

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

**REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING
March 16, 2009**

Members Present: Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Kenneth Lewis, Jr., Arthur Williams, Kathleen Reilly arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Members Absent: Rebecca Mundy, Linda Eklund, Kaitlyn McGayhey, Student Liaison

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre;
Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk; School District Business Leader, Sam Schneider; Jake Williams from the Shelter Island Reporter and 5 faculty/staff/students and 4 community residents.

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

Visitor's Comments – None

Visitor's
Comments

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2009.

Approval of the
Minutes

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 26, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Work Session/Budget Meeting of February 5, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer Reports for the period ending January 31, 2009 and February 28, 2009.

Treasurer
Reports

Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence –

Correspondence

A. Mr. Graffagnino stated that the board received a thank you note from Bob Reylek thanking the board for his retirement dinner.

B. Mr. Graffagnino stated that the board received a letter from a staff member regarding a personnel matter.

Presentation –

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A. Ms. Mary Dwyer, coordinator, did a presentation to the Board on the 2Rs4Fun program, which was an after school, out-of-school, creative writing program for 3rd and 4th grade students. With the cooperation of Denise DiPaolo, Shelter Island Library Director, and Mrs. Sharon Clifford, Superintendent, Ms. Dwyer recruited 16 mentors to work one-on-one with 16 students to implement a 4 Phase process approach to literary writing. This included training mentors and students the importance of literature and its effect on creative writing, having book discussions and journal writings based on what was read, having the students create a writer's notebook and personal journal which was used to develop fluency, and having writing workshops where more formal writing was done. At the end of the session, the students put a book together, where the students saw themselves as writers and had their own voice in their writing. Ms. Dwyer commented that the students were amazing, very enthusiastic, special, and the program was a wonderful experience. She asked the Board of Education to keep supporting this type of program. Mrs. Clifford thanked Ms. Dwyer for her support and the long hours she put in to create this program.

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following co-curricular position(s) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year:

Approval of a co-curricular position

Keith Brace Sound Equipment \$1,261(pro-rated)
Technician/Trainer

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The President of the Shelter Island Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign an agreement between the district and an employee of the district concerning repayment of wages.

Motion not carried, Arthur Williams abstains

Approval of an agreement between the district and an employee

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education for student(s) #8303, #8333, #8913, and #8930.

Motion carried unanimously

CSE Recommendations

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Shelter Island School District to participate in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES joint municipal cooperative bidding program(see attached resolution) and that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the resolution. The term of said agreement shall be for the school year 2009-2010.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval to participate in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES joint municipal co-op bidding program

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the School Lunch Items Bid award, effective March 17, 2009, as recommended and as attached to the body of the minutes of March 16, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of the School Lunch Items Bid award

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District accepts the Environmental Conservation Law report prepared by Enviroscience Consultants, Inc. determining that the proposed capital improvement projects, Removal and Replacement of Cafeteria and Science Room Flooring at Shelter Island Elementary/High School, and Installation of Abuse Resistant Ceiling and Lighting at Gymnasium at Shelter Island Elementary/High School, are Type II actions under SEQRA regulations. These actions represent routine activities of educational institutions that do not have significant adverse effects on the environment in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(8).

Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of the Environmental Conservation Law report(SEQRA)

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget Status Reports, as of February 28, 2009, for the following funds:

Acceptance of the Budget Status Reports

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

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Revenue Status Reports, as of February 28, 2009, for the following funds:

Acceptance of the Revenue Status Reports

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

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, 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 6, 2009 through March 12, 2009, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Approval of the Budget Transfers Report

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Budget Transfers Report, for the period March 13, 2009 through March 15, 2009, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to render obsolete the following items:

Approval to render obsolete

- A. 1 Plotter Machine, Model #BI8S338

Motion carried unanimously

Items For Consideration - None

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Old Business –

Old Business

A. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel spoke to Glen Waddington, Town Councilman, regarding the several letters received from parents and their concern regarding reducing the speed limit on Smith Street. Mr. Kanarvogel said Mr. Waddington spoke favorably of the situation and will bring it up at the next town board meeting.

B. Mr. Arthur Williams asked Mr. Sam Schneider about the status of posting the district’s state aid and comptroller’s report on the website. Mr. Schneider said he will look into this.

Administrator’s Report –

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A. Mrs. Clifford reported that the Parents As Reading Partners(PARP) night was on Thursday, March 5th for students in grades K - 5. Approximately 30 – 40 parents were in attendance. There were literacy activities for students, and Ms. Kristina Seely, Literacy Coordinator, worked with parents. Mr. Ken Lewis commented that the evening was informative and well done.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis Jr., seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The President of the Shelter Island Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign an agreement between the district and an employee of the district concerning repayment of wages.

Approval of an agreement between the district and an employee

Motion carried, Arthur Williams abstains

Board Member Reports –

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A. Ms. Kathleen Reilly thanked Ms. Mary Dwyer for the 2Rs4Fun program. Ms. Mary Dwyer also thanked elementary teachers Ms. Lynn Green and Mr. Frank Emmett. They are wonderful. Ms. Kathleen Reilly also asked everyone if they liked the Home & Careers Room as the Board meeting site.

B. Mr. Ken Lewis, Jr. asked if we have an agreement with the town for maintaining the basketball courts on Bateman Road. He reported that the courts need some sprucing up and also suggested that a sign be placed near the courts with a set of rules that the community and the students could reference. Mr. Lewis also asked if there is a process in place for students that move into the district. Ms. Donna Guiffre stated that that comes out of her office, and she personalizes the experience for new families.

Visitor's Comments –

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Comments

A. Mr. Stephen Gessner asked the Board if the Treasurer's Report can be made available to the public. Mr. Graffagnino will report back to Mr. Gessner.

B. Mr. Jack Reardon, Technology Teacher, commented that the dodge ball tournament, hosted by the 9th grade class as a fundraiser for students and families, was well attended. He also stated that it was nice to see the competition and camaraderie between students. It was a good time.

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.