

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, September 27, 2010, in the Library of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President
Mr. John DelGiudice – Trustee
Mr. Bruce Kahn – Trustee
Mr. Michael D. Sapricono - Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich
Mr. John Strifolino
Christopher Venator, Attorney

At 7:37 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Superintendent Brian Conboy apologized for postponing the September 16th meeting and stated that it was prudent to reschedule the meeting due to the severe storm that day.

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Conboy stated the first day of school went picture perfect. He also spoke about the superb job security did in preventing the senior prank this year and the maturity shown by the students in not performing a prank on school property.

He advised that the topics for discussion this evening will be on transportation and the Seaford Avenue Building.

None

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated September 8, 2010 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Seaford Avenue School

- Draft survey based on last meeting discussions prepared by Mr. Conboy with the assistance of Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Strifolino
- Zoomerang survey system
- Extremely powerful
- Will accept one survey per computer IP address
- Should stick to our plan to have this posted on our web site by end of October

Scoreboard

- Estimate for scoreboard was in board packet.
- Has digital read out which gets specified toward the sport being played.

Capital Project

- Contingency balance in bond is \$678,080.00
- We need to keep in mind the construction cost of the access road.

A Draft copy of our external audit was enclosed in the BOE packet

Tonight will be the second reading of the Audit committee charter.

Mr. Conboy thanked the Manor PTA for their donation of the refurbishment of the front sign at the Manor School.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Mr. Conboy briefly spoke about the horrific accident in Wantagh involving a student crossing Sunrise Highway.

- On the morning of the accident, Mr. Fagan spoke with Mr. Conboy and it was decided the district will send a letter to Inspector Blanthorn, Commanding Officer 7th precinct, formally requesting school crossing guards at Sunrise Highway and Seaman's Neck Road.
- This letter has been sent and Inspector Blanthorn stated she would revisit the last survey conducted and get back to the District.

Mr. Conboy advised that we need to be mindful of the ERS estimates we are hearing about.

- Apparently there will be an increase cost in this area.

Mr. Conboy commented that he had asked members of the last Seaford Avenue Committee to attend tonight's meeting and thanked them for coming.

- The board was supplied a copy of the report they prepared several years ago.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, that the consent agenda be approved as a whole with action recorded as if it had been taken severally.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
4. A. & B. (detailed below)**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the recommendation to approve the Non-Instructional Personnel Action Report dated September 8, 2010.

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT**

P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions

P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions

P-3: RESIGNATIONS:

1. THERESA MONTUORO

Position:	Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title:	Teacher Aide – Part-time
Type of Appointment:	Part-time
Location:	Manor Elementary School
Effective Date:	August 16, 2010

P-4: LEAVES:

1. JEANETTE GRASING

Position:	Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title:	Teacher Aide – PT
Type of Appointment:	Part-time
Location:	Harbor Elementary School
Reason:	Medical Leave (Unpaid)
Effective Date:	September 1, 2010
Expiration Date:	November 28, 2010

2. CYNTHIA O'DONNELL

Position:	Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title:	Teacher Aide – PT
Type of Appointment:	Part-time
Location:	Manor Elementary School
Reason:	Medical Leave (Unpaid)
Effective Date:	September 1, 2010
Expiration Date:	October 17, 2010

CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (cont'd)

P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: N/A

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

1. MARILYN BURTON

Position: Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – Part-time
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Harbor Elementary School
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2250-166-00-00
Reason: New Position - IEP Directed
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission

P-8: OTHER:

1. Recommend changing Cheryl Ackerman's Civil Service title to Teacher-Aide part-time from Clerk/Greeter effective September 1, 2010.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings listed below:

CPSE/CSE

1. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 8/3; 8/10; 8/11; 8/12; 8/27.
2. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Preschool Special Education Committee Meetings of: 7/7; 7/14; 7/21; 8/4; 8/25.
3. Recommend acceptance of the CSE and CPSE Committees for the 2010/11 school year.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Second reading of #6690 – Audit Committee and Policy #6690-E – Audit Committee Charter Template.

