

Members Present: Kathleen M. Lynch, Margaret Colligan, Dawn Hedberg, Karina Montalvo, and Anthony J. Rando

Others Present: Dr. Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Deborah Vecchio, District Treasurer; 5 faculty/staff/ student and 13 community resident/other

Absent: Katherine Rossi-Snook; Tracy McCarthy; and Harrison Weslek, Student Liaison

President Lynch called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, followed by 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.

2025-2026 Budget Revote Presentation

Dr. Doelger welcomed everyone to the 2025-2026 Budget Revote Presentation and stated that after his presentation the Board of Education would vote to adopt the newly proposed budget. The topics presented were as follows.

- How Does the New Proposal Differ from the May 20 Budget?
- SIUFSD 2025-2026 Revised Proposed Expenditure Budget
- SIUFSD 2025-2026 Proposed Revenue Budget

Dr. Doelger also reviewed some important dates and noted that absentee ballots can be obtained by calling District Clerk Jacqueline Dunning. The specific dates Dr. Doelger reviewed are as follows.

- June 9, 2025 – Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- June 17, 2025 – School Budget Vote, 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm, School Conference Room

At this time, President Lynch opened the floor to questions.

Laurene Silvani, parent of a Pre-K4 student shared her feelings about the Pre-K3 program being cut from the budget. Ms. Silvani stated that she is disappointed and believes it is a disservice to the community.

Dr. Doelger stated that the Board of Education and the Administration are equally as devastated and consider it a great loss. Dr. Doelger explained that the original budget supported the Pre-K3 program. It is everyone’s hope that in the future we will be able to bring it back.

President Lynch noted that she once sat in the audience of the Board of Education Meetings asking for a Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 program. Ms. Lynch shared that she ran for the Board of Education in the hopes of getting these programs up and running. Ms. Lynch stated that it is crushing to be losing the Pre-K3 program.

Charlotte Moore, parent of a Pre-K4 student and Elizabeth Hanley, parent of a secondary student who remembers how difficult it was to juggle childcare and working when her children were younger, both advocated for the Pre-K3 program. Administration was asked if there is a way for a booster club/fundraising efforts to give money to the school to cover the program.

Dr. Doelger and President Lynch both responded that they would have to check with legal counsel to determine if donated funds could be accepted for this purpose.

Victoria Shields, parent of secondary students asked if the new budget that includes cuts falls below the tax cap. Dr. Doelger replied that it does fall below the tax cap. Next, Ms. Shields inquired about administrator salaries and whether or not those salaries can be cut.

President Lynch explained that certain positions are mandated and all of our administrators wear many hats. As an example of three (3) not being a large number of administrators in today’s world of education, Ms. Lynch referred to a neighboring district that is close in size to Shelter Island School, has a much larger budget and has five (5) administrators. Ms. Lynch also reminded everyone that several years ago, when the Business Official left, Dr.

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Doelger took on the extra duties of that administrator, saving the district upwards of \$150,000 every year since. As a final statement on the subject, Ms. Lynch stated that having only one (1) or two (2) administrators is absurd.

Ms. Weslek added that she and her daughter were both very sad to hear that with the cut of the Pre-K3 program, Ms. Leigh Stumme will be leaving the district.

President Lynch thanked Dr. Doelger and all who worked so diligently on the 2025-2026 budget for the revote.

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Anthony J. Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Actions: 4.1

4.1 2025-2026 School Budget (Revote) and 2025-2026 School Property Tax Report Card

- a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District adopts the proposed budget as presented for the 2025-2026 school year in the total amount of \$13,298,131 to be presented to the public at a budget hearing on June 9, 2025 and subject to approval of the voters on June 17, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2025-2026 school year be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor Questions – None

Personnel

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Karina Montalvo BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent on the following Personnel Actions: 6.1 – 6.2

6.1 New Hire

- a. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves Avery Zumpol, as 1.0 FTE 7-12 Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2025, at \$61,758, Step 1 BA of the 2025-2026 teacher salary scale with a four (4) year probationary period through September 1, 2029, in the tenure area of Science 7-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Ms. Zumpol must receive three (3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective, in at least three (3) preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure.

6.2 Transition Days

- a. Approve Avery Zumpol for Transition Days, effective June 24, 2025 – June 27, 2025, at \$125 per day.

Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Todd Gulluscio introduced Avery Zumpol and stated that the interview committee was blown away in her interview and demo lesson. Ms. Zumpol thanked the Board of Education and Administration for the opportunity to teach at Shelter Island School and she stated that she is very excited to work with the students and community.

Visitor Comments – None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Anthony J. Rando, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Jacqueline Dunning
District Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room.

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Adjournment