

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP
February 25, 2025

- Members Present: Kathleen Lynch, Katherine Rossi-Snook, Tracy McCarthy, and Karina Montalvo
- Others Present: Dr. Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness, & Personnel; Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk Pro Tem/District Treasurer; and 1 faculty/staff/student and 1 community resident/other
- Absent: Margaret Colligan; Dawn Hedberg; Anthony J. Rando; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Harrison Weslek, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by President Lynch.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Katherine Ross-Snook, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby voted to go into an executive session at 5:02 pm to discuss the employment of particular individuals in the District.

The members of the Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 6:00 pm. President Lynch led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathleen Lynch read the following Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower:

We want our students to cherish our small Island community while applying and expanding their learning about, understanding of, and engagement with the wider world. To do this, they must be: ethical and moral individuals; respectful and responsible communicators; creative and analytical thinkers; knowledgeable and literate readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists; participants in and audiences for art, drama, music, athletics, and other artistic, cultural, and social activities; skilled and successful workers and consumers; and committed and active citizens.

Budget Workshop

Dr. Brian Doelger welcomed everyone to the 2025-2026 Budget Workshop. Topics presented by Dr. Doelger at this meeting were as follows:

- Accomplishments
- Budget Formation Process
- District Administration Budget Goals
- Co-Curricular Activities
- Athletics
- Proposed Budget – Co-Curricular and Athletics
- Transportation
- Proposed Budget – Transportation
- Will the District Need to Pierce the Tax Cap
- Budget in Summary, to Date
- Property Tax Cap – What Does the Law Say?
- Shelter Island UFSD Property Tax Calculations
- Revenue Budget
- Appropriated Fund Balance?
- What Could be Cut?
- What is the Tax Impact?
- What Does this Mean?
- Budget Next Steps

Dr. Doelger also reviewed the schedule of the dates and topics for the remaining 2025-2026 school budget meetings. The schedule is as follows.

- March 10, 2025 – Budget Overview and Adjustments
- April 7, 2025 – Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
- May 12, 2025 – Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 20, 2025 – Budget Vote, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, School Gymnasium

At this time, President Lynch asked if anyone had any questions, of which there were none. Ms. Lynch pointed out that it has been nine (9) years since we last pierced the Tax Cap and in 2020 while managing the pandemic, there was a 0% increase. Ms. Lynch shared that the Board of Education and Administration continues to work on the budget, but this year it may just be the year where we have no choice, but to pierce the Tax Cap.

Call to Order

Executive Session

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission Statement

Budget Workshop

Finance

A motion was made by Tracy McCarthy, seconded by Katherine Rossi Snook, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Finance actions: 6.1

6.1 Tax Cap Calculations

a. WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District began the 2025-2026 budget formation process which included discussion of piercing the cap; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap law and associated regulations require school districts in New York State to notify the Office of the New York State Comptroller not later than March 1 of each year a report showing the anticipated property tax cap calculations for the coming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the property tax calculations have been presented to the Board on February 25, 2025 and are as follows:

Prior school year tax levy	\$11,498,886
Tax base growth factor	1.0017
Product	\$11,518,434
PILOT in Prior Year	\$63,458
Sum	\$11,581,892
Capital Tax Levy in Prior Year	\$375,441
Difference	\$11,206,451
Allowable Levy Growth Factor	1.0200
Product	\$11,430,580
PILOT in Coming Year	\$63,458
Difference	\$11,367,122
Capital Tax Levy in Coming Year	\$375,110
Tax Levy Limit Plus Exclusions	\$11,742,232

and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education anticipates going beyond the property tax cap limitations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby authorizes the administration to file the property tax cap calculations with the Office of the New York State Comptroller and further authorizes the administration to notify the Office of the New York State Comptroller that the District anticipates going beyond the property tax cap limitations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby directs the administration of the district to adjust the above calculation for the inclusion of any pilot payments received by the district.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Questions & Comments – None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Karina Montalvo, seconded by Tracy McCarthy, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Deborah Vecchio, District Clerk Pro Tem

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

Visitor
Questions

Adjournment