

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
PUBLIC MEETING  
September 29, 2008**

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna Guiffre; Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk; Business Official, Frank Perry; Jake Williams from the Shelter Island Reporter and 28 faculty/staff/students and 2 community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Mundy, 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 Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the board minutes of the Special Meeting of September 9, 2008(copy in the supplemental file). Approval of  
Minutes

Motion carried unanimously

**Treasurer's Report – None** Treasurer's Report

**Correspondence –** Correspondence  
**A.** Ms. Rebecca Mundy read a note from the family of Rosemary Runkel thanking the Board for the orchid received in memory of their mother.

**Presentation –** Presentation  
**A.** Mr. Bob Barber gave a presentation to the Board on the cost of equipment for the Media Club. The estimated cost to the district to buy the equipment needed to tape Board of Education meetings would be \$1,450 - \$1,500. Mr. Barber suggested that at the next Joint Professional Practices Committee Meeting (JPPC) the advisor stipend, as well as what direction the club should take, should be discussed.

**B.** Mrs. Ginny Gibbs, along with some 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, presented the Board with the itinerary and asked for approval for next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida(see supplemental file for itinerary). The trip will be from April 27, 2009 to May 1, 2009. Students will attend a physics seminar and other educational experiences.

Presentation  
(con't)

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 1, 2009.  
Motion carried unanimously

**C.** Ms. Lynne Colligan and Mr. Peter Miedema gave a presentation to the Board about the curriculum writing they did over the summer. The elective course Ms. Colligan and Mr. Miedema created is American Studies, which is the study of U.S. cultural history through the examination of symbols – literature, history, music, and visual arts. The course is rigorous, helps students prepare for college, and is offered to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mrs. Clifford thanked Ms. Colligan and Mr. Miedema for the time spent on curriculum writing.

**D.** Ms. Mary Kanarvogel and Ms. Veronica Siller gave a presentation to the Board regarding the HealthSmart Curriculum. The HealthSmart Curriculum is a user-friendly and diverse program with age and grade appropriate material. The curriculum will also cover character education as well as span into family education. Currently, the school has a health program for grades 6 and 9. The HealthSmart program will be for grades K-12 and will meet all state requirements.

**E.** Ms. Mary Kanarvogel, Ms. Helene Starzee, and the Class of 2009 presented to the Board some of the ideas they have regarding a senior class trip to be taken next Spring 2009. The class is working with a travel agency, and some of the choices being explored include a cruise, a schooner trip, such as the Harvey Gamage, and Sedonia, Arizona. Justin Reilly, class President, commented that the class has been fundraising since 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and the class is a perfect example of what you would want a class to be.

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

Coaching position

Karen Gibbs	JH Boys Volleyball	\$2,181
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Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves David Doyle as a volunteer assistant coach for the Varsity Golf team for the remainder of the 2008-2009 season, pending receipt of hirability.

Motion carried unanimously

Appointment of  
D. Doyle  
Volunteer Asst  
Coach

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Keith Brace as Varsity Boys Cross Country Coach, effective September 8, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously

Resignation of K.  
Brace as Varsity  
Boys CC coach

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to add the following to the substitute teacher list for the 2008-2009 school year:

A. Jack Monaghan

Motion carried unanimously

Approval to add to  
the substitute  
teacher list

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves Teri Piccozzi, ESL/Spanish teacher, to teach an extra period for the 2008-2009 school year, at a rate of \$13,632.83, prorated, effective September 22, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of T.  
Piccozzi to teach  
an additional  
period

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves Brian Becker, Physical Education Teacher, to teach an additional section of Middle School Health, effective September 3, 2008 to June 26, 2009, at a rate of \$7,484.25.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of B.  
Becker to teach an  
additional section  
of MS Health

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Christine Moran, as 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor, effective September 29, 2008, with regret.

Motion carried unanimously

Resignation of C.  
Moran as 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Advisor

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the Letter of Engagement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and EMT Governmental Accounting Services. The term of said agreement shall be for the 2008-2009 school year.

EMT  
Governmental  
Accounting  
Services

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and authorizes the Board President to execute the Inter-municipal Cooperation Agreement regarding the Shared Fuel Facility between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District, the Town of Shelter Island, and the Village of Dering Harbor.

Inter-municipal  
Cooperation  
Agreement, Shared  
Fuel Facility

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adopts the Health Smart Curriculum for the Shelter Island School District, as presented.

Adoption of the  
HealthSmart  
Curriculum

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby formally accepts the gracious donation of the use of the Shelter Island Yacht Club's 420's, support boats, shore facilities and equipment, for use by the Shelter Island School Sailing Club, as described in the Shelter Island Yacht Club proposal.

Acceptance of the  
donation from the  
SI Yacht Club

Motion carried unanimously

Sharon Clifford thanked the Yacht Club and Rebecca Mundy is so pleased.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Kathleen Leahy, Consultant. The term of said agreement shall be effective from September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Acceptance of the  
agreement between  
SIUFSD and  
Kathleen Leahy,  
Consultant

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following to attend NYSSBA's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Educational Trade Show, October 16 – 18, 2008, Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York, NY. Conference expenses to be paid for in accordance with Board Policy.