**SECOND READING – POLICY
NO. 6690 & 6690-E**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 7 (Final) in the amount of \$86,199.70 to LandTek Group, Inc. for the final round of work on the Seaford High School athletic field, and request the Board President's signature on the authorization for payment documents.

No Discussion
Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye

Motion Carried.

NO. 7 (FINAL) (HS)

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to declare the 300 World History Books adopted in 1998 as obsolete and of no use to the District.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

OBSOLETE BOOKS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the donation of a check for \$1400 from the Manor School PTA to be used to repair the Seaford Manor School sign in front of the building.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

DONATION

Areas covered in the discussion on Transportation included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Fagan commented about the letter we sent to the 7th Precinct and asked attorney Christopher Venator to explain a Child Safety Zone.

Mr. Venator explained how this can be changed according to transportation provisions.

- By petition by public to create child safety zone.
Then Board conducts investigation into the zone
This is a very complex point system which is utilized to determine if Child Safety Zone needs to be created including cooperation with State and local Department of Transportation agencies.
Must be submitted by March 1 of the year prior to it being taken in effect and will be presented for vote at that May election.
- The Board of Education can decide on their own if an investigation should be conducted for the creation of a Child Safety Zone.
If the Board decides to move forward, a resolution is required to have voters determine if money should be spent creating a Child Safety Zone.
- Transportation would be required to be provided for specified children within that Child Safety Zone.

This was done about 15 years ago and the point system determined this area does not qualify for a Child Safety Zone.

Questions/comments from Mr. Sapricono:

- What has the precinct done in the past?
- The District met with the past 2 commanders of the 7th Precinct and they both stated the surveys conducted determined this does not qualify as a Child Safety Zone.
- Is there an alternative to the point system?
- We discussed security guards in past but it wasn't a good discussion. What about volunteers crossing the kids?
- Possibility of joining together with the Wantagh School District on this issue.
There was a discussion of a foot bridge.
- The Commanding Officer of the 7th Precinct needs to hear our suggestions as well as make suggestions of her own.

Mr. DelGiudice asked if the resolution Mr. Venator referred to was a Board resolution for a voter resolution.

Mr. Fagan commented that if we supply the volunteers we would then become liable if there is an accident.

Mr. Venator stated:

Community can submit a petition

These regulations are New York State Department of Transportation regulations.

In 2004 it was changed to allow the board to determine through the point system if there is a basis for a zone then in the May election it would be voted on to accept the Child Safety Zone.

- There have been very little changes in the point system over time.

There is always a potential of additional liability for those who volunteer to cross the kids.

Comments by Mr. DiBlasio:

- We are waiting for the Commanding Officer of the 7th Precinct to get back to us as promised.
- While we wait for the police department to get back to us why not ask for Auxiliary officers to perform the task of School crossing guards.
Auxiliary Officers need to put in a certain amount of hours to maintain their status and in some cases to advance their position within the Auxiliary Program.
These are trained volunteers who perform this task routinely and are constantly performing traffic control duties during local parades and events.

Mr. Conboy stated that the District-Wide Safety Committee is meeting this Wednesday and he will make this part of their discussion.

Mr. Conboy also stated that he will follow-up with the Commanding Officer of the 7th Precinct.

Mr. Fagan stated if everyone in the community speaks out they will be heard - volumes speak

Mr. DelGiudice made a motion to create a Child Safety Zone which would require the Board of Education to conduct an investigation.

**MOTION TO CREATE CHILD
SAFETY ZONE**

The motion was not seconded.

Areas covered in the further discussion by the Board included:

More information is needed on the Child Safety Zone due to its complex process and point system.

History including previous voter disapproval and prior surveys which declared this area to not qualify as a Child Safety Zone.

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns Raised by the Public included:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

If we lower the transportation limits are they aidable?

Speed of cars on Sunrise Highway

Crossing signs blink and change before one can cross the Highway

What times would crossing guards be there if supplied

PTA rep remarked that the community needs to reach out to their PTAs because the PTA is a good means of communication.

