

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2012**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, January 5, 2012, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President
Mr. Bruce A. Kahn – Trustee
Ms. Annalisa Siracusa Antonette - Trustee
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked the audience for a moment of silence in honor of ATF Agent John Capano, who was killed in the line of duty on December 31st while trying to stop a robbery at Charlie's Pharmacy here in Seaford.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Conboy sadly announced the passing of Seaford resident Bob Silvestri earlier today.

OPENING REMARKS

None

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Conboy announced that the individuals behind Save Seaford Sports were able to raise the \$28,000 to preserve the Middle School Winter Season II. He briefly spoke about the individuals behind Save Seaford Sports and asked for a round of applause.

Members of Save Seaford Sports spoke about their fundraising thanked those who contributed and briefly spoke about plans for the future to raise the \$71,000 needed for Spring sports.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to accept a check for \$28,000 from Save Seaford Sports to cover Winter II season Middle School Sports.

DONATIONS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Mr. DiBlasio suggested that Andrew Coen of the Wantagh/Seaford Patch take a photo of those members of Save Seaford Sports present.

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Reports dated December 16, 2011 and December 23, 2011 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Proposal from BK Development for the Seaford Avenue School

- Extension of deadline for discussion
- Proposal to build 113 units for multi-family housing

PRESENTATION (cont'd)

Scott Berman, a Representative from the Engle, Berman Group gave a brief presentation concerning the proposal for the Seaford Avenue School. Included in his presentation:

History of the Company

Expertise and accomplishments of Company

Properties owned by the Company

Examples/pictures of properties developed by company including the Seasons at East Meadow, The Bristol, Fulton Commons Care Center and the Aqua

Examples/pictures of condo property almost identical to what is planned to be developed on the Seaford Avenue Property (Seasons at Plainview, Seasons at East Meadow condo project)

- Description of size and what units would look like
- Taxes project will generate is approximately \$800,000 a year; about \$550,000 allocated to school taxes
 - based on 113 units
- Brief description of offer price, price per unit and provisions for additional units

Mr. Conboy read a provision in the proposal that states the site shall be free of all hazardous substances and asked if the District would be responsible for abating any asbestos in that building. He was advised that any asbestos contained in the Avenue School would not be considered a hazardous substance for sale.

Mr. Fagan asked if the District would be held harmless from any future hazardous waste uncovered or any issues related from that

- He also asked why they are only looking at a multi-unit housing rather than assisted living or any other type of construction

Mr. Berman advised that he wasn't sure this property was right for assisted living; typically like to look for very high traffic locations for assisted living properties

In response to Ms. Antonette's question, Mr. Berman advised that the timeline to obtain all town and/or county approvals would be approximately 24 months

Mr. Conboy advised David Moll of Greiner-Maltz that he would contact him with any additional questions from the Board

Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated December 16, 2011 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Update on the County Guaranty lawsuit

- Justice Adams has dismissed the case; case will be going to Appeal
- Impact on Districts should they become responsible for the tax certioraris

Need for executive session this evening

Middletown School District organizing effort to sue New York concerning legality of tax cap

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated December 23, 2011 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

District's mission statement

Budget process – unknowns still exist

- CPI Number
- State aid
- Status of Foundation Aid
- Additional Building Aid, if any
- How soon State aid figures will be posted
- Retirement breakage from teacher, administrator and/or other employee retirements

Climate in which we start our budget process this year

- How can Seaford and all other New York State districts cope with the increased mandates and costs related to the APPR, new state assessments, Common Core Standards, curriculum writing and professional development related to those mandates in the worst economic climate facing schools in decades and with the tax levy cap looming?
- Awaiting for preliminary aid package from Governor

Update on copier company presentations to ACT members

- Companies invited to present to District personnel and the ACT were companies that deal in school copy businesses and have bid on Seaford RFPs in the past and have been in the ballpark
- We were not interested in contracting with those presenting companies – interested in finding out what was the modern technology related to copiers
- ACT has some meetings set up this month and next for some specific presentations with copier companies

After presentations are complete, with the help of the ACT, the Board and Administration will author a proper RFP for Seaford which will be open to any company

