

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

REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2026

Members Present: Margaret Colligan, Dawn Hedberg, Karina Montalvo, Anthony Rando, and Laurene Silvani

Others Present: Brian Doelger, Superintendent; Jennifer Rylott, Assistant Superintendent; Sean Brennan, Assistant Principal; Maryann Impastato, District Clerk Pro Tem/District Treasurer; Julie Lane, Shelter Island Reporter; 1 faculty/staff/students and 3 community residents/visitors

Absent: Kathleen Lynch; Jacqueline Dunning, District Clerk; Juliana Medina, Student Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice President Colligan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dawn Hedberg 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.

Visitor Questions – None

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

- 5.1 Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of August 31, 2026

Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations - None

Correspondence – None

Student Liaison Report – None

Personnel

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Laurene Silvani, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Personnel actions: 9.1 – 9.5

- 9.1 Non-Aligned Personnel Employment Agreements
 - a. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the annexed agreement between the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Michael Dunning; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements.
 - b. BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby approves the annexed agreement between the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Maryann Impastato; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements.
- 9.2 Mentor/Mentee for the 2026-2027 School Year, at a rate of \$1,500 per Shelter Island Faculty Association Contract
 - a. Danielle Spears (\$750) & Devon Treharne (\$750)/Jamie Doherty
 - b. Daniel Williams/Michael Galletta
 - c. Janine Mahoney/Kelsey Northcote
 - d. Bryan Knipfing/Laura Nivar
- 9.3 Additional Schedule C Appointment for the 2026-2027 School Year
 - a. Appoint James Theinert, 11th Grade Advisor, at \$2,227.83
- 9.4 Increase in Rate of Pay for Substitute Aides for the 2026-2027 School Year

*Call to Order
and Pledge of
Allegiance*

*Mission
Statement*

*Visitor
Questions*

*Consent Agenda
– Approval of
Minutes*

Presentations

Correspondence

*Student Liaison
Report*

*Consent Agenda
-- Personnel*

- a. Increase the rate of pay for Substitute Aides from \$110 to \$110.50 to meet the New York State Minimum Wage Requirement.

Consent Agenda
– Personnel
(continued)

9.5 Amend Motions

- a. Amend the motion of August 31, 2026 from:
 - Appoint Francis Regan as Substitute Aide for the 2026-2027 school year at \$110 per day
 - to:
 - Appoint Francis Regan as Substitute **Teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year at **\$125** per day
- b. Amend the motion of August 31, 2026 from:
 - Appoint Hayden Rylott as Substitute Aide for the 2026-2027 school year at \$110 per day
 - to:
 - Appoint Hayden Rylott as Substitute **Teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year at **\$125** per day

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda
– Program

Program

A motion was made by Laurene Silvani, seconded by Anthony Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Program Actions: 10.1 – 10.3

- 10.1 CPSE Recommendations for the 2026-2027 School Year
 - a. Committee on Preschool Special Education
- 10.2 Building Level Safety Plan
 - a. Approve the September 2026 Building Level Safety Plan
- 10.3 First Reading and Adoption of New Required Policy
 - a. #7134 – Safeguarding the Rights of Immigrant Students

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda
– Finance

Finance

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Laurene Silvani, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Finance Actions: 11.1 – 11.3

- 11.1 Financial Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report – August 2026
 - b. Extra Class Report – August 2026
 - c. Appropriation Report
 - d. Revenue Status Report
 - e. Claim Auditor's Report – August 2026
 - f. Payroll Audit Report – August 2026
- 11.2 Budget Transfers & Journal Entries
 - a. Accept and approve the Budget Transfers and Journal Entries for the period of August 26, 2026 through September 9, 2026, that in accordance with Board Policy, the Superintendent has approved as well as the transfers that need specific Board approval.
- 11.3 Corrective Action Plan
 - a. Revised, that having received an audit from the IDEA Grant Program of the New York State Education Department entitled, "Standards for Financial and Program Management IDEA Grant Maintenance of Effort (MOE) compliance Calculator Reported MOE Exceptions (34 CFR §300.204, 2 CFR §200.302, §200.303)", the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan as prepared by the District administration and authorizes that said plan be submitted to the New York State Education Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda
-- Business

Business

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Anthony Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Business actions: 12.1 – 12.2

12.1 Contracts

- a. Approve the agreement between the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District and Southold Union Free School District, for student services, at an estimated rate of \$112,256.00. The term of said agreement shall be July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

12.2 Amend Motion

- a. Amend the motion of June 9, 2026 from:
Approval to transport twenty-six (26) students to the following private schools for the 2026-2027 school year:

Our Lady of the Hamptons – 6 students
Hayground School – 9 students

Ross Upper School – 3 students
Peconic Community School – 8 students

to:

Approval to transport **twenty-seven (27)** students to the following private schools for the 2026-2027 school year:

Our Lady of the Hamptons – 6 students
Hayground School – 9 students

Ross Upper School – **4 students**
Peconic Community School – 8 students

Motion carried unanimously.

