. Kanarvogel also asked why the sports bus did not show up or why it was late. He stated that our monitor did not have the phone number of the bus company. Ms. Guiffre said she is aware of the situation and working with the monitor. Ms. Guiffre also said the monitor now has the number. Ms. BJ Ianfolla stated that the monitor was confident and handled the situation beautifully.

Visitor's Report –

Visitor's Report

A. Mrs. Sharon Gibbs, Vice President of SIFA, reminded the Board and administration that any changes in the district policies have to go thru JPPC (Joint Professional Practices Committee). She stated that this is in the teacher contract.

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of a specific personnel matter and for the purpose of a legal matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 10:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free
School District is Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.