

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, March 9, 2006, in the All Purpose Room of the Seaford Manor School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bradley Kass - President
Ms. Linda Hurley – Vice President
Ms. Andrea Cajuste – Trustee
Mr. Richard DiBlasio – Trustee (arrived at 7:45 p.)
Mr. Russell Klein – Trustee

Mr. George L. Duffy, III
Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich
Mr. Brian Conboy
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 6:09 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the regular meeting.

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

All ayes
Motion carried.

Board President Bradley Kass asked to have a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing:

- Teacher Negotiations
- Contract with a specific employee

No action will be taken.

At 6:10 p.m., a motion as made by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session.

RECESS PUBLIC SESSION

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

All ayes
Motion carried.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. As the first order of business, Mr. Kass led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Harbor Elementary 5th Grade students gave a presentation concerning tolerance, respect before judgment, leadership, equality and dreams for the future. Individual students gave presentations based on Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream". Dreams for the cure of cancer, ending world hunger, the end to littering and peace were among the presentations. Their presentation also included recipes for leadership. The students ended the presentation with a poem recited by all the students.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Superintendent George Duffy then gave a presentation of the 2006/2007 Executive Budget Proposal which he had presented to the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Mr. Duffy went over the different aspects of the Governor's proposal and how it would affect our district as well as other districts on Long Island if it became an actuality.

The audience was advised that there was a meeting at the Brookside School in the Bellmore-Merrick School District sponsored by the Nassau Superintendents, PTAS and the School Board Association. Legislators including Senator Fuschillo and McDonough are invited. Community members are encouraged to attend. This meeting will give residents an opportunity to ask questions about the legislators' intentions for Long Island.

Mr. Kass asked for a motion to amend Agenda Item 22 to add the following sentence to the policy - "Use of Signature Stamps not permitted".

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to amend Agenda Item 22 as stated above.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2006, the Workshop Meetings of February 16 and March 2, 2006, the Budget Workshop Meeting of March 6, 2006 and the Executive Session of February 27, 2006.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2005 and January 31, 2006.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to accept the Extracurricular Fund Activity Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2006.

Opening Balance	\$	77,139.42
Receipts	\$	6,653.26
Expenditures	\$	24,717.19
Closing Balance	\$	59,075.49

All ayes
Motion carried.

OPENING REMARKS

AMEND AGENDA ITEM 22

MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

EXTRACURRICULAR FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the General Fund Revenue Report for the period July 1, 2005 through January 31, 2006.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUE
REPORT**

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the Journal Analysis Report (transfers) for the period of January 1, 2006 through January 31, 2006.

**JOURNAL ANALYSIS
REPORT**

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Code 1310-001-00 to 2250-077-12 as indicated in the board's documentation.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Code 1621-028-10 to 1620-030-00 as indicated in the board's documentation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Klein, second by Ms. Hurley, to approve the Expenditure Report for the period of July 1, 2005 through February 14, 2006.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the Bill Schedules and Warrants:

**BILL SCHEDULES &
WARRANTS**

Warrant 1034	02/13/06	\$	849,221.30
Warrant 1035	02/14/06	\$	246,704.46

All ayes
Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –
AGENDA ITEMS**

- Agenda Item 6 – Workshop Meetings
- Agenda Item 11 – Transfers of funds
- Agenda Item 23(a) – HS English field trip to see *Spamalot*
- Agenda Item 25 – Donation by S.P.O.R.T.S to fund Middle School Spring Sports – reinstatement of Sports - coaches

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report:

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT**

1. Certified Personnel

- a. Recommend approval to amend the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2006 to reflect the correct salary for Carly Pesce-Cohen. Salary: \$8.92 p/h. Code: 2250-035.

- b. Recommend the appointment of Suzanne Corallo to the position of regular substitute guidance counselor effective January 30, 2006 and terminating no later than June 30, 2006. Salary: MA+60 Step 8 = \$74,001 pro-rated plus benefits. In addition, she should also receive the guidance counselor stipend, pro-rated, of \$2,803.

- c. Recommend the appointment of Roseann Pellegrino to serve as a mentor for Thomas Hansen, mathematics teacher in the middle school, effective February 27, 2006 through February 27, 2007. Stipend: \$1500 per UTS contract.

