

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

**PUBLIC MEETING
BUDGET SPECIAL/
REGULAR MEETING**
April 20, 2009

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Kenneth Lewis, Jr., Kathleen Reilly, Linda Eklund, Kaitlyn McGayhey, Student Liaison entered at 7:09 p.m.

Members Absent:

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; 3 faculty/staff/students and 10 community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Mrs. Sharon Clifford thanked everyone for attending. She commented that this process has been a joint effort between the Board of Education and the community, and there has been a lot of participation. It has been a satisfying experience.

Mr. Sam Schneider presented the proposed 2009-2010 budget. The amount of the 2009-2010 budget is \$9,530,697. This amount reflects a 0.32% budget to budget increase from 2008-2009. Mr. Schneider explained the 3 parts of the budget; Administrative, Program, and Capital, as well as the Capital Reserve Proposition #2 and Proposition #3, the Property Tax Report Card, the estimated tax levy and estimated tax rate, and the contingency budget.

Visitor's Comments -

A. Mr. Don Bindler, community member and former board member, asked the Board of Education why the language to repair the tennis courts was not included in Proposition #3. Mr. Bindler stated that the tennis courts were funded with private money, and he also added, for the record, that we're using school budget money to maintain the playground, and we're not using F.I.T. Center income stream money to maintain the tennis courts. He stated to the board that they have to cut thru the red tape and repair the tennis

Visitor's
Comments

courts. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated to Mr. Bindler that she tried to get the tennis courts onto Proposition #3 but other items need to be addressed. Ms. Mundy also stated that the firewall between the school and the F.I.T. Center was most urgent as there is no Certificate of Occupancy.

Visitor's
Comments (con't)

B. Mr. Hogue, Mayor of Dering Harbor, asked the Board for clarification of Proposition #3. Ms. Mundy clarified.

C. Mr. Kornrumpf stated that the work the Board has done on the budget so far is good but more work needs to be done. His hope is that the board keeps the process going, especially in the areas of capital and transportation. Ms. Mundy stated that the process has opened the board's eyes, and they will stay committed throughout the year.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 as presented for balloting.

Acceptance of the
proposed budget
for 2009-2010

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: as required by State Education Law Sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3), the Board of Education hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.

Approval of the
Property Tax
Report Card

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Work Session/Budget Meeting of February 12, 2009.

Approval of the
Minutes

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Work Session/Budget Meeting of February 25, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Work Session/Budget Meeting of March 9, 2009.

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 the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2009.

Approval of the Minutes (con't)

Ms. Rebecca Mundy noted one correction to the minutes of March 16, 2009.

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence –

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that a letter was received from a parent regarding a student issue.

Correspondence

Presentation – None

Presentation

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following Poll personnel to work the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote on May 19, 2009 at a rate of \$125 per day:

Approval of Poll personnel

Mr. Thomas Moritt
Ms. Betty Ann Morrirt

Ms. Ann Pollio
Ms. Lois Corbett

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints Rebecca Mundy, President, Board of Education, as the chairperson for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote of May 19, 2009.

Approval of R. Mundy, as chairperson

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education for student(s) #8820 and #8932.

CSE Recommendations

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves transportation for 19 students to the following private schools for the 2009-2010 school year:

Approval to transport 19 students to private school for 2009-2010

- A. Ross School & Ross Primary School - Easthampton, NY (6 students)
- B. Stella Maris - Sag Harbor, NY (11 students)
- C. The Hayground School - Bridgehampton, NY (2 students)

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Contract for Health Services for 3 student(s) who attend private schools within the Riverhead Central School District for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approval of the Contract for Health Services, Riverhead CSD

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Contract for Health Services for 5 student(s) who attend private schools within the Wainscott Common School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Approval of the Contract for Health Services, Wainscott CSD

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute a contract on behalf of the Shelter Island School District with Ocean Classroom Foundation, Inc., for the purposes of providing the Sea Education Program, commonly referred to as the Harvey Gamage Field Trip, to the Seventh Grade Students of the Shelter Island School. The term of said charter period is June 8, 2009 thru June 13, 2009.

Authorization to execute a contract between SIUFSD and Ocean Classroom Foundation, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Control Technologies, Inc. for the purpose of providing preventative maintenance services to the district. The term of said agreement shall be for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

Authorization to execute an agreement between SIUFSD and Control Technologies, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget Status Reports, as of March 31, 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 Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Revenue Status Reports, as of March 31, 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 Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts and approves the Budget Transfers Report, for the period March 15, 2009 through April 16, 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 Linda Eklund, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following:

Authorization to reimburse mileage

WHEREAS, one of our District students who is a member of the high school baseball team attends a vocational and technical program conducted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in Brookhaven as was therefore unable to accompany his teammates being transported from Shelter Island to scheduled baseball games from his Brookhaven BOCES program; and

WHEREAS, such efforts resulted in obtaining quotes from commercial entities which were substantially higher than the amount necessary to reimburse the child's parent for mileage, at the IRS rate of 55 cents per mile, from Shelter Island to Brookhaven to pick up the student and take him to 8 individual

away baseball games, and including round trip fare on the North Ferry; and to which arrangement the student's parent was willing to agree, now therefore be it

Authorization to reimburse mileage (con't)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes reimbursement to the parent of the aforesaid student for mileage at the IRS rate from the District to Brookhaven and from there to each of the 8 away baseball games in which the student, as a member of the District team, participates during the Spring of 2009 amounting in all to a sum not to exceed of \$282.65. This will be payable upon presentation of proof of each trip taken. The District will provide round trip North Ferry tickets to the parent for each of the games.

