



# Shelter Island School Board of Education BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING *Monday, April 20, 2026*



**Members Present: Kathleen Lynch, Margaret Colligan, Dawn Hedberg, Anthony Rando and Karina Montalvo, Molly Kendall**

**Others Present: Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Gulluscio, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel; Maryann Impastato, District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 5 faculty/staff/students and 6 community residents  
Absent: Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Leonardo Napoles, Student Liaison**

**1. Call to Order**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by President Lynch

**2. Executive Session**

Executive Session

A Motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Anthony Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby votes to go into an executive session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular individual in the District.  
The members of the Board of Education came out of Executive Session at 5:29 p.m.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance

President Lynch led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Shelter Island School Mission Statement – Engage, Explore, Empower**

Mission Statement

Margaret Colligan 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.

**5. Public Hearing- None**

Public Hearing

**6. Budget Presentation & Adoption of Budget- 2026-2027**

**a. Budget Adoption Presentation**

Budget & Adoption

6.1 Dr. Doelger welcomed everyone to the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Presentation and stated that after his presentation the Board of Education would vote to adopt the proposed budget. The topics presented were as follows.

- School District has shown tremendous growth
- Why is it necessary to exceed the Property Tax Cap?
- Cuts/Cost Savings Already Implemented Since 2020
- Other Cost Savings Measures
- As Newsday Reported, School Property Taxes on Long Island Average 60-70 % of Your Property Tax bill, on Shelter Island, it is 41 %
- Recommended Budget for Adoption
- Anticipated Revenue Budget
- How Does the 6.78% Increase Impact Taxes?
- What Does the Budget Do? / What Happens If this Budget is not Approved?
- Next time, May 11, 2026 Public Budget Hearing @ 5:30 pm Conference Room
- May 19th, 2026, Budget Vote & Board Member Elections, 10:00 am- 8:00 pm, NEW HOURS in Gymnasium

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Karina Montalvo, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The board hereby approves the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business Actions:  
6.2

#### 6.2 2026-2027 School Budget and 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 school year in the total amount of \$13,573,689 to be presented to the public at a budget hearing on May 11, 2026 and subject to approval of the voters on May 19, 2026; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2026-2027 school year be approved. Addenda BP06.2.A.1 BP06.2.A.2

Motion carried unanimously.

This concluded the budget portion of the meeting

### 7. Visitor Questions (Specific to the agenda)

Visitor Questions

At this time, Dr. Doelger opened the floor to questions: Dr Doelger reviewed Absentee Ballot procedures and questions were as follows:

Is the Appropriated Fund Balance a reserve? Dr Doelger replied it is an applied fund balance set aside to balance next year's budget. What about a UPK grant for 3 year old children? What kind of staffing for preK students? Would it be full time, certified teachers, and the cost of the program? Dr Doelger replied that staffing would depend upon the number of students but it is a half day program at present and we have certified teachers in the building. The cost of an aid is approximately 30,000 per year and any civil service position is entitled to health insurance bringing that total to 70,000. The aid can be utilized in preK 3 plus other areas in Special Education as needed according to recent projections.

Board Member Anthony Rando shares: As we try to stay within the tax cap, he is advocating for long term planning that the District is working on where creativity comes into play with retirements and restructuring to operate at a lower cost; thus ensuring future budgets are within the tax cap.

Board Member Margaret Colligan shares: She is happy to collaborate with the East Hampton School District in sharing resources to save money.

### 8. Correspondence

Correspondence

- a. Email from ESBOCES received 3-31-26 with five (5) letters attached from ESBOCES Board Candidates seeking Re-election. Addendum BP08.A
- b. Letter from Shelter Island History Museum regarding withdrawal of request to consider funding proposition. Addendum BP08.B

### 9. Student Liaison Report –None

Student Liaison

Leo Napoles was absent

### 10. Presentations

#### Presentation Not Requiring Approval

- a. Externship Presentation - Mr. James Theinert: Mr Theinert shared the following:

The elective program is open to all students in grades 9-12. Programs last 3 to 10 days for career exploration where students develop content related to their externship back in the regular class.

Transportation is provided by Mr Theinert using the District Shuttle Van. Joining is student directed and gives them an opportunity to gain "hands on experience" that they cannot gain from a textbook. The experience helps them to determine what they may want to do in their careers or eliminate what they thought they may have wanted to pursue. There are so many resources here on Shelter Island to draw from including an idea to have more alumni be a part of the experience. Some notable Business Partners this year include Sylvester Manor, SI Police Department, FBI, JP Morgan Chase, Southold High School, Town Assessor's Office, SI 10K Race where scholarships are awarded among many other impressive partners and opportunities. Dr Doleger expressed his thanks for a program to connect with academics and stated that the kids love the program. Kathy Lynch, Board President, stated that we may be small, but we are mighty! We have the love and support of the community. Kate Davidson expressed that her 9th grade daughter had a hands-on experience at Sylvester Manor gaining knowledge and experience in addition to reading in a book. Board Member Anthony Rando agrees with exploring opportunities here as we invest in our students' future and in helping them secure a stable future on the island, and believes that it is a great program!