- Closed bid process
- Believe RFP will be written in the early part of February

Mr. DiBlasio asked about input from the ACT on RFP. Expressed concerns about deadline and wanted to ensure this is done in a timely fashion and we have the best RFP for our District

- Mr. Conboy advised that if entering into a multi-year contract, the voters must know the intricacies of the contract prior to voting on the budget

Tom Karounos, ACT Chairperson, advised that the Committee will be touring the buildings, looking at what we currently have in place and future needs without effecting service delivered. Also looking at numbers and thinking out of the box. Monthly meetings are scheduled and have made provision for additional meetings if necessary

Tech Services Contract:

- Additional Board discussion needed on how to proceed
- Possible need for RFP for technology services
 - Good use of the ACT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Mr. Fagan briefly spoke about the Switch Technology Services contract and after reviewing contract expressed concerns:

- Quite Costly
- Are all services contracted for necessary
- Any firms other than Switch that can provide similar services or better and cheaper services
- Need to look at current services they are providing, what we need from them and then pull that into technology discussions now and in the future
- Believe an RFP for technology services after copier RFP would be appropriate

Ms. Antonette suggested that Senior Engineer, whose services are specified in the contract, join the ACT in their walk through of the buildings to give his input.

Fred Kaden, Director of Technology, stated that he would like to add one thing with relation to the RFP for technology services:

Asked that in addition to the RFP, we RFP companies that are contracted with Nassau BOCES

- He advised that during the past several years we have been unable to get these services through BOCES because of the initial administration fees and with the possible sale of the Seaford Avenue building and/or possible increase in state aid, this would be an opportune moment to make sure we get a company that is with Nassau BOCES so we can receive our 41% aid back which would increase the flow into the District.
- Recommendation is that we RFP companies which are currently contracted with BOCES

In answer to Mr. Fagan's question as to what the connection of the sale of the Avenue building to Nassau BOCES Services Mr. Kaden stated that any increased revenue would allow us to move the contract which we have been doing privately over the past 5 years, to Nassau BOCES which has an administration fee which we don't see aid back until the following year

Mr. Conboy explained that due to our tight budgeting in past years, we were unable to come up with the initial outlay which is why we are not affiliated with Nassau BOCES.

- There are several reputable companies affiliated with Nassau BOCES for these services

Mr. DiBlasio asked Mr. Kaden to memorialize his recommendation and give it to the ACT.

Mr. Karounos advised that the ACT has reviewed the contracts and is looking to the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Contract Negotiations:

Need to set up timeline for ongoing negotiations for five (5) bargaining units whose contracts will come to an end on June 30th:

- Administrators
- Custodial
- Clericals
- Aides
- Nurses

Management Letter Response:

Audit Committee Review

- Recommended Changes
Timeline – Response needs to be sent to the State

Nicholas DiMola of the Audit Committee explained the changes made to the response and the reasons behind those recommendations. He also stated that in the future the Audit Committee would like to have Administration and the External Auditors present while the Committee is reviewing the response so that any questions or clarifications would be easily obtained

Mr. Conboy directed the Board's attention to the draft responses in their documentation to ensure the Board was clear as to which draft was the original and which was the recommended version of the Audit Committee.

At Mr. DiBlasio's request, Mr. Aldrich explained how his recommendations differed from the more stringent ones of the Audit Committee and how those matters will be handled in the future.

After a brief discussion concerning procedures for emergency purchases, notifications of emergency situations and procedures for Board approval, it was determined that in the case of an emergency, nothing would be done prior to contacting the Board and that practical solutions would be needed.

The timeline noted in the Management Response concerning the Treasurer's report, regular meetings with the Treasurer and need to determine the form and content of the Treasurer's Report was also discussed.

Fund Balance Policy

- Reviewed by Audit Committee

Island Trees

- QUESTAR BOCES – State Aide & Financial Planning Presentation on January 24, 2012

Capital Assets Accounting Policy

- Board requests review by Audit Committee
- Anything having to do with finances should go to the Audit Committee for review

Tour of High School

- Date of tour to be determined
- Tours of buildings by Board should be done each year

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to table Agenda Item 5.B.1.
– Treasurer's Report.