A parent advised the Board of the results of a survey she conducted by counting the number of cars passing through various intersections on Sunrise Highway during specific time periods of the day.

A resident stated that this is early notice to public and this extra time can be used to communicate to the community

Mr. DiBlasio:

Explained the 3 E's of road safety - Engineering, Education, and Enforcement.

- Sunrise Highway is a State road so New York State Department of Transportation is responsible for the structure of the road.
- The School District participates in the education part by informing the students and the community about driver safety and school zones.
- Enforcement involves the local Police Department.

If the Child Safety Zone is created it should be created to cover all the children of Seaford, not just a specified zone to only include certain children.

Mr. Sapricono stated that crossing guards can definitely help. He also stated that there is a cost to conduct the survey and put this up for a vote.

Mr. DelGiudice stated mileage change will affect only the kids in the zone.

Board President Brian Fagan recapped the Board's options and requested that the District-Wide Safety Committee discuss this topic and report back to the Board any recommendations.

At 9:08 p.m. Mr. Fagan announced that they would be taking a ten minute break.

BREAK

The meeting resumed at 9:19 p.m.

RESUMED MEETING

Mr. Conboy opened by saying that the Board alone cannot make a decision on the Seaford Avenue building. That decision would be determined by the results of a vote by the community on a proposition presented by the Board.

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
SEAFORD AVENUE SCHOOL**

Areas covered in the discussion of the Seaford Avenue School included:

**DISCUSSION – SEAFORD
AVENUE SCHOOL**

Decision by Board to survey the community for their input to assist with the direction the district will take in regards to the Seaford Avenue Building.

Brief history of the Seaford Avenue Building:

- Past usage for students
- BOCES occupied the building from 1993 until this past summer.
- Minor improvements done by BOCES during their time in the building.
- BOCES moved to reduce their expenses and consolidated programs into buildings they own.
- The outside of building and boiler, windows and roof need to be replaced.
- Building is now vacant.

Questions contained in the first draft of the survey the district had prepared.

Selling the entire property or selling the building only

Traffic congestion

Population projection

- Currently there is no projection of increased student population for the district.

Questions, Comments and/or Concerns from the public:

Possibility of keeping the building for educational purposes

- It would have a positive impact on both the students it serves and the district if we were able to gain revenues for services offered in that building
Concerns over keeping the building so we can have the services our own children need instead of sending them out of District which is very costly.
- Have other districts send their children to our schools and obtain those services from us creating revenues for Seaford

55 and Older Housing

- Age of the owners of housing
- Can they have children who would attend our District?
- Housing, no matter what age, has the potential of increasing student enrollment.

All prior proposals included the dismantling of the building in order to build new structures for housing.

Whatever decision the board makes it will affect the value of property surrounding the Seaford Avenue building.

Resident expressed their opinion of keeping the building and fix it up in order to attract a tenant which produces revenues for the district.

- Decision needs to happen quickly because we are already losing money each day the building is vacated.
- We are also spending a lot of money just to maintain a vacant building.

Resident said we should make the best of both worlds to sell the building and keep the fields.

Resident questioned if the district ever explored a charter School for the Seaford Ave building.

SEAFORD AVENUE DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Mr. Conboy reminded everyone that the last estimate the board was given to make all the necessary repairs and upgrading to the building was 5.5 million dollars.

Mr. Fagan reminded everyone we seem to be counting the money before we even have it and suggested we continue with the reading of the survey and any suggestions the Board may have in order to get this out to the public to hear their answers.

Further discussion took place regarding the various ways of keeping the integrity of the survey intact.

- Mr. Conboy stated the survey company handling the responses online only takes one survey per IP address, avoiding duplicates from that particular computer.

After additional recommendations for the survey from the Board, Mr. Conboy stated the survey will be updated for Board approval.

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Conboy advised that the solar panels are up and running and generating power and we can track this power on the web site.

CLOSING REMARKS

At 10:20 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Mr. Kahn, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel contracts.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:40 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. DiBlasio
Board of Education Vice President &
Vice District Clerk