Presentations

## 11. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Anthony Rando, seconded by Molly Kendall, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board hereby approves the following:

### 11.1 Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of March 30th, 2026 Addendum BP11.1.A

Motion carried unanimously

## 12. Consent Agenda Personnel

Consent Agenda  
Personnel

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Margaret Colligan, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 12.1-12.6

### 12.1 District Clerk Pro Tem

- a. Appoint Mallory Clark, as District Clerk Pro Tem, to serve in the absence of the District Clerk,  
When necessary for the 2025-2026 school year

#### Deputy District Clerk

- b. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individuals to the position of Deputy District Clerk, effective April 21, 2026 to June 30, 2026, and authorizes payment of a stipend of \$2,400 to each individual:

Maryann Impastato; Mallory Clark

### 12.2 Buildings and Grounds

- a. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby appoints Luis Rodas to the position of Substitute Custodial Worker I at a rate of \$30 per hour for the period April 14, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Consent Agenda  
Personnel

### 12.3 Poll Workers for Annual Meeting/Budget Vote on May 19th 2026 at a rate of \$153.00 per day

- a. Angela Corbett
- b. Lew Corbett
- c. Lois Corbett
- d. Shirley Ferrer

### 12.4 Vote Chairperson

- a. Appointment of Kathleen M Lynch, President, Board of Education, as the chairperson for the Annual Meeting/Budget Vote on May 19, 2026.

### 12.5 Budget Vote

- a. Approve Deborah Vecchio for Budget Vote training for the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate

of \$100.00 per Hour; not to exceed 10 hours.

#### 12.6 Resignation

- a. Approve resignation of Matthew Dunning as Teacher's Aide effective May 15, 2026.  
Addendum BP12.6.A

Motion carried unanimously.

President Kathy Lynch thanked the rallying of employees with their good will and offer of help in the absence of some of our personnel to cover extra duties performed in addition to our own busy roles at the District. Luis from the cafeteria will be working on the buildings and grounds. Maryann and Mallory in the Business Office are helping in the absence of our District Clerk and thanks to all who are involved. She expressed good wishes to Matthew Dunning who is resigning his role as an aide for the elementary kids and he will be dearly missed. He was always in the hallway knowing all the kids names with a "high five" and if any child needed extra care, he was there to support them.

### 13. Consent Agenda Program

Consent Agenda  
Program

A motion was made by Molly Kendall, seconded by Karina Montalvo, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program  
Action:13.1 CSE Recommendations for the 2025-2026 School Year  
a. Committee on Special Education Addenda BP13.1.A.1 BP13.1.A.2

Motion carried unanimously.

### 14. Consent Agenda Finance

Consent Agenda  
Finance

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Anthony Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Finance Actions:  
14.1 –14.3

#### 14.1 Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – March 2026 Addendum BP14.1.A
- b. Extra Class Report – March 2026 Addendum BP14.1.B
- c. Appropriations Status Report Addendum BP14.1.C
- d. Revenue Status Report Addendum BP14.1.D
- e. Claims Audit Report – March 2026 Addendum BP14.1.E
- f. Payroll Audit Report – March 2026 Addendum BP14.1.F

#### 14.2 Journal Entries and Budget Transfers

- a. Accept and approve Journal Entries Report and Budget Entries for the period of March 26, 2026 through April 14, 2026, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved, as well as transfers that need specific Board approval.  
Addenda BP14.2.A BP14.2.B BP14.2.C

#### 14.3 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

- a. Adoption of the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution of the Shelter Island Union Free School District, New York, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. BP14.3.A

Motion carried unanimously.

### 15. Consent Agenda Business

Consent Agenda  
Business

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Karina Montalvo, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:  
The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business Action:

15.1 - 15.2

5.1 Contracts

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and C-Biz of Jackson, WI, for asset evaluation services for the 25-26 year. The period of said agreement is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement. Addendum BP15.1.A

15.2 Private School Transportation

- b. Approval to transport twenty-two (22) students to the following private schools for the 2026-2027 school Year:

Our Lady of the Hamptons- 6 students  
 Hayground School- 8 students  
 Ross Upper School- 3 students  
 Peconic Community School- 5 students

Consent Agenda  
Business

Motion carried unanimously.