TABLE AGENDA ITEM 5.B.1.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to approve the Board of
Education Minutes of December 1, 2011.

MINUTES

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to acknowledge acceptance
for audit of the Revenue Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School
Lunch Report and Capital Fund dated November 30, 2011.

REVENUE REPORT

Mr. Kahn asked that in the future transfers be made on a rolling basis and
do not carry items forward as negatives (as shown on this report) pursuant
to New York State Education recommendations. Mr. Aldrich explained the
reason for the negatives and the timeline for the transfers. After a brief
discussion concerning budgeting, encumbrances, needed decisions
concerning transfers and timeline of same, the Board asked that the Audit
Committee look at the process as to why an item would go into the negative
and enhance the procedure to allow the Board better understanding.

Mr. Conboy verified with Mr. Aldrich the timeline for the resolution of the
negative balances on payroll and other codes would be the first part of
February.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to acknowledge acceptance
for audit of the Extracurricular Fund Activity Report dated November 30,
2011.

**EXTRACURRICULAR FUND
ACTIVITY REPORT**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to acknowledge acceptance
for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report dated November 30, 2011.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER
REPORT**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to acknowledge acceptance
for audit of the Expenditure Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund,
School Lunch Report and Capital Fund dated November 30, 2011.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to acknowledge acceptance
for audit of the Budget Transfers, as indicated in the Board's
documentation.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report, as amended:

**PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT
- INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Instructional (dated January 5, 2011):

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

1. DANA GRECI
Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Seaford Harbor School
Effective Date: December 14, 2011
Sick Leave: December 14, 2011 – December 21, 2011
Leave without Pay: December 22, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
FMLA: December 14, 2011 - March 22, 2012
Reason: Child Care Leave of Absence

P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

A) Instructional:

1. DANIELLE ALVEARI
Position: Elementary Teacher
Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
Assignment: Seaford Harbor School
Certification: Pre K-6 – Permanent
Effective Date: January 9, 2012
Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A
Salary: MA +30 Step 8 = \$84,728 (pro-rated)
Reason: Leave Replacement for Dana Greci
2. JENNIFER KUNZIG
Position: Special Education Teacher
Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
Assignment: Seaford Manor School
Certification: Students with Disabilities 1-6 - Initial
Effective Date: January 3, 2012
Expiration Date: April 18, 2012
Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A
Salary: As per leave replacement schedule
Reason: Leave Replacement for Laurin Cascino

P-8: OTHER:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve a sixth period teaching assignment for the 2011-2012 school year for the following teacher of Seaford Middle School starting November 9, 2011:

Tina Weir	.2 FTE	Special Education
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CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

- b) Recommend the Board of Education amend Carisa Burzynski's child care leave of absence from January 2, 2012 to February 10, 2012 as approved at the June 2, 2011 Board of Education meeting.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Francine Newman's leave replacement for Carisa Burzynski from January 2, 2012 to February 13, 2012 and amend her salary from \$400 per day to \$500 per day retroactive from December 12, 2011 as approved at the September 15, 2011 Board of Education meeting.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following High School extracurricular appointment for the 2011-2012 school year:

Lauren Thompsen	Computer Club	\$1,367
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- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following coaches for the Middle School Winter II season:

James Pollin	Wrestling	Step 5/C	\$5,624
David Takseraas	Asst. Wrestling	Step 5/D	\$4,543
Suzanne Mooney	Girls Basketball	Step 5/C	\$5,624

B. Non-Instructional – NONE

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of 11/21; 11/29; 12/2; 11/10; 11/15; 11/17; 11/21; 11/22; 11/23; 11/28; 11/30; 12/2; 12/5; 12/6; 12/7; 12/5; 12/7; 12/8; 12/15; 11/30; 12/6; 11/15; 11/22; 11/29; 12/6; 12/9; 12/19; 12/20.

