

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

**WORK SESSION
BUDGET MEETING
February 5, 2009**

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

Members Absent: Kaitlyn McGayhey, Student Liaison

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Business Official, Sam Schneider; Jake Williams, Shelter Island Reporter; 1 faculty/staff/students; 3 community members

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

Presentation – Presentation

Mrs. Clifford welcomed everyone to the first of several budget workshops that will be held in preparation of the 2009-2010 school budget. The topics that were presented at the meeting included salaries, employee benefits, transportation, debt service and inter-fund transfers. The handouts will be available on the district's website.

Mr. Sam Schneider, Business Official, defined positions that have contractual salaries, such as teachers, teacher aides, teacher assistants, club advisors, coaches, custodians, school related professionals, and administrators. He also discussed teachers' salaries in each particular school, K – 3rd grade, 4th – 6th grade, 7th – 12th grade, special education, and the special areas of guidance, library and computers. Other proposed staff salaries were presented, and Mr. Schneider summarized the change in percent from the 2008-2009 total salaries to the 2009-2010 total salaries. Mr. Art Williams, board member, asked if administration could provide FTE's (full time equivalents) of staff salaries from the 2008-2009 school year to the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Schneider also spoke about employee benefits such as retirement and social security, health insurance, disability and workers' compensation and in summary discussed that there will be a 5.31% increase in benefit amounts from the 2008-2009 school year to the 2009-2010 school year.

Other areas of the budget Mr. Schneider presented to the Board include the districts' debt service, such as the bond amortization and tax anticipation note. The districts' debt service will decrease 4.49% from the current budget to the proposed budget as the district is in the second to last year of a 20-year bond amortization. Mr. Schneider also discussed inter-fund transfers which are used to cover program costs not budgeted in the general fund budget, such as the school lunch program and the special aid fund. Ms. Linda Eklund, board member, would like to look at the actual expenses of the lunch program to be able to fund it out more accurately.

Presentation
(con't)

Ms. BJ Ianfolla, transportation coordinator, gave an overview of the districts' transportation costs over the past 2 years, the projected costs for the 2009-2010 school year, the percentage of transportation used during the past 2 years, as well as the percentage of use projected for 2009-2010 in each of the following areas. The district provides transportation for regular education, special education, private schools, charter school, occupational education, solo sports, shared sports, and field trips. The increase is expected to be 3% overall increasing occupational education transportation and including a CDCH contingency cost. The board asked if a transportation contingency line can be added with an amount but not specify what area of transportation it is to be used.

Ms. Ianfolla presented the board with transportation options such as the district purchasing their own vehicle, leasing to own, and using Sunrise Busses. The Board of Education would like to know all of the options and would like the Business Office to do more research on purchasing a vehicle. Ms. Linda Eklund, board member, would also like to see the actual expense for transportation for this year.

The Board asked if a teaching and administrative comparison can be done for the next meeting. Mr. Art Williams also asked about combining workshops. Mr. Schneider will provide the detail the board is looking for from this workshop and include it as part of workshop #2. Mr. Schneider will be building onto each workshop with the answers and detail the board wants. If Mr. Schneider cannot get to an item, it will be moved to the next workshop.

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Executive
Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 10:24 p.m.

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

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

