

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

**WORK SESSION  
BUDGET MEETING  
April 13, 2009**

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

Members Absent: Arthur Williams; Kaitie McGayhey, Student Liaison

Others Present: Superintendent, Sharon Clifford; Assistant Superintendent, Donna  
Guiffre; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; School District Business  
Leader, Sam Schneider; Jake Williams and Cara Loriz from the Shelter  
Island Reporter; 10 community members, 7 staff/faculty/students

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

A motion was made by Mark Kanarvogel, seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss a specific contractual issue. Executive Session  
Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Mark Kanarvogel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened the special meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence – Correspondence  
A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy read a letter from Mr. Arthur Williams resigning his position from the Board of Education effective immediately.

A motion was made by Thomas Graffagnino, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Arthur Williams from the Board of Education effective immediately. Resignation of Arthur Williams, BOE Member  
Motion carried unanimously

Ms. Rebecca Mundy had a discussion with the Board as to how to fill Mr. Williams' seat. One option discussed was since the petitions were still available, anyone choosing to run could pick-up one up and return it by the deadline of April 20, 2009. Another option would be to hold a special election the third Tuesday in June to fill the vacant seat. The Board of Education decided not to hold a special election.

A motion was made by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., seconded by Linda Eklund, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to set the terms of the vacant Board of Education seat for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote of May 19, 2009 as follows: The two persons receiving the highest number of votes will fill the two full terms from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012 and the person receiving the third highest number of votes will fill the unexpired term of May 19, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval to set the terms of the board seat vacancy

**Presentation –**

Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that the administration is at the end of the line regarding the school budget for 2009-2010. She stated that the suggestions made from the last budget workshop meeting were removed from the budget, such as the social worker, replacement of a retiring teacher, and travel and conference expense for the Business Office, Board of Education, and Administration. The budget for the 2009-2010 school year, including \$150,000 for possible Special Education and Charter School expenses, is \$9,530,697. The budget to budget increase is 0.32%. Ms. Mundy stated that this budget falls below the contingent budget. She also stated that since the budget falls below the contingent budget, there is no need to ask for reductions in salaries at this time. Ms. Mundy thanked the Business Office and commented that the Board of Education has put a lot of work into this budget. She said the Board of Education started at zero, has learned a lot, and has done their homework regarding this budget.

Presentation

Mr. Sam Schneider spoke about all of the reserves of the district, such as the unemployment reserve, employee benefits reserve, capital reserve, reserve for encumbrances, and appropriated fund balance. Mr. Schneider is recommending that the Board establish a retirement contribution reserve for anticipated increases in the contribution rate of ERS(Employee Retirement System) and TRS (Teachers' Retirement System).

**Board Member Reports –**

A. Ms. Rebecca Mundy stated that this meeting is the first televised Board of Education meeting. The meeting will appear on Town Channel 22. The Board of Education is working to evaluate how to set-up taping of Board meetings as a club for next school year.

Board Member Reports

Mr. Mark Kanarvogel thanked Mr. Sam Schneider for all of his work on the budget. Mr. Thomas Graffagnino stated that Mr. Arthur Williams has put a lot of work into this budget as well, and he also thanked everyone who has come to every meeting. Ms. Linda Eklund thanked everyone also.

**Visitors' Reports –**

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Mr. Peter Munson, community member, stated to the Board that he was very impressed with the budget and how open and detailed the process was. Mr. Stephen Gessner echoed Mr. Munson's comments and stated that what the Board of Education has come up with is extraordinary. The Board of Education fielded questions with regard to the Capital Reserve Fund, capital expenditures for future years, and the school's accounting system. Ms. Cara Loriz, editor of the Shelter Island Reporter, asked about the Language Arts faculty. Mrs. Clifford responded that all 3 teachers will be needed to adequately provide balanced literacy since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be back in Middle School and the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade class is large. Ms. Loriz also asked if the Board had a contingency number. The contingency number is \$9,511,329.

A motion was made by Linda Eklund, seconded by Kenneth Lewis, Jr., 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, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.