- d. Recommend the appointment of the following individuals for high school spring coaching positions:

Pamela Smith	Varsity Girls Track	Step 1/A	\$5,361.00
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- e. Recommend the appointment of the following individuals for middle school spring coaching positions:

Ralph Rossetti	MS Baseball	Step 5/C	\$4,619.00
Ken Botti	MS Boys Lacrosse	Step 1/C	\$3,495.00
Patricia Foley	MS Girls Lacrosse	Step 1/C	\$3,495.00
Debbie Langford	MS Softball	Step 5/C	\$4,619.00
Dan Hayden	MS Girls Track	Step 2/C	\$3,730.00
James Pollin	MS Boys Track	Step 5/C	\$4,619.00

- f. Recommend the below-listed Middle School extracurricular appointment for the 2005-2006 school year effective March 6, 2006:

Thomas Hansen	Computer Club	\$1123 pro-rated	Code: 2850-19-00
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PERSONNEL (cont'd)

- g. Recommend the below-listed high school extracurricular appointment for the 2005-2006 school year effective March 13, 2006:

Curtis Tripoli Web Club Design \$2807 pro-rated Code: 2850-19-00
- h. Recommend approval to amend LoriAnn Wakely's extended sick leave through March 20, 2006.
- i. Recommend accepting the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Susan Schneider as Director of Music in the High School effective June 29, 2006.
- 2. Noncertified Personnel:
 - a. Recommend accepting the resignation of Lawrence Schechter as Security Aide at the High School effective February 6, 2006.
 - b. Recommend the conditional part-time appointment of Linda Breheny as a teacher aide at the Harbor School, effective upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission. Salary: \$8.92 p/h Code: 2250-035 (replacement).
 - c. Recommend the conditional part-time appointment of Denine Dixon as a teacher aide at the Harbor School, effective upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance. Salary: \$8.92 p/h Code: 2250-035 (replacement).
 - d. Recommend the conditional part-time appointment of Barbara Ralicky as a teacher aide at the Harbor School, effective upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance. Salary: \$8.92 p/h Code: 2250-035 (replacement).
 - e. Recommend the conditional part-time appointment of Zully Petrucci as a teacher aide at the Middle School, effective upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance. Salary: \$8.92 p/h Code: 2250-035 (replacement).

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

- f. Recommend the conditional part-time appointments of the following as security guards effective February 25, 2006:

Joe Arguello	Kenneth Morgan
Michael Marx	Gerald Verdicchio

Salary: \$18.43 p/h (19 1/4 hours p/w)

All ayes

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to approve acceptance of the determinations and placements of the Committee on Special Education Meetings of January 5, 12 and 31, 2006 and February 9, 2006, Preschool Special Education Meetings of January 25, February 15 and 28, 2006 and Preschool Revisions/Annual Reviews of February 1, 2006.

All ayes

Motion carried.

**CPSE/CSE
DETERMINATIONS**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to approve SCOPE to operate a self-supporting After School Child Care Program for students in grades K-5 at the Seaford manor School for the 2006-2007 school year.

All ayes

Motion carried.

**SCOPE AFTER SCHOOL
CARE PROGRAM**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to approve the following:

CONTRACTS

- a. Recommend approval for the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to sign a health service contract with the West Islip School District for twelve children attending St. John the Baptist for the school year 2005-06. Cost: \$499.69 per student.
- b. Recommend approval for the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to sign a health service contract with the Jericho School District for thirteen children attending Long Island Lutheran for the school year 2005-06. Cost: \$449.69 per student.
- c. Recommend approval for the President for the Board of Education to sign a letter of agreement with the Autism Help Center (TAHC) for one student for the period January 26, 2006 through August 31, 2006 as indicated in the board's documentation. Cost: \$30 per hour.

CONTRACTS (cont'd)

- d. Recommend approval for the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to sign a health service contract with the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District for one student attending non-public school in the district for the school year 2005-06. Cost: \$634 per student.
- e. Recommend authorization for the President of the Board of Education to sign a contract with SCOPE for 2006-2007, as indicated in the board's documentation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cajuste, to approve declaring as obsolete the library books as indicated in the board's documentation from the Harbor school.

All ayes
Motion carried.

OBSOLETE BOOKS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to grant permission for the Reading Department at the Harbor School to raise funds for the Nassau County Red Cross by holding a "Read-A-Thon" the week of March 13-17, 2006.

All ayes
Motion carried.

HARBOR FUNDRAISING

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve accepting the Class of 2004's gift to the school of two six-foot wrought-iron green Viking benches.

All ayes
Motion carried.

**CLASS OF 2004
DONATION**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 6410 Authorized Signatures as amended to add the "The use of signature stamps is not permitted".

All ayes
Motion carried.

**POLICY 6410 – SECOND
READING**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to grant permission for the following high school groups to conduct fund raising during the 2005-2006 school year.