CPSE/CSE

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Proposal for Seaford Avenue School

- Any other proposals
- How can public learn about proposals
- Is it one proposal that the Board brings to the voters
- What is appraised value of the property
- How does Board know what value of property is today
- What is the commission the real estate company will be receiving on the sale

PUBLIC COMMENTS –
AGENDA ITEMS

Upstate school district suing State

- What is the name of the School District
- What counsel is representing them

Concerns over County Guaranty lawsuit

- Comprising our relationship with County

Management Letter

- What determines an emergency

Do not believe it is defined in Education Law

Fund Transfers

ADMINISTRATION/BOARD

At the present time there is only one concrete proposal. Mr. Conboy explained that the Board cannot make the decision for what happens to the Seaford Avenue School. Board responsibility is to hear what the proposals are, discuss them in public and then recommend something for the vote of the public. Only one proposal at a time can be brought to voters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

Mr. Fagan explained that the Board will discuss all proposals given to the Board. He also spoke about appraised values, condition of the building and what the marketplace is calling for properties at this time.

Believe commission is between 4.5% and 5.5% - would need to look at the contract to give exact number

Mr. Conboy gave examples of what he feels is an emergency situation such as the West Babylon School District fire and the water main break down at the Harbor School which prevents students from going to school.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve the Management Letter Response.

Mr. Kahn asked to confirm that the Board was voting on the Management Letter Response which was recommended and revised by the Audit Committee. Mr. Fagan confirmed this was so.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the following:

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with Nassau Community College for the Commencement Exercises on Sunday, June 24, 2012, and request the Superintendent's signature on said contract.

Members of the Board expressed concerns over the sound system at past graduation ceremonies. The speaker cannot be heard/understood from floor seats or bleacher seats and parents were unable to hear their children's names when called. Mr. Conboy advised that he would contact the College to see if something could be done about the sound.

2. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with West Islip School District for Special Education Services for Seaford-residing students attending St. John the Baptist School during the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with A-Totleys Learning Center for tutoring services for eligible Harbor School students during the 2011-12 school year.
4. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with Infinite Learning, Inc. for tutoring services for eligible Harbor School students during the 2011-12 school year.
5. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with Kings Kids Resources, Inc. for tutoring services for eligible Harbor School students during the 2011-12 school year.
6. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with Shan Learning Corporation d/b/a Sylvan Learning Center for tutoring services for eligible Harbor School students during the 2011-12 school year.

**OLD BUSINESS - MANAGEMENT
LETTER RESPONSE WITH AUDIT
COMMITTEE INPUT**

NEW BUSINESS

**CONTRACT – NASSAU
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**CONTRACT – WEST ISLIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT – SPECIAL
EDUCATION SERVICES**

**CONTRACT – A-TOTLEYS
LEARNING CENTER
(TUTORING)**

**CONTRACT – INFINITE
LEARNING, INC. (TUTORING)**

**CONTRACT – KINGS KIDS
RESOURCES, INC. (TUTORING)**

**CONTRACT – SHAN
LEARNING CORPORATION
D/B/A SYLVAN LEARNING
CENTER**

CONTRACTS (cont'd)

7. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with All About Kids Therapy, LLC for tutoring services for eligible Harbor School students during the 2011-12 school year.

**CONTRACT – ALL ABOUT
KIDS THERAPY, INC.
(TUTORING)**

Mr. DiBlasio asked about the process used to determine what the best special education services are for our children at the best cost for those services. Ms. Antonette asked about the language and terms of the contract with All About Kids. Mr. Conboy explained that these contracts are different than other special education contracts. Mr. Strifolino explained that these contracts are all Title I and the process used is as directed by New York State. Mr. DiBlasio asked that in the future the Board receive additional back-up and/or explanation for contracts to explain why a particular service provider has been chosen.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the second reading of Policy #5281 – Selection/Classification Policy.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**SECOND READING
POLICY #5281
SELECTION/CLASSIFICATION**

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve the following field trips:

FIELD TRIPS

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Harbor School's request for a field trip to New York City for a Circle Line Sightseeing Tour with grades 1, 2 and 3 on May 21, 2012.
2. Recommend the Board of Education approve the High School's request for a field trip to CSI: The Experience Exhibit in New York City on January 13, 2012.
3. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Middle School's request for a field trip to Ellis Island in New York City on March 20 and 21, 2012.
4. Recommend the Board of Education approve the High School's request for a field trip to California with the Marching Band to perform at Disneyland from February 14, 2013 – February 20, 2013.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve the first reading of the Advisory Committee for Technology (ACT) Charter.

