
A Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, in the All Purpose Room located in the Seaford Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Michael D. Sapraine - President
Mr. John DelGiudice - Trustee
Mr. Brian W. Fagan - Trustee
Ms. Linda Hurley – Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Richard DiBlasio – Vice President

Mr. Thomas J. Markle
Mr. Brian Conboy
Kenney W. Aldrich
Mr. Christopher Venator - Attorney

At 7:40 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Special Meeting. As the first order of business, Mr. Sapraine led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

None

OPENING REMARKS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Board of Education minutes of the Workshop Meeting of March 12, 2009, the Workshop Meeting of March 26, 2009, and the Workshop Meeting of March 30, 2009.

MINUTES

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD REPORTS

Topics covered in Mr. Markle's Administrative Report dated April 8, 2009 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Capital Projects – change orders
- Cobra benefits
- Nassau County – rebates for wrong assessments
- Tertiary Reserves would be needed
- BOCES candidates on agenda
- Meetings set for custodial contract negotiations
- Budget brochure at printer
- Budget “Road Show” schedule
- Visual Arts Show at Seaford High School – well attended
- Annual Fire Inspection went well

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Personnel Action Report:

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT**

A. INSTRUCTIONAL:

- P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions
P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions
P-3: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions
P-4: LEAVES: No Recommended Actions
P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions
P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions
P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

A) Instructional:

1. DOUGLAS MILSTEIN

Position: Secondary English
Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
Assignment: Seaford High School
Certification: Provisional – English Language Arts (7-12)
Effective Date: March 30, 2009
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A
Salary: MA Step 1 = \$57,581 pro-rated plus benefits
Reason: To Replace Tania Cintorino

2. TARA STORZ

Position: Remedial Math Teacher
Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
Assignment: Harbor School
Certification: Initial – Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)
Effective Date: April 6, 2009
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A
Salary: MA Step 1 = \$57,581 pro-rated plus benefits
Reason: To Replace Anita Dougherty

3. LAURIE MOORE

Position: Permanent Substitute
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Assignment: Seaford High School
Certification: Permanent – English
Effective Date: April 20, 2009
Expiration Date: May 31, 2009
Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A
Salary: \$18,000 plus benefits
Reason: To Replace Douglas Milstein

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

P-8: OTHER:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve the High School club and extracurricular appointment of Michael Santangelo as co-advisor Drama Accompanist. The stipend of \$977 should be taken from code 2850-019-00.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Jessica Delguercio's sick leave from March 31, 2009 to April 1, 2009 and start date of her leave without pay from April 1, 2009 to April 2, 2009 due to the use of a "snowflake day" as approved at the March 5, 2009 Board of Education meeting.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Jacklyn Hoffman's sick leave from April 21, 2009 to April 22, 2009 and start date of her leave without pay from April 22, 2009 to April 23, 2009 due to the use of a "snowflake day" as approved at the March 5, 2009 Board of Education meeting.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education approve Douglas Milstein's resignation as Permanent Substitute for the High school as of March 27, 2009 as approved at the March 5, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.
- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve Sara Gelling's resignation as Permanent Substitute for the Harbor school as of March 10, 2009 through May 6, 2009 as she is a leave replacement for Carol Rindos as approved at the January 8, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Seaford Association of Educational Office Personnel and the Seaford Union Free School District.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 2/11; 2/25; 3/5; 3/16; 3/17; 3/18; 3/19; 3/24; 3/26; 3/30; Preschool meetings of 3/11; 3/18; 3/25; 3/25 (amendment without meeting).

CPSE/CSE DETERMINATIONS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

None

DONATIONS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the High School's request for a field trip to the New York Federal Reserve in New York City on May 29, 2009.

FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Sapaicone asked which High School classes would be making this trip.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the first reading of revised Policy #5100 – Student attendance.

**FIRST READING – POLICY
5100 STUDENT
ATTENDANCE**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Discussion of Policy #9120.1 – Conflict of Interest remained tabled.

**DISCUSSION OF POLICY
9120 – REMAINS TABLED**

Discussion of Policy #6690 – Audit Committee remained tabled.

**DISCUSSION OF POLICY
6690 REMAINS TABLED**

Motion by Mr. Sapracione, second by Ms. Hurley, to approve the three (3) votes cast for candidates to the BOCES Board as follows:

**BOCES BOARD
CANDIDATES**

The Board discussed the backgrounds of each of the candidates.

