

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

**WORK SESSION
BUDGET MEETING
January 28, 2010**

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

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, Shelter Island Reporter; 4 faculty/staff/students; 0 community members

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Presentation – Presentation

Ms. Rebecca Mundy welcomed everyone to the first of several budget workshops that will be held in preparation for the 2010-2011 school budget. She stated that the budget is a work in progress and encourages dialogue and good discussion.

Ms. Sharon Clifford thanked Donna Guiffre, Sam Schneider, and BJ Ianfolla. She stated that this process will be a collaborative one, and she is looking for input so that the end result will be a compilation of all who have contributed.

Mr. Sam Schneider, School District Business Leader, welcomed everyone to the first of 5 workshops and stated that the information being presented tonight can be found on the schools' website and that anyone who cannot access this information may give the school a call and the Business Office will get them the information.

The topics that were presented at the meeting include salaries for teachers and administrators, employee benefits for teachers and administrators, co-curricular activities, substitutes and detention.

Mr. Sam Schneider, School District Business Leader, defined contractual salaries as those that are set in negotiated contracts, and those that are negotiated on an individual basis such as administrators. Teachers' contractual salaries are set in a schedule that factors in credits earned and time in the district. Others that have contractual salaries include custodians, teacher aides, aides, club advisors, and coaches.

Mr. Schneider presented the current budget and proposed budget salaries of K – 3rd grade, 4th – 6th grade, and 7th – 12th grade. These are areas that the state breaks down instruction into. Other areas discussed were special areas, such as art, business, home & careers, music, physical education, and technology, the areas of guidance, nurse, psychologist, librarian, and special education. Mr. Schneider also presented administrators salaries. In summary, the proposed budget of salaries for teachers and administrators is \$3,910,413 for 2010-2011, which is an increase over the current budget of \$3,787,513.

Mr. Schneider also spoke about employee benefits such as retirement and social security, health insurance, Social Security, and the MTA Tax. The Employees Retirement System Contribution will increase to 11.4% (projected) up from 7.1%, the Teachers Retirement System to 9% (projected) up from 6.19%. Social Security will be 7.65%, and the MTA Tax is .34%. Mr. Schneider explained that the district has no control over these percentages. Mr. Schneider also explained the district's health insurance. Health insurance includes those covered under the East End Health Plan, those employees who waive coverage, and the district's Section 125 Flexible Spending Plan, which are funds for related expenses, and Medicare Reimbursement. The total 2010-2011 proposed budget in these areas is \$1,037,740, which is an increase over the current budget amount of \$970,661.

Mr. Schneider also covered the 2010-2011 proposed budget in the area of Co-curricular Activities, which includes advisors & coordinators, chaperones, contractual expenses, and materials and supplies. The proposed budget for contractual expenses and materials and supplies for the 2010-2011 school year has remained unchanged from this years' current budget of \$6,880; however, advisors, coordinators and chaperones show a proposed budget amount of \$62,540, which is an increase over the current budget amount of \$58,561. Mrs. Clifford stated that clubs and co-curricular activities keep students diverse and well rounded, and because we live on an island, this is important, as students do not have much to do after school. Mr. Schneider ended his presentation with a discussion of the proposed budget in the area of substitute teachers and detention. The proposed 2010-2011 budget in the area of substitutes is \$85,000 and includes a permanent substitute position at a salary of \$27,450. In the area of detention, the proposed 2010-2011 budget is \$3,960, which is 66 sessions at \$60 each.

Mr. Schneider stated that the next budget meeting will cover the areas of transportation, debt service, inter-fund transfers, auditing, treasurer, legal, Board of Education, District Clerk and Annual Meeting, central printing, and interscholastic athletics. Mr. Schneider also stated that anyone who has any questions may contact Sharon Clifford or Sam Schneider.

Presentation
(con't)

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.