Facility – None

Items for Consideration – None

Old Business – None

Assistant Principal Report

Mr. Sean Brennan reported that the school year is off to a great start, with students transitioning well and the school community in good spirits. He noted that the ACT/PreACT and SAT/PSAT exams are scheduled for October, providing seniors with an opportunity to take college admissions exams and underclassmen with an opportunity to assess their readiness as they begin the college planning process.

Mr. Brennan expressed his appreciation for working with Ms. Lang over the years and noted that, while the school community is sad to see her leave, Ms. Rando and Ms. Clark have been very supportive during the transition. He also thanked Dr. Doelger and Ms. Rylott for their assistance and support in helping make his transition into the position as seamless as possible.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Ms. Rylott reported that Ms. Christina Lesh will return virtually next week to provide professional development for new science teachers, as well as the K-8 Literacy and Grades 3-7 Math teams. Ms. Lesh will also be in the building on October 6 and 7.

Ms. Rylott also provided an update on the new World-Class Instructional Design & Assessment (WIDA) for English Language Learner (ELL) students. The testing window is February 1 through April 9, with the district planning to administer the Grades 3-8 assessment in March. The assessment is administered in multiple sections.

Regarding professional development and annual certification for WIDA, Ms. Rylott noted that this training was previously conducted through BOCES and is now available through a new online platform. She highlighted the district's strong ENL department, including Mr. Michael Galletta, certified in New York, and Ms. Laura Nivar, certified in New Jersey, whose certifications allow them to assist with WIDA administration and the transition to the new assessment.

At this time, Board Trustee Margaret Colligan asked about the status of New York State Regents Exams. Ms. Rylott explained that the changes have not yet been formally adopted and the district is awaiting further guidance from the State, including details regarding required student portfolios. She noted that there is still significant information to be provided as New York State moves toward eliminating Regents exams as a graduation requirement.

*Consent Agenda
– Business
(continued)*

Facility

*Items for
Consideration*

Old Business

*Assistant
Principal Report*

*Assistant
Superintendent
Report*

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Doelger reported that the fall athletic season is off to a great start. He noted a strong boys soccer victory at William Floyd this week, as well as a golf victory over Hampton Bays. He added that the girls volleyball and track teams are also performing well.

Dr. Doelger reported that Mrs. Lang's last day was the previous week, and the school community held a retirement celebration in her honor. He expressed appreciation for her years of service and noted that she will be greatly missed. He also commended Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Sweeney for their work in their new administrative roles.

Dr. Doelger noted that the school community observed September 11 with opportunities for students and staff to remember and honor those whose lives were impacted by the events of September 11, 2001. Several students visited the 9/11 Memorial at the Center Firehouse, while other classes participated in age-appropriate videos, poetry, readings, and classroom discussions. The school also held a school-wide moment of silence honoring the victims, first responders, military personnel, and all those whose lives were forever changed. Dr. Doelger thanked teachers and staff for providing thoughtful opportunities for reflection and remembrance.

Dr. Doelger reported that the Superintendent's Conference Days were successful, with a balance of professional development and training and time for staff to prepare their classrooms. He described the opening week of school as very successful, noting that students are doing well and the new staff members have made a positive impression. He expressed his appreciation for the district's returning staff and their continued dedication.

Dr. Doelger also reported that the district has successfully completed its first fire drill and lockdown drill and looks forward to a successful school year. He concluded by sharing the dates of upcoming events.

Board Member Reports

Board Trustee Anthony Rando stated that it's been a great start to the school year with a lot of moving parts, especially after the re-alignment of administration. He further stated that everyone is doing a great job and he is so happy with the feedback he has heard regarding our new teachers.

Board Trustee Laurene Silvani agreed that it has been a great start to the school year. Ms. Silvani who also is a member of the PTSA Executive Board encouraged everyone to attend the Back to School Barbeque on Friday, September 18, 2026. She shared that the PTSA has received thirty (30) raffle donations totaling approximately \$6,000. In closing, Ms. Silvani stated that the Shelter Island Faculty Associations has paid for the PTSA dues for all of the faculty and staff this year.

Visitor Comments

Ms. Molly Kendall, parent, reported that her daughter started her first year of high school this year. She's very excited about a few of her teachers, so much so that she arrived early to school to discuss a potential project with her teacher. Ms. Kendall stated that both the first and second week of school have been going great.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dawn Hedberg, seconded by Anthony Rando, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Maryann Impastato
District Clerk Pro Tem

The next meeting of the Board of Education of the Shelter Island Union Free School District is Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.

Superintendent
Report

Board Member
Reports

Visitor
Comments

Adjournment