

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

**REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
March 15, 2010**

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Gina Giambruno, Student Liaison; Ted Hills from the Shelter Island Reporter and 6 faculty/staff/students and 1 community resident(s).

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Visitor's Comments – None

Visitor's
Comments

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of January 28, 2010. Approval of the Minutes

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Budget Workshop Meeting of February 4, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence -

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A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that the Board of Education received a letter from Mr. David Draper declining his appointment to the Shared Decision Making Committee.

Correspondence (con't) –

B. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that the Board of Education received a letter regarding a student issue.

C. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that the Board of Education received a letter from the Presbyterian Church asking that our staff not use their parking lot. The church did state in their letter that the parents may use the lot for drop-off and pick-up of their child. **Ms. Mundy would like to follow-up with a round table discussion with the town, church and school.** Mr. Ken Lewis commented that he will reach out and discuss this issue with them.

Correspondence
(con't)

Presentation –

A. Mr. Dan Williams, High School Science Teacher, gave an inspiring presentation to the Board on being the recipient of a Toyota Tapestry Grant For Science Teachers. The Toyota Tapestry grant is a prestigious award and is one of the largest K-12 science grant programs in the United States. Each year, the program awards 50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each. The grants are awarded for innovative classroom projects in the fields of environmental education, physical science, literacy and science education. Mr. Williams received \$6,473.70. With this grant, the students will have more of a hands-on, realistic experience in the classroom and with science projects. Ms. Rebecca Mundy is very excited and commented that Mr. Williams enthusiasm and excitement is truly awesome.

B. Ms. Veronica Siller, Home and Careers Teacher, presented the Board with a new elective course proposal for next school year in the area of Sewing and Interior Design. Ms. Siller stated that the aim of the sewing course would be to introduce the students to sewing by hand and machine; and in interior design, do some simple window treatments. Ms. Guiffre spoke briefly about 2 other new electives, Needle Arts and Fiber Arts. Fiber Arts teaches students how to select and care for fabrics, follow pattern directions, and master the sewing machine, and in Needle Arts, students will learn and demonstrate the basics of several needle arts by creating samplers and small projects. Each one of these courses are interdisciplinary. Ms. Guiffre thanked the Board for their consideration.

C. Mr. Sam Schneider and Ms. Debbie Vecchio did a presentation to the Board on Election Management Software, specifically Bold Systems, LLC. Bold System is a computerized voter registration system. Currently, the district uses a “buff card” system.

Presentation

D. Ms. Jenifer Corwin, High School English Teacher, presented the Board with an opportunity for the 10th Grade class to attend an overnight field trip to Mashomack Preserve on Thursday, April 29th – Friday, April 30th for the purpose of “Exploring Life through Writing”. The 10th grade class will be engaged in stock taking, goal setting, and team building. Three (3) chaperones will be accompanying the class.

Presentation
(con’t)

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves The Writes of Spring 2010 – “Exploring Life through Writing”, at the Mashomack Preserve, April 29 – April 30, 2010, for the 10th Grade Class, as presented at the meeting of March 15, 2010.

Approval of a 10th
Grade Trip,
Mashomack
Preserve

Motion carried unanimously

Mr. Thomas Graffagnino would like the 10th Grade students, at a future Board of Education meeting, to provide feedback regarding this field trip.

E. Ms. Ginny Gibbs, Dr. Frank Emmett, Ms. Liz Lechmanski, and Mrs. Sharon Clifford presented the Board of Education with the new mission statement for the Shelter Island School – Engage, Explore, Empower. The Shared Decision Making Committee want the students of Shelter Island School to cherish their small island community while applying and expanding their learning about, understanding of, and engagement with the wider world. The Shared Decision Making Committee will now work on rolling out the mission statement and how they are going to make this happen.

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Shelter Island School Mission Statement as presented by members of the Shared Decision Making Committee on March 15, 2010.

Acceptance of the
SI School Mission
Statement

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints the following personnel to provide home instruction at the rate of \$57.06 per hour for the 2009-2010 school year:

J. Gulluscio
Home Instruction

A. Jennifer Gulluscio for 10 hours

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints the following personnel to provide GED instruction at the rate of \$36.31 per hour for the 2009-2010 school year:

R. Anderson
GED Instruction

A. Robin Anderson for 10 weeks @ 8 hours per week

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 8:35 p.m. for a specific student issue.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education adjourned executive session at 8:44 p.m.

