

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

**WORK SESSION
BUDGET MEETING
March 9, 2009**

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Kathleen Reilly, Linda Eklund, Mark Kanarvogel
Kenneth Lewis, Jr. entered at 7:07 p.m.

Members Absent: Arthur Williams; Kaitlyn McGayhey, Student Liaison

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Business Official, Sam Schneider; 8 faculty/staff/students; 5 community members

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Presentation –

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Mrs. Rebecca Mundy & Mrs. Sharon Clifford welcomed everyone to the 4th Budget Workshop. Topics of discussion included Guidance Services, Psychological Services, Teaching and Instruction, BOCES Services – Teaching and Instruction, and Charter and Special Schools, Co-curricular Services, Interscholastic Athletics, Substitutes, Detention, and Curriculum Development.

Mr. Sam Schneider reviewed the Guidance Department's current and proposed budget. With the current Guidance Counselor retiring in January of 2010, Mr. Schneider reviewed the salary calculation of next year's budget, in the Guidance Department, two different ways. Option #1 would be to have a 1.5 FTE Guidance Counselor and option #2 would be to have a 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor. Mr. Schneider also reviewed the contractual expenses in the Guidance Department. Mr. Schneider then reviewed the budget for psychological services of the district. Psychological Services are mandated on the Committee for Special Education.

Mr. Schneider discussed the area of Teaching and Instruction, specifically equipment, contractual expenses, materials and supplies, and textbooks. Equipment is defined as anything valued over \$500; under \$500 it is classified as materials & supplies. The proposed 2009-2010 budget in equipment will see a slight increase due to the music department's instrument replacement plan. Mr. Schneider presented a four year replacement plan, which is a good step towards replacing the school's instruments, as repairs are becoming uneconomical as the instruments age

past 15 or 20 years. Mr. Schneider discussed contractual expenses in the areas of music, graduation, and field trips. Mrs. Clifford commented that field trips are a very important extension of the programs at Shelter Island and are driven by a particular curriculum area. Mrs. Clifford supports field trips and does not want to limit them. The materials and supplies proposed budget for 2009-2010 will be reduced. Materials and supplies consist of consumables, test preparation, paperback novels, music supplies, diplomas, gowns, calculators. Textbooks will also be reduced for 2009-2010. The only areas needing textbooks are Middle School English, High School English, and Math. Mr. Schneider explained BOCES Services – Teaching and Instruction. This area provides Arts-In-Education, the coordinator for the Arts-In-Education program, Elementary Science Program (hands on discovery), and Non-Public School textbook distribution.

Presentation
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Mr. Schneider continued his presentation with a discussion in the area of Charter Schools and summer school. The Shelter Island School is responsible for tuition payments, special services, and any transportation costs for any Shelter Island student who wishes to attend a Charter School. It is mandated. The cost of Charter School from 2005-2006 has diminished down to no cost for this current school year for the Shelter Island School. The Board of Education will have to have a discussion on contingency in this area. The Shelter Island School has a summer school for English Language Arts and Math for students up to grade 8. Although not mandated, it is a program the administration would like to keep. Costs for this program are offset by fees charged.

Mr. Rick Osmer, Athletic Director, presented the Board of Education with the Sportsmanship Award. This award encompasses all of the sports programs at the Shelter Island School and is the 2nd year in a row the school has been presented with this award.

The second half of the budget presentation concentrated on co-curricular services, interscholastic athletics, substitutes, detention, and curriculum development. Co-curricular services are contractual and include advisors & coordinators, chaperones, contractual expenses, and materials and supplies(ex. Pins for National Honor Society). In the area of Interscholastic Athletics, Shelter Island School offers solo sports and shared sports. Shared sports partners include Greenport, Ross and Southold. A community member asked the Board if chaperones were

mandated. Mr. Osmer said although chaperones are not mandated, time keepers are mandated. Mr. Osmer also stated that he would like to cut costs by sharing(handing down) uniforms. Mr. Ken Lewis, Jr., board member, asked about a booster club. The school did have a booster club at one time. Ms. Rebecca Mundy commented that 2 parents were willing to start one again. Mr. Osmer commented that a sports program, particularly in a small setting, was worthwhile and is a healthy place for students. Lifelong skills are learned; it is something you cannot quantify.

Presentation
(con't)

Mrs. Clifford spoke to the Board about curriculum development. She stated that this is one of the most important areas of the budget. She also stated that salaries paid in this area are offset with grants, and in the area of travel and conference, teachers are only sent to conferences that help the district reach its goals.

Mr. Sam Schneider thanked BJ Ianfolla for all of her work on this presentation. Mr. Ken Lewis, Jr. gave kudos to everyone involved. He also commented that at his fiscal training for board members, he explained what the Shelter Island School does for its budget presentations, and other districts are very impressed. Mrs. Rebecca Mundy stated she feels confident about speaking about the budget and Tom Graffagnino stated that the district is in a good way.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly to go into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for a specific student issue and a specific personnel matter.

Executive
Session

Motion carried unanimously

The board came out of executive session at 9:40 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 9:41 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