**16. Facility – None**

Facility

**17. Items for Consideration - None**

Items

**18. Old Business – None**

Old Business

**19. Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Wellness & Personnel Report**

Director of  
Athletics Report

Mr Gulluscio shared the following: Spring Sports are taking off and baseball is doing particularly well. The Varsity Girls track is still scheduled this week of the play and the kids are playing strong well into the 3rd week of May. The kids are having fun, they are really happy. Today, Dr Doleger and Mr Gulluscio were informed by the Gardiner’s Bay Summer Junior Camp that the District will be receiving 10 scholarships as costs are rising and some families would not be able to afford the Camp otherwise; and so this is great news for the kids and their families! The Day of Gratitude went extremely well right before the break with an online video posted showcasing a productive and fulfilling day. Mrs. Rando and Mr. Gulluscio dropped off letters from the students to the organizations and the entire event was fun overall. It was an event to be very proud of.

**20. Assistant Superintendent Report** Mrs Rylott shared the following:

Assistant  
Superintendent  
Report

Last week we started the state assessments for ELA. We had 68 out of 70 students participate which is 97 percent and so we hit the 95 percent participation rate. It’s the best number we have had in a long time. Math is next week and so the schedule is as follows:  
 Grades 6 & 7 Tuesday, April 28th and Wednesday April 29th, 2026  
 Grades 3 through 5 is Thursday April 30th and Friday May 1st, 2026  
 Science will be for Grade 5 on Thursday, May 7th, 2026  
 Next, we have an update from the last meeting on the Dress Code. We are waiting for the survey results from Jackson Rohrer and so we will have further discussion at the next meeting in May. In the meantime, in an effort to address concerns between students and possibly parents regarding the policy, Mrs. Rylott will meet this Wednesday, April 22nd, with Miss Potter and 3 student representatives from Grades 9, 10 and 11 (one from each grade) to look at their proposal and compare it with the goals of administration and present the ideas to the Board of Education. We are hopeful to come together with a combined presentation for the Board of Education.

President Lynch and Dr Doelger both thanked Ms Rylott for taking this initiative to find a solution. A question arose regarding what the dress code is at present and Dr Doelger replied that we are currently enforcing the policy we have in place now until a new dress code is adopted.

**21. Superintendent Report:** Dr Doleger shared the following:

- I am pleased to share the following updates with our school community:

- Golf Scholarships Opportunity

Through the efforts of Ed Brennan and Leigh Notely, along with the extraordinary generosity of Gardiner's Bay Country Club, Shelter Island School students will have the opportunity to receive 10 scholarships to attend this summer's Golf Camp at the Club. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in a new sport, build skills, and enjoy a unique summer experience. Additional information regarding the application process will be shared in the coming weeks. We extend our sincere gratitude to all involved for making this opportunity possible.

- Day of Gratitude

Our recent Day of Gratitude was a tremendous success and a meaningful experience for our students and community alike. Students participated in service activities across the island, including visits with senior citizens, supporting local organizations such as the American Legion, hosting a car wash, and more. These experiences reflect the strong sense of community and service we strive to instill in our students. A highlight video of the day is available on our Facebook page, and I encourage everyone to take a moment to view it.

- Spring Recess

Since our last meeting, the school was closed for Spring Recess. We hope all members of our community had a restful and enjoyable break.

- Athletics Update

Our Boys Baseball and Girls Softball teams are off to strong starts this season, each earning victories in their opening games. Congratulations to our student-athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication.

- Senior Scholarship Meet and Greet

We were pleased to host our second annual Senior Scholarship Meet and Greet. This event provides our seniors with the opportunity to connect directly with local scholarship sponsors and learn more about available opportunities. It is quickly becoming a valued tradition within our school community.

- ELA State Assessments

We have successfully completed the administration of the English Language Arts (ELA) State Assessments. I am happy to report that the process went smoothly, thanks to the efforts of our staff and the cooperation of our students.

- Faculty Meeting

A faculty meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday as we continue our ongoing work to support student learning and school initiatives.

- School Musical

We are excited to present our upcoming school musical, Little Shop of Horrors, which will run from Thursday through Sunday. We encourage all members of the community to attend and support our talented students and staff who have worked diligently on this production.

**22. Board Member Reports:** Molly Kendall expressed gratitude for the "Day of Gratitude" events.

Her daughter enjoyed playing games with the Senior Citizens which made her feel connected.

Molly's family is not from Shelter Island and this event made her feel like the island is truly more like a home for her.

Anthony Rando shared information about the DARE program scheduled for May 1st, 2026 which will inform students about pre-prom safety that they should be aware of. In addition, Officer Clark will have a school day presentation regarding OTC and Opioid drugs.

**23. Visitor Comments:** - One question arose regarding a prior agenda item that was in regard to a personnel agreement. Dr Doelger explained that the District is not allowed to comment on personnel items and President Lynch further added that the regulation also applies to students.

Visitor  
Comments

## **24. Adjournment**

Adjournment

A motion was made by Margaret Colligan, seconded by Karina Montalvo, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Maryann Impastato  
Deputy District Clerk

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Monday, May 11th, at 5:30 pm, in the Conference Room.