Approval to attend  
NYSSBA's 89<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Convention

- A. Sharon Clifford
- B. Deborah Vecchio
- C. Donna Guiffre
- D. Kathleen Reilly
- E. Thomas Graffagnino
- F. Rebecca Mundy
- G. Linda Eklund
- H. Mark Kanarvogel
- I. Arthur Williams
- J. Kenneth Lewis, Jr.

After discussion by the Board of Education, the above motion is amended as follows:

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following to attend NYSSBA's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Educational Trade Show, October 15 – 19, 2008, Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, New York, NY. Conference expenses and travel expenses to be paid for in accordance with Board Policy.

- A. Sharon Clifford
- B. Deborah Vecchio
- C. Donna Guiffre
- D. Kathleen Reilly
- E. Thomas Graffagnino
- F. Rebecca Mundy
- G. Linda Eklund
- H. Mark Kanarvogel
- I. Arthur Williams
- J. Kenneth Lewis, Jr.

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 the  
Budget Transfers Report as of August 31, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of the  
Budget Transfers  
Report

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the  
Budget Status Report as of August 31, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of the  
Budget Status  
Report

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to  
render obsolete the following items:

Approval to  
render obsolete

- A. 24 – The Cay; by Theodore Taylor
- B. 19 – The Whipping Boy; by Sid Fleischman
- C. 17 – The Great Brain; by John D. Fitzgerald
- D. 1 – The NY Times – Book of Science Literacy
- E. 1 set (20 volumes) – Young People’s Science Encyclopedia
- F. 1 each – Planet Earth – Storm, Volcano, Earthquake: Copyright  
1982
- G. 1 – The Golden Book Encyclopedia of Natural Science Vol 12:  
Copyright 1962
- H. 1 - The Golden Book Encyclopedia of Natural  
Science Vol 16: Copyright 1962
- I. 1 – Demonstration Experiments in Physics: Copyright  
1938

After discussion by the Board of Education, the above motion was  
amended as follows:

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis Jr., seconded by Arthur Williams,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to  
render obsolete and/or to authorize a charitable donation, if available, for  
the following items:

- A. 24 – The Cay; by Theodore Taylor
- B. 19 – The Whipping Boy; by Sid Fleischman
- C. 17 – The Great Brain; by John D. Fitzgerald
- D. 1 – The NY Times – Book of Science Literacy
- E. 1 set (20 volumes) – Young People’s Science Encyclopedia
- F. 1 each – Planet Earth – Storm, Volcano, Earthquake: Copyright  
1982

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G. 1 – The Golden Book Encyclopedia of Natural Science Vol 12: Copyright 1962</li> <li>H. 1 - The Golden Book Encyclopedia of Natural Science Vol 16: Copyright 1962</li> <li>I. 1 – Demonstration Experiments in Physics: Copyright 1938</li> </ul> | <p>Approval to render obsolete(con't)</p> |
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Motion carried unanimously

**Items For Consideration – None**

Items For Consideration

**Administrator's Report –**

Administrator's Report

**A.** Mrs. Clifford got a phone call from a gentleman, from the Class of 1959, who commended the students from the Class of 2009, on the great experience the class of 1959 had when they visited the school. He commented that there was an immediate connection between the alumni and current students.

**Board Member Reports –**

Board Member Reports

**A.** Linda Eklund reported that there will be a Wellness Committee meeting on October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Linda commented that everyone on the committee has a task and that the policy is going to take time. Mrs. Roni Siller has students that are willing to participate.

**B.** Mark Kanarvogel reported that a police officer, who is also a parent, asked him on parent/teacher night about cars being parked in the school lot and by the tennis courts overnight. A landscape trailer is also being stored on the property opposite the tennis courts. The Board discussed school property being used as personal storage could be a liability issue. They also discussed the possibility of putting up “No Parking” signs.

**C.** Tom Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, and Ken Lewis, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, met with Jim Rogers and climbed on the roof and looked at potential roof/damage issues. Mr. Rogers will be getting estimates on getting the roof repaired, but the Board discussed holding off on major roof work if solar energy is a possibility. The committee reported that Jim is moving forward with the elementary wing.

**D.** Tom Graffagnino reported that the Communities That Care key leaders have been meeting and are excited about their 3 pilot programs, the Buddy to Buddy program, mentoring, and guiding good choices. Communities That Care are looking for volunteers for these programs.

Board Member  
Reports (con't)

**E.** Rebecca Mundy reminded the Board of Education members to review the breakdown of seminars for the NYSSBA conference. Rebecca also asked about the subcommittees of the Board and who from the faculty/staff have signed up. Rebecca spoke about her From The Desk Of .... article. It appeared in last week's paper. In her next article, she will ask for volunteers from the community to join the subcommittees of the Board.

**Visitor's Comments –**

Visitor's  
Comments

**A.** Mary Kanarvogel asked the Board what kind of consulting is Kathy Leahy doing.

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 8:38 p.m. for the following purposes: a specific student issue, a specific personnel matter, and negotiations.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 9:43 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Deborah Vecchio  
District Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.