**HIGH SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING**

National Art Honor Society	Sale of refreshments at Band Showcase	2/3/06 (B. Conboy verbally approved 1/27/06)
Drama Club	Valentine-Gram with drama students singing in classrooms	2/7/06 – 2/13/06 (B. Conboy verbally approved 2/2/06)
Class of 2008	Sale of Raffle Tickets for Discount Coupons in Community	3/6/06-3/31/06
Class of 2008	Bake Sale	3/9/06 and 3/30/06

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the High School English students to go on a field trip to New York City to see Spamalot at the Shubert Theatre at 225 West 44th Street and to have lunch at ESPN Zone at 1472 Broadway.

FIELD TRIP

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the establishment of a Web Design Club at the High School level and add it to Appendix B of the Recognition Agreement between the Chief School Administrator, Seaford Board of Education and United Teachers of Seaford. Stipend for the club would be \$2807 as indicated in the board's documentation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Seaford Board of Education accepts a donation of \$15,000 from S.P.O.R.T.S. for the purpose of providing sufficient funds for the Middle School Spring sports program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2005-2006 district budget be increased by \$15,000 to create appropriations for said program.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to adopt the school calendar for the 2006-2007 school year as indicated in the board's documentation.

**2006-2007 SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

All ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to approve the use of facilities by the following groups as detailed in the Board's documentation:

USE OF FACILITIES

1. Seaford High School

- A. SEPTA - Dyslexia Workshop
- B. Seaford Booster Club – Athletic Dinner

2. Manor Elementary

- A. Manor PTA – Girls' & Boys' Hygiene Program
- B. Seaford Little League – Draft
- C. Seaford Little League – Coaches/Umpires Clinic
- D. PTSA – Meet the Candidates' Night

3. Seaford Middle School

- A. Girl Scouts – Adults – Leaders' Meeting

4. SUMMER CAMPS

- A. Elite Soccer Camp

5. Fields and Track

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Field(s)</u>
A. – B.	HTB Youth Football League	Manor Field
C. – S.	Seaford Little League	Avenue # 1, 2 & 3, Harbor Baseball Field, HS #1,2,3
T. – V.	St. William CYO	HS #3
W. – Z.	ABA Men's Softball*	HS #1 & 2

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Kass spoke about the initiative with Mr. Suozzi and 40 other Nassau County Districts to change state aide. Form letters have been created and addressed to Governor Pataki, Senator Fuschillo, Senator Bruno and Assemblyman Silver. These letters will be available on the back table. Mr. Kass encouraged community members to add their own comments to the form letters before mailing them.

**CLOSING REMARKS BY
ADMINISTRATION &
BOARD**

Ms. Hurley stated that Regents and AP Review Academies would be reinstated at the HS. Spring Middle School Sports would also be reinstated.

CLOSING REMARKS (cont'd)

Mr. Kass spoke about Board credibility and making decisions to add programs back in to give the students a full education. Mr. Kass also advised that the Board is committed to holding the “Town Hall” meetings he has spoken about in the past. Scheduling has been an issue up to this point but there will be one scheduled soon.

He also advised that a small committee of individuals with real estate backgrounds has been formed to explore our options relative to the Seaford Avenue School and the property. This committee has already met once and has another meeting scheduled.

Mr. DiBlasio addressed a rumor going around that the Board was only concerned with finances. He stated that good sound accounting practices are needed in order to move forward with a better education for children. Many things are being addressed right now and things that need to be corrected to abide by state laws are being corrected. Many of these things happen to be financial. The Board is concerned about finances because we care about our children and about their education.

Mr. Duffy reminded everyone about the school play this weekend. He also advised that he and Brian Conboy had co-signed a letter that was on the website as well as going home with each student. This letter concerned student internet use, particularly a website called “My Space”.

Mr. Conboy thanked the Seaford Wellness Council for the monies donated for Rachel’s Challenge. He also announced the 50th Anniversary for the Manor School to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Middle School Sports’ Fall Coaches
- Reduction of lower grade class size
- Budget
- Summer Reading Program
- Communication and Trust with the Community
- Superintendent Search and timeline
- State Aid
- Infinite Campus
- Excused/Non-Excused Absences – Attendance Policy
- Pride Survey & steps implemented as a result
- Regents Review Classes, tracking attendance at same

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

- Budget Newsletter in easy language
- Contact with Senator Fuschillo
- Delegation of duties
- Enrollment
- Increase of Budget - MS Sports
- Project Pride Study - implementation of changes based on outcome (drug and alcohol awareness)

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Klein, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:20 p.m.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Linda Hurley
Vice District Clerk