Adjourn Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Reconvene
Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints the following personnel to provide GED instruction at the rate of \$36.31 per hour for the 2009-2010 school year:

R. Anderson
GED Instruction

A. Robin Anderson for 10 weeks @ 8 hours per week

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints Janine Mahoney as the Intramural Girls Physical Fitness Advisor, two times per week for 10 weeks, for Grades 7-12, at a total rate of \$1,052.00, effective March 15, 2010.

J. Mahoney
Intramural Girls
Physical Fitness
Advisor

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 recommendation from the Committee on Special Education for the 2009-2010 school year for student(s) #8010, #8301, #8323, #8344, #8357, #8791, #8793, and #8988.

Motion carried unanimously

CSE
Recommendations

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation from the Section 504 Committee for the 2009-2010 school year for student(s) #8840.

Motion carried unanimously

Section 504
Recommendation

First Reading of the following policies:

- A. Policy #5682 – Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) In Public School Facilities
- B. Policy #7521 – Students With Life Threatening Allergies
- C. Policy #7131 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth
- D. Policy #7410 – Extra Curricular Activities

First Reading of
Policies

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Linda Eklund,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: an additional proposition be placed upon the ballot for the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on May 18, 2010 as follows:

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend out of the previously established Construction Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed \$135,800, for the purpose of playground renovations at the Shelter Island School, including all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs thereof.

Additional
Proposition to be
placed on the
ballot

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the 2010 – 2011 School Calendar.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of the
2010-2011 School
Calendar

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget and Revenue Status Reports, as of February 4, 2010, for the following funds:

Budget and
Revenue Status
Reports

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

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget and Revenue Status Reports, as of March 12, 2010, for the following funds:

Budget and
Revenue Status
Reports

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

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Budget Transfers Report, for the period February 4, 2010 through March 12, 2010, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Budget Transfers
Report

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby renders obsolete the following items:

Approval to render
items obsolete

- A. A. HP4550N Printer – Fuser Connection Damaged
- B. HP4500N Printer – Transfer Unit Damaged, Memory Damaged
- C. 667MHZ Computers – Quantity 5 - Obsolete

Motion carried unanimously

Items For Consideration –

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy would like the Building and Grounds Committee to initiate a discussion regarding the parking situation. Elementary parents are complaining about parking at the school. Mr. Ken Lewis suggested that maybe the school can “open up” a lease agreement for use of the parking lot at the Presbyterian Church.

Items For Consideration

Old Business –

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy commented that the District Clerk will be implementing a new system where she will be going back to past board minutes and reviewing the items that are “red lined”. Those items that have not been addressed will appear on the following months’ agenda for discussion by the Board. **One topic that was discussed is board training. The Board will contact the District Clerk for date availability the last two weeks in April.**

Old Business

Administrator's Report –

A. Mrs. Clifford reported that the PTSA Lip Sync show held on Friday, March 5th was very entertaining. She also reported that the students are busy rehearsing for the school production of The Wizard of Oz and the school concerts, which will be held in early June.

Administrator’s Report

Board Member Reports –

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy reported that the New York Times did an article about Shelter Island School and the Boys Varsity Basketball teams’ last home game. Ms. Mundy thanked the whole team for giving up something to make one of their teammates last game a remarkable one. She also thanked Ted Hills, reporter, from the Shelter Island Reporter newspaper.

Board Member Reports

B. Ms. Gina Giambruno reported that the Student Council will host the Art Pedersen Memorial Scholarship Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, March 20th at 1 p.m. The cost will be \$20 per team. The team will be 4 on 4. She stated that everyone always has a good time and donations are also welcome. She also reported that the delivery of the vending machine should be sometime this week.

C. Mr. Stephen Gessner reported that the after school tutoring program, 2R’s4Fun, has begun.

D. Ms. Kim Reilly reported that the Art Show held in the public library was incredible, and the students did a beautiful job on their projects, which reflected their favorite book. All grades participated in this show. Ms. Reilly hopes to see this continue. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that a different variety of people came, and it was good public relations. The students were proud of their art work.

Board Member
Reports (con't)

Visitor's Comments –

A. Dr. Frank Emmett gave the PTSA a lot of credit for the production of the Lip Sync Show.

Visitor's
Comments

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 9:14 p.m. for the purpose of a specific personnel issue.
Motion carried unanimously

Executive Session

The Board came out of executive session at 10:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 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 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.