

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

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
August 25, 2009

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Kathleen Reilly, Linda Eklund, Kenneth Lewis, Jr., Stephen Gessner  
Mark Kanarvogel arrived at 6:52 p.m.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Jake Williams, Shelter Island Reporter; Chris Venator, School District Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order

**Correspondence –**

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A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy received correspondence regarding the district's transportation policy and the mileage limitations. The law states that the district has to transport children in grades K – 8 who live more than 2 miles from the school and for students in grades 9 -12 who live more than 3 miles from the school. Ms. Mundy stated that the district has reviewed their policy and cannot find a public referendum that states the district has to transport under the 2 mile limitation. She stated that it has been the districts' past practice to transport 2 miles for students in grades K-12; however, the policy does not state any age or grade. The Board of Education will take this information under advisement. **The District Clerk will also continue to research this topic.**

B. Ms. Rebecca Mundy also received a memo from Sam Schneider, School District Business Leader, regarding the addition of Girls Field Hockey as a sport offered in the Fall. The Board asked Mr. Schneider the options available to run this sport, since it was not budgeted for nor discussed prior to this meeting. Mr. Schneider stated that approximately \$6,500 must be cancelled from somewhere else in order to be able to run Field Hockey. Also, the district, under Title IX, must offer equal amounts of sports for boys and girls. One option is to eliminate Junior High Softball due to the low number of students who signed up. This is a concern for the Board, as that may change as the Spring season approaches. Most Fall Sports teams will be starting practice on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and the Board of Education has not given any instruction regarding Field Hockey.

Ms. Mundy would like the administration to communicate with Mr. Rick Osmer, Jr., Athletic Director, about what sport to eliminate. One possible solution mentioned by the Board is to create a Booster club. It was stated that an outside program can raise funds and earmark those funds for sports, but a Booster Club cannot go to parents and ask them for money in order to run a sport. Ms. Linda Eklund suggested that they can take from JH Softball now and fundraise for Softball in the Spring. Mr. Schneider will talk with the Athletic Director, but cautioned he does not want to run the sports program so tight.

Correspondence  
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**Board Member Reports –**

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Reports

A. Mr. Thomas Graffagnino requested the 3 personnel files of the district's English Language Arts teachers', Ms. Devon Treharne, Ms. Jenifer Corwin, and Ms. Jennifer Rylott, for review in executive session at the meeting of Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board would like to review their tenure areas.

A motion was made by Ken Lewis, Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into executive session at 5:59 p.m. for the purpose of a specific personnel matter.

Executive  
Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 8:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Ken Lewis, Jr., to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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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 Monday, August 31, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.







