

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

**WORK SESSSION  
BUDGET MEETING**  
April 8, 2010

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

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; 4 faculty/staff/students; 0 community members

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Before discussion of the budget, the Board of Education had two items of business.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the School Lunch Items Bid award, effective April 9, 2010 through June 30, 2010, as recommended and as attached to the body of the minutes of April 8, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of the  
School Lunch  
Items  
Bid award

A motion was made by Stephen Gessner, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of certain school lunch items off of the prices set by the bids that expired as of January 3, 2010, excluding those school lunch items that were otherwise authorized by resolution effective April 9, 2010, from the period of time beginning April 9, 2010 until June 30, 2010, and authorizes the Board President to execute any necessary agreements to effectuate this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

Authorization to  
purchase certain  
school lunch  
items

**Presentation –**

The topics for tonight's agenda include Budget Review, Deletions, Possible Reductions, and Contingency Budget.

Presentation

Mr. Schneider began the meeting with an explanation of a misunderstanding of the fund balance calculation formula. The numbers Mr. Schneider had presented at the last meeting were inaccurate. Mr. Schneider also explained at that meeting that the updated proposed general fund expenditure budget was \$9,859,826, which is a 3.45% Budget to Budget Increase. This has changed since the last meeting due to a savings in the combined bus run (\$18,325), and a transfer to the Special Aid Fund(\$44,904). The proposed general fund expenditure budget with these reductions is now \$9,796,597, which is a 2.79% Budget to Budget Increase, without any other items removed.

The Board of Education and the Administration continued the discussion of possible reductions. In order to achieve a 0% levy to levy estimated increase and have a \$300,000 appropriated fund balance, the budget has to be reduced by \$205,200. Possible reductions are in the areas of academic, sports, computers, finance, facility, and extra & co-curricular. Mr. Sam Schneider and Mrs. Clifford recommend removal of the Occupational Education Aviation program (\$58,749). The rest of the Occupational Education program is strong, and Mrs. Clifford does not want to dismantle it. She stated that the aviation program can always be added at a later time. Mrs. Clifford also recommends removing the Special Ed Contingency (\$75,000), and the Charter School Contingency (\$75,000). Most of the Board of Education was in favor of keeping the Aviation Program, although stating that this was not the economic climate to be adding a new program. For the record, Mr. Graffagnino stated that he does not want to see students not move ahead. He would like to see the district offer Occupational Education in the senior year and have students continue in some form of Adult Education after they graduate. Mr. Schneider also explained the affects different appropriated fund balances will have over the next couple of years and how the levy to levy will be impacted. The Board of Education agreed on a \$350,000 appropriated fund balance.

Mr. Schneider explained the contingency budget for 2010-2011 should the voters reject the budget. The amount of the 2010-2011 contingent budget will be \$9,562,660, assuming the rejected budget amount will be \$9,591,397. The contingency budget amount does not allow certain equipment and certain salary increases(\$12,121), and additional reductions are required (\$16,617). The contingency budget will result in a .34% Budget to Budget Increase, as well as a -.33% Levy to Levy increase.

The Board of Education discussed another Budget Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session for two specific personnel issues and for the purpose of negotiations at 8:50 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 9:50 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 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, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.