

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

**REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING**
March 17, 2008

Members Present: Dr. Barbara Warren, Edith Lechmanski, Thomas Graffagnino, Katherine Garrison, Kathleen Reilly, Theresa Andrew

Members Absent: Robert Reylek

Others Present: Sharon Clifford, Superintendent; District Clerk, Deborah Vecchio; Business Official, Frank Perry; Jake Williams from the Shelter Island Reporter and a number of faculty and community residents.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President, Dr. Warren, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Call To Order

Dr. Warren read a statement from the Board(copy in the supplemental file). Tom Graffagnino made a statement regarding the Visitor's Report section of the meeting. Tom would like a 3 minute time limit added to the board policy.

Visitor's Report –

Visitor's Report

A. Sharon Gibbs, Vice President of the Shelter Island Faculty Association, read a prepared statement reaffirming the teacher's commitment to the district, how proud they are to serve the district, and how they take their responsibilities seriously. The Shelter Island Faculty Association also urges the Board of Education to expedite the process.

B. Kathleen Minder asked the Board who the district's legal counsel is. Katherine Garrison read a letter from Ingerman Smith to the district in response to an article which recently appeared in Newsday.

C. James Eklund asked the Board about the status of the second FOIL request, specifically when will the committee receive the information. He also asked if the school has the school policy on the school facilities use form.

D. Mel Mendelssohn asked the Board if the forum were to be held by a Shelter Island Association, would it upstand policy? Mrs. Clifford responded by saying she believes it would.

E. Mel Mendelssohn referred to an article in the paper regarding taking the Board of Education to task on a disciplinary action of a particular Middle School Teacher and the legal game playing by the Board. Dr. Warren responded by saying the process has begun and Ms. Corwin requested a public hearing(see supplemental file for additional information).

Visitor's
Report(con't)

Vice President Dr. Warren asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 11, 2008, the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2008, and the Special Meeting of March 11, 2008. There being no additions and no corrections, President Reylek declared the minutes stand approved as submitted(copy in the supplemental file).

Approval of
Minutes

Correspondence –

Correspondence

A. Dr. Warren read a card from Jacki Dunning thanking the Board of Education for the plant she received.

B. Dr. Warren read a card from Sharon & Joe Clifford thanking the Board for their kind expression of sympathy.

A motion was made by Edith Lechmanski, seconded by Thomas Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer Reports for February 2008.

Treasurer Reports

Motion carried unanimously

Presentation –

Presentation

A. High school students, Justin Reilly, Katrina Kaasik, Mia DiOrio, Kieran Wilson, and Doug Binder presented to the Board the rewarding experiences the students had, from writing to performing, in the Bay Street High School Theatre program. The students hope that future students can have the same experiences they did.

A motion was made by Edith Lechmanski, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the resignation of Doreen McNemar, Teacher Aide, effective February 29, 2008.

Resignation of
Doreen McNemar,
Teacher Aide

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby appoints Anna Garren to a 26-week probationary position as a Teacher Aide for Special Education, effective March 18, 2008, at a salary of \$16,847, Step 1 of the teacher aide salary scale, prorated, pending receipt of hirability.

Appointment of
Anna Garren,
Teacher Aide

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Theresa Andrew, seconded by Edith Lechmanski, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the resignation of Cara Cass as Junior High School Softball coach, effective March 17, 2008.

Resignation of
Cara Cass as JH
Softball Coach

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Edith Lechmanski, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the resignation of Mark Foard as Varsity Baseball coach, effective March 17, 2008.

Resignation of
Mark Foard as V.
Baseball coach

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Tom Graffagnino, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to rescind the motion of Matthew Rohde as Junior Varsity Baseball coach, effective March 3, 2008.

Rescind the motion
of Matthew Rohde
as JV Baseball
coach

Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Tom Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following coaching position, effective March 17, 2008:

Approval of
Coaching position

Varsity Baseball	Matthew Rohde	\$4,591
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Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Theresa Andrew, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the following co-curricular position, retroactive to November 14, 2007:

Approval of Co-
curricular position

12 th Grade Advisors	Veronica Siller	\$378.25
	Katherine Doroski	\$378.25
	Daniel Williams	\$378.25

Motion carried unanimously

Second Reading of the following policies:

Second Reading of
Policies

- A. Incidental Teaching – Policy #6213
- B. Employment of Relatives of Board of Education Members – Policy #6217
- C. Part-time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment – Policy #6220
- D. Appointment – Support Staff – Policy #6310
- E. Supplementary School Personnel – Policy #6320

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F. Employee Personnel Records and Release Of Information – Policy #6420 G. Personnel Records and Files – Policy #6420R &6420P H. Employee Activities – Policy #6430 I. Health Insurance – Policy #6510 J. Workers’ Compensation – Policy #6520 K. Payroll Deductions – Policy #6530 L. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – Policy #6560 | <p>Second Reading of Policies(con’t)</p> |
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Motion carried unanimously