Susan Bergtraum
Michael Weinick
Iris Wolfson

Michael Sapracione - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**BOCES 2009/2010
ADMINISTRATIVE
OPERATIONS BUDGET**

A brief discussion took place concerning the budget, bond costs, savings and increases.

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter “Nassau BOCES”) has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2009/2010 school year (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2009/2010 school year in the amount of seventeen million nine hundred eighty four thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,984,600) be, and hereby is **APPROVED** by this Board.

Michael Sapracione - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

Areas covered in Brian Conboy's presentation on Course Weighting at Seaford High School included:

**PRESENTATION – COURSE
WEIGHTING AT SHS**

- ◆ Some students choose classes based on weighting
- ◆ We would still rank seniors
- ◆ Have Valedictorian and Salutatorian
- ◆ Students in band, chorus, arts at a disadvantage compared with student taking advanced classes
- ◆ Everyone needs to take Regents level now
- ◆ Push forward with plan to have only a two-level weighting system at Seaford High School for the 2009/2010 school year
- ◆ Advanced and AP Courses will be weighted at 1.1; all other courses weighted at 1.0

Areas covered in Brian Conboy's presentation of SAILS included:

PRESENTATION - SAILS

- ◆ Committee made up of parents, administration and teachers
- ◆ Author Ms. Gerity came and discussed how Rockville Centre has changed their "Gifted" Program to now challenge all students. Currently all Rockville Centre 8th grade student take 2 Regents exams.
- ◆ We will change slowly
Current Third and Fourth Grades will be ½ day next year
No student currently identified will be removed from program
- ◆ Starting in 3rd grade – Push-in SAILS Program for everyone will be phased in
- ◆ In Middle School change to curriculum-based – now suggested to have across the board in the 6th Grade
- ◆ Ms. McShane thanked everyone for working on the committee. She feels a little sad seeing the program change but is proud of what has been achieved through the years.
- ◆ Not always fair in how students are chosen – people moving in after list made
- ◆ Not being in from the beginning leads to less opportunities in Middle School and High School
- ◆ Having all classes enriched gives all students a chance to work at their level on chosen topics yet see how others do the work
- ◆ In Middle School – 6th grade – could lead to more advanced classes in 7th and 8th grade
- ◆ Plainedge has all 8th graders taking Earth Science and Algebra. Our students could do this also
- ◆ Mr. Conboy reiterated that all students in SAILS have benefited

Areas covered in Athletic Director Tom Condon's presentation on the field included:

**PRESENTATION BY TOM
CONDON**

- Mr. Condon and users of the field supplied input
- Meetings with other districts, coaches, athletes, officials, Little League, etc. to discuss the field
- All purpose field – needs to be legal but not too busy
- Logo in center of field – 25 feet – designed by Cliff Miller
- End zone letters – non-issue for athletes
- Colors for lines are easily distinguished by the athletes
- Security at new field - cameras

CONDON PRESENTATION (cont'd)

- Discussion about 4 foot fence around track, 6 foot fence by ball field, emergency vehicle gates and 4 pedestrian gates not originally planned due to cost concerns.
- Photos of planned asphalt strip around track and photos of schools which did not include strip.
- Wantagh High School regrets not including strip around entire track.

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

**RESOLUTION – LANDTEK
CHANGE ORDER #1**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve LandTek Change Order #1 at the High School for replacement of existing obsolete fencing and installation of new ball control barrier fencing, plus gates, at a total cost of \$51,255 and request the Board President's signature.

Michael Sapricono - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION – LANDTEK
CHANGE ORDER #2**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve LandTek Change Order #2 at the High School for the installation of a new 36" asphalt strip around the new track at a total cost of \$22,500 and request the Board President's signature.

Michael Sapricono - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Sails Program – we should teach all our kids to take Regents exam in 8th grade.
How can an entire class be SAILS
Is SAILS considered Special Education; and if so, are these children entitled to more opportunities.
Concerned about district becoming too even across the board – not sure this is right thing to change
- When will all 8th graders be taking Regents
- When will we get New York State Report Card
- Compensated absences – should teachers be worried
- GASBY 45 – we don't need to fund compensated absences
- External Auditor – need to fully report by July 2010

Closing Remarks by the Board and Administration:

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Mr. DelGiudice asked about the results of the 07-08 testing data
- ◆ Most of our students achieving at above grade level
- ◆ Tests are not a good measure of intelligence
- ◆ Grading is a moving target
- ◆ Not My Child Presentation about drug use in Nassau – Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Seaford High School

At 9:52 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn the Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:22 p.m.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hurley,
Vice District Clerk