## SHELTER ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING August 18, 2008

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Kathleen Reilly, Mark

Kanarvogel, Kenneth Lewis, Jr., Arthur Williams, Linda Eklund

Members Absent: Donna Guiffre, Assistant Superintendent; Business Official, Frank Perry

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Jake

Williams from the Shelter Island Reporter; 22 faculty/staff/students and 18

community members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Mundy, followed

by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order

**Executive Session** 

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into a brief executive session at 5:04 p.m. for a specific personnel

matter.

Motion carried unanimously

The Board of Education came out of executive session.

A motion was made by Arthur Williams, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby reconvened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Reconvened Meeting

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board President is hereby authorized to execute a certain Stipulation of Settlement between the School District and a member of the Shelter Island Faculty Association, subject to two typographical errors.

Motion carried unanimously

Authorization to execute a certain Stipulation of Settlement

Ms. Rebecca Mundy, President of the Board of Education, made an announcement welcoming Ms. Jenifer Corwin to the 2008-2009 school year and wished her well.

## **Visitor's Comments –**

A. Mel Mendelssohn commended the Board of Education for a courageous action, and commented that after 27 months, it was a very uniting and heartwarming action, on the part of the Board, after being in office for just one month. Mr. Mendelssohn hopes that the community can come back to unity and proceed with the business of education.

Visitor's Comments

B. Ms. Joann Calabro asked the Board where Ms. Corwin is being placed. She also asked if the school will be losing the English teacher they had last year. Ms. Corwin will be meeting with the Assistant Superintendent regarding placement, and the district will not be losing last year's English teacher.

Visitor's Comments (con't)

- C. Mr. James Eklund asked the Board if they can comment on what became of the charges. The Board answered no.
- D. Ms. Carol Galligan asked if the community will ever know of the terms of the settlement. The Board answered that it is confidential.
- E. Ms. Jenifer Corwin thanked everyone who has supported her, and she is thrilled to return but is dismayed that the terms are not clear and cannot be made public.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Arthur Williams, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to adjourn the special meeting and go into an executive session at 5:20 p.m. to discuss a student issue.

**Executive Session** 

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 8:36 p.m.

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

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.