

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

**PUBLIC BUDGET  
HEARING/  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 11, 2009**

Members Present: Rebecca Mundy, Thomas Graffagnino, Mark Kanarvogel, Kenneth Lewis, Jr.

Members Absent: Linda Eklund; Kathleen Reilly; Kaitie McGayhey, Student Liaison

Others Present: Sharon Clifford, Superintendent; Donna Guiffre, Assistant Superintendent; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Sam Schneider, School District Business Leader; Jake Williams and Cara Loriz from The Shelter Island Reporter, 2 staff/faculty/students; 4 community members

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Mundy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call To Order

**Presentation -**

Presentation

Ms. Rebecca Mundy welcomed everyone and stated there was going to be a short budget review presentation by Sam Schneider, School District Business Leader. Mrs. Clifford commented that this has been a very educational process and has set the model for the future. The community members in the audience have been attending the budget meetings since the beginning of the process.

Mr. Sam Schneider welcomed and thanked everyone and presented the agenda topics which include the proposed budget highlights and overview, estimated tax levy, estimated tax rate, Property Tax Report Card, contingency budget, and the Capital Reserve Propositions. Mr. Schneider stated that the proposed 2009-2010 Budget is \$9,530,697, which is a .32% budget to budget increase from 2008-2009 and that the administration and Board of Education did a top to bottom examination of all expenditures. Ms. Rebecca Mundy commented that after the whole budget process was completed, the last step was to take a look at possible areas of savings. Areas of savings include a reduction in teaching staff, reduction in travel and conference for BOE and Administrators, reduction in BOCES Services, and offsets from Federal Grants.

Mr. Schneider presented a budget overview, which included the areas of the Board of Education and District Clerk, the Chief School Administrator, Finance, Auditing, Treasurer, Legal and Personnel, the Operation and Maintenance of Plant, Mailing and Printing, Data Processing, Insurance, BOCES Administrative Costs, Curriculum Development, School Supervision, In-Service Courses, Teaching – Regular School, Special

Education, Occupational Education, Special School, Instructional Media/Computer, Pupil Services/Interscholastic Athletics, Transportation, Community Services(census), Employee Benefits, , Debt Service, and Interfund Transfers.

Presentation  
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A chart was presented by Mr. Schneider showing the estimated tax levy, estimated tax rate, estimated property taxes, and property Tax Report Card.

Mr. Schneider discussed the contingency budget. The 2009-2010 contingency budget, as per the formula, is \$9,857,675, which is higher than the 2009-2010 proposed budget. Mr. Schneider explained that a contingency budget cannot be higher than the proposed budget. If the budget failed and the district were to go to contingency, the proposed budget would be used less the non-contingent items. The two Capital Reserve Propositions were discussed and would not constitute an additional cost to the taxpayer.

Mr. Sam Schneider stated that all budget meeting presentations can be found on the school website. Mrs. Clifford stated if anyone would like the administration to speak for a particular group on Shelter Island, to call the District Clerk, and if anyone has any questions regarding the vote, to call the District Clerk.

#### **Visitor's Questions -**

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A. Mr. Draper asked the Board if it has been determined whether or not schools will have to pay the MTA tax. Mrs. Clifford stated that the district did include it in the budget.

B. Ms. Cara Loriz asked for an explanation regarding the contingency number being lower than the proposed budget as she did not feel the district's newsletter was clear.

C. Ms. Cara Loriz also asked what the role of the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be with regards to the renovation of the roofs and will they stay involved the whole time with these projects. Mr. Thomas Graffagnino stated that the committee has been involved with the 5-year plan and has been up on the roofs. They will stay on top of the projects during the process and look at materials that have a longer life span. He also stated that it is the committees hope not to spend the entire \$925,000. Ms. Loriz also asked about the set-up of the voting machines. The District Clerk explained what the machines and the sample ballot will look like.

**Board Member Report –**

Board Member  
Report

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy thanked Jim Rogers, School Maintenance Crew Leader, Mr. Sam Schneider, School District Business Leader, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee for an in-depth look at the entire building.

B. Mr. Kenneth Lewis, Jr., stated that everyone has to have an understanding of the Capital Reserve and the stringent rules of the reserve. The reserve has a 5-year lifespan of funding at \$50,000 per year and cannot be used to offset the levy or anything else.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Deborah Vecchio  
District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.