Motion carried, Mark Kanarvogel opposes

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: pursuant to the receipt of \$15,703.33, plus interest accrued in the account after February 28, 2009, from the Project F.I.T. Checking Account, the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in Revenue Budget A2770 (Other Unclassified Revenues) and increases the appropriation in A7110.200.99, A7110.400.99, and A7110.450.99 by \$15,703.33 plus accrued interest with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy.

Approval of an increase in the revenue budget and authorization to close the Project F.I.T. Checking Account

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the closure of the Project F.I.T. Checking Account and the monies contained therein be deposited into the General Fund in accordance with the procedures outlined in this resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: to amend the 2008-2009 operating budget for an appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 for the contingent expenditure to do capital repairs to the portion of the building known as the F.I.T. Center, this expenditure is deemed by the Board of Education to be for health and safety purposes, and is to be funded through an appropriation of Fund Balance.

Amendment of the 2008-2009 operating budget for an appropriation

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Shelter Island School District to accept the following donations: \$3,293.58 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the Shelter Island School Sailing Club, \$775 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the Old Bethpage Village field trip, and \$1,769 from the Shelter Island Educational Foundation to be used for the ROPES Program. The board gratefully acknowledges the generous donations and thanks the Shelter Island Educational Foundation for their support of the Shelter Island School.

Acceptance of donations

Motion carried unanimously

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

Approval to render items obsolete

- A. Dell 1000 CPU – Serial #000071
- B. Dell 2300 CPU – Serial #000076
- C. Brother 2400 Printer – Serial #000120
- D. Dell 2400 CPU – Serial #01219
- E. Brother 2400 Printer – Serial #000222
- F. Dell 1000 CPU – Serial #003115
- G. Dell 2300 CPU – Serial #000004

Motion carried unanimously

Items For Consideration –

A. The Board of Education discussed setting up committees to review the Requests For Proposals (RFP's) that have been received for the services of architects, attorneys, and external auditors. Each committee will include an administrator, and each committee will compose a list of questions that will be used during the interview process. The committees are as follows:

Items For Consideration

Architects

Kenneth Lewis, Jr.
Mark Kanarvogel
Thomas Graffagnino
Sharon Clifford

Legal

Linda Eklund
Rebecca Mundy
Kathleen Reilly
Donna Guiffre

Auditor

Linda Eklund
Thomas Graffagnino
Kenneth Lewis, Jr.
Sam Schneider

Items For
Consideration
(con't)

B. Mark Kanarvogel stated the Safety Committee will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. on April 22, 2009.

Old Business –

Old Business

A. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel asked about the status of the installation of the fish tank in the main lobby. Mrs. Guiffre stated that she will set-up a meeting with Mark and Dan Williams, Science Club Coordinator.

Administrator's Report –

Administrator's
Report

A. Mrs. Clifford reported that the school play, Bye, Bye Birdie, will be presented to the community this coming Thursday – Sunday, April 23 – 26. Mrs. Clifford said it is a fun and wonderful play, and she hopes the community can join us.

Board Member Reports –

Board Member
Reports

A. Mr. Mark Kanarvogel attended training regarding Shelter Operations. This was a 3 hour training session given by the Red Cross and hosted by BOCES. Mr. Kanarvogel said it was well worth it.

B. Ms. Rebecca Mundy reported to the Board that the Science Club hosted an astronomy night on Friday, April 17, 2009. They showed a virtual film first and then had telescopes set up to view the evening sky. Approximately 70 people attended. Ms. Mundy stated it was a great fundraiser for the Science Club.

C. Ms. Linda Eklund informed everyone to visit the Shelter Island Yacht Club's website regarding the school district's sailing club. Ms. Eklund stated that it is a really exciting program and a great example of what a small community can do.

D. Ms. Rebecca Mundy reported to the Board that the F.I.T. Committee met on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. She stated that it was a very productive meeting, and that the committee looked at all sorts of things. Thomas Graffagnino and Kenneth Lewis, Jr. also joined the meeting. Ms. Mundy also reported that the policy committee had its first meeting with administration. Everyone on the committee, as well as administration, were

instructed to pick their top 10 policies for review. There were many similarities in what the committee and the administration chose. Some policies will be quick and simple. Ms. Mundy will follow-up.

Board Member
Reports (con't)

E. Ms. Kathleen Reilly reported on Shared Decision Making. Shared Decision Making has created a mission statement for the school district and will be forwarding it to the Board of Education for review. She stated that every constituent group has been represented. The mission statement will also be put on the website so that people in the community can offer their opinion, and the Shared Decision Making Committee can get some feedback. Ms. Reilly also reported that JPPC (Joint Professional Practices Committee) met today and they reviewed the definition and opportunities of JPPC. They will also be reviewing the AV Club for next year.

Visitor's Comments –

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Comments

A. Mr. Bill Friedman asked about the status of the petitions for the 3 available seats for Board of Education members. The District Clerk said that as of 5:00 p.m. today, 3 petitions have been received. The District Clerk also explained how the seats will be filled.

B. Mr. Draper commented to the Board that they did a great job building the budget and that the informality of the environment was great.

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., to go into executive session for a specific personnel matter at 7:58 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Executive Session

The Board of Education came out of executive session at 9:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kathleen Reilly to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