**FIRST READING - ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR TECHNOLOGY
(ACT) CHARTER**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to declare the two snow throwers located in the Manor and Harbor Schools as obsolete so that they can be disposed.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Mr. Kahn asked if these throwers could be sold as scrap.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Nassau County to accept a grant not to exceed \$25,000 for use in the completion of a new kindergarten playground at the Harbor School and authorize the Superintendent to sign this agreement.

**INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT
WITH NASSAU COUNTY**

Mr. Kahn asked if it was necessary to have two (2) resolutions – one to approve the entering into an agreement and the second to accept the donation of the check. Mr. Conboy explained the process and his reasoning for placing both items on the agenda for Board approval. Mr. Venator explained that the items were two separate things. Mr. Kahn stated that he felt that approval of acceptance of the donation should be made when the check is actually given to the District.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

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

**RESOLUTION - HARBOR
PLAYGROUND SEQRA
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free District is proposing the construction of a kindergarten pre-engineered playground at the Harbor Elementary School campus (hereinafter the “proposed action”; and

WHEREAS, the Seaford Union Free School District Administration has reviewed the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make recommendation to the Board of Education as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (7) of the implanting regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, “construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change of zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls...” is a Type II Action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District, as lead agency, after the review of the proposed action at the Seaford Harbor Elementary School, 6 NYCRR 617.5, hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (7) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no adverse impact on the environment.

No Discussion

Brian Fagan -

Aye

Richard DiBlasio -

Aye

Bruce Kahn -

Aye

Annalisa Siracusa Antonette -

Aye

Jeanmarie Wink -

Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to table Agenda Item 8.H.1. – acceptance of the donation of \$25,000 check for Harbor School Playground from Legislator Dennis Dunne.

**TABLE AGENDA ITEM 8.H.1 -
DONATION**

Mr. Conboy asked Mr. Venator if this item would need to be placed on subsequent agendas until approved.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Thank you to those involved in raising funds for the Harbor kindergarten playground
- Thank you to Mr. Strifflino for his work and efforts concerning the students in need at the Harbor School
- Does Nassau Community College have an auditorium which could be used instead of the Gymnasium
- Copy of letter sent to the Board of Education from the Department of State concerning the process used in the selection and replacement of Board members and the opinion contained therein that the Board violated the Open Meetings Law
Letter also asserted that Board erred in its decision to appoint rather than hold an election to fill open seat
Board relied on District's legal counsel's opinion and feels Board erred; opinion of independent body of Department of State far more objective.
Leaving letter with Patch and hopefully they will publish it.

Remarks by Administration/Board/Legal Counsel

REMARKS

- ◆ Attorney Christopher Venator briefly spoke about the Committee on Open Government and their role in issuing Advisory Opinions on various aspects of the Freedom of Information Law and Open Meetings Law
Mr. Friedman's opinions do not have the force of law; sometimes the opinions have been reviewed by the courts and/or by the Commissioner on Education– sometimes agreed with; sometimes not
Mr. Venator stated that he disagreed with Mr. Friedman's opinion.
Believe the opinion is contrary to Open Meetings Law and completely wrong
The opinion is based on a single case where the Village of Monticello completely violated the Open Meetings Law and had nothing at all to do with a board lawfully replacing and filling an open board seat
Mr. Friedman's decision was based on the information given to him and the information given to him was that the decision in terms of filling the open seats was done in Executive Session. The decision to make an appointment rather than to have an election was done in public
- ◆ District has looked at other venues to hold graduation; some were not large enough, some not available and others cost prohibitive.
Nassau Community College's gymnasium was large enough, air conditioned and cheaper than holding the ceremony on our athletic field

- ♦ Mr. Conboy spoke about Lisa Garcia and Yvonne Sinisgalli's efforts on the Harbor 50th Anniversary Kick-off at the Riviera and the proceeds from that will be going toward the Harbor kindergarten playground
- ♦ Gerbino Night is this weekend
- ♦ Patrick Butler memorial January 14th

CLOSING REMARKS

At 9:32 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to adjourn Executive Session at 11:50 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Bruce A. Kahn
Vice District Clerk