<p>A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Edith Lechmanski, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the above named policies. Motion carried unanimously</p>	<p>Approval of the above named policies</p>
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<p>A motion was made by Edith Lechmanski, seconded by Katherine Garrison, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the deletion of old policies numbered #2160, #2170, #9100, #9120, #9010, #9280, #9200, #9230, #9211.2, #9240, #9241, #9300, #9310, #9311, #9510, and #6800. Motion carried unanimously</p>	<p>Approval to delete old policies</p>
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<p>A motion was made by Theresa Andrew, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the contract for Health Services for 2 students who attend private schools within the Riverhead Central School District. Motion carried unanimously</p>	<p>Approval to accept the Health Services Contract for Riverhead Central School District</p>
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<p>A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Edith Lechmanski, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to re-certify the Shared Decision Making Plan, Donna Guiffre replaces Maureen Santella and Theresa Andrew replaces Matt Bonora. Motion carried unanimously</p>	<p>Approval to re-certify the Shared Decision Making Plan</p>
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<p>A motion was made by Theresa Andrew, seconded by Katherine Garrison, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to accept the Impartial Hearing Officer List for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously</p>	<p>Approval of the Impartial Hearing Officer List</p>
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<p>A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Edith Lechmanski, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget Status Report as of February 29, 2008. Motion carried unanimously</p>	<p>Acceptance of Budget Status Report</p>
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A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Theresa Andrew, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Budget Transfers Report as of February 29, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of Budget Transfers Report

A motion was made by Theresa Andrew, seconded by Tom Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves to accept the Claims Auditor Report, as prepared by Amber Williams, for the period July 1, 2007 – December 31, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously

Acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report

A motion was made by Katherine Garrison, seconded by Tom Graffagnino, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: an additional proposition be placed upon the ballot for the annual meeting and election to be held on May 20, 2008:

Approval to place add'l proposition on the ballot

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and hereby is authorized to expend out of the previously established Construction Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed \$101,960, or so much thereof as may be necessary after application of available EXCEL aid, for the purpose of replacing flooring and ceiling in the nurse's office and classroom 111; reconstruction of bearing wall between the nurse's office and girls' bathroom; replacing storage areas in the affected areas, all required as a result of and/or determined to be necessary in connection with the previously authorized capital improvements, and construction of ADA compliant ramp at main entrance and replacement of lockers, including all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and hereby is authorized to expend out of the aforesaid Construction Capital Reserve Fund a further sum not to exceed \$450,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, after application of available EXCEL aid, for the purpose of replacement of boiler and related controls, gym ceiling and lighting, flooring in the science room and cafeteria, including, necessary asbestos abatement, all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs thereof.

Motion carried unanimously

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

Approval to render
items obsolete

- A. 1 Hustler 340 Lawn Mower – not working
- B. 1 Billy Goat Leaf Vac – does not run
- C. Sentinel Paper Shredder – electrical motor quit

Motion carried unanimously

Items For Consideration – None

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Consideration

Administrator's Report –

Administrator's
Report

A. Mrs. Clifford thanked the Budget Review Committee members for their input throughout this year's budget process and Frank Perry for making the process easier. Mrs. Clifford is pleased at where we are in the budget process.

B. Mrs. Clifford spoke about expanding the elementary to include a Universal Pre-K program to be provided by SCOPE at no additional cost to the district. To run the program, Mrs. Clifford will need 14 children, and parents will have to transport their own child. Mrs. Clifford is very excited about the opportunity to offer the program.

Board Member Report -

Board Member
Report

A. Kim Reilly reported that JPPC met on March 17, 2008. The committee plans to review the present Code of Conduct with a focus on attendance and in-school suspension. The also plan to review the Mentor program as well as the Schedule C posting for Summer School Coordinator.

B. Katherine Garrison reported that the Linkage Committee recently met with Student Council and the PTSA. Some topics that were discussed include student parking, bullying, school mascot, lobby improvement, and dismissal procedures.

C. Barbara Warren thanked the PTSA for the wonderful job everyone did on the Lipsync show. The show was an example of school spirit and support.

D. Barbara Warren reported on state budget cuts and how that will have an impact on school districts. She requested that all Board of Education members contact their legislators.

Mel Mendelsohn asked the Board who the Budget Review Committee members were. Dr. Warren responded with the names of all the members.

A motion was made by Edith Lechmanski, seconded by Kathleen Reilly, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education voted to go into an executive session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Executive Session

Motion carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 9:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Kathleen Reilly, seconded by Katherine Garrison, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Deborah Vecchio
District Clerk

The meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.