

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bruce A. Kahn - President
Mr. Patrick Rail – Trustee
Ms. Stacie Stark - Trustee
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink – Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - Vice President

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. John A. Strifolino
Ms. Elisa Pellati
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 7:33 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Bruce Kahn led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated October 9, 2015 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Newsday Marching Band Festival – Tomorrow Evening
- Power Point Presentation on Smart Schools Bond Act
- Thank you to ACT (Advisory Committee for Technology)
- BOCES Technology Audit
- Technology Survey
- Update on Harbor Access Road
 - Architects looking into whether this project which is not being funded by Seaford tax payer dollars or being built on Seaford School District land, needs State approval and/or State building permit
- LIPA tax situation (not paying taxes; will be paying PILOTS)
 - Impact on Seaford
 - Awaiting information on what LIPA properties are located in Seaford
- Public hearing notice from Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency
- Suggestions from Middle School
 - Middle School gardening project (working with Senior Citizens)
 - Creation of Middle School Robotics Club
 - In response to Ms. Stark, Mr. Conboy advised he did not include a proposal but we already have the Lego kits and that this is a precursor for the High School robotics program. More information will be given to the Board. The Middle School would like to start this program this year.
- Efficiency Plan approved at State level
 - Mr. Kahn clarified that this is a multi-year plan and covers us for three (3) years

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Areas covered in the Power Point presentation/discussion concerning the Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014:

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT OF 2014

- Great diversity in New York State
 - New York planning a completely computer-based testing program
 - Passed in the 2014-15 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum.
 - The Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds.
 - The money will be used to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the state.
- Four Eligible Uses
1. Acquire learning technology equipment or facilities.
 2. Install high-speed broadband or wireless internet connectivity for schools and communities
 3. Capital work for pre-kindergarten programs and replacement of modular classrooms.
 4. Install high-tech security features in school buildings and on school campuses
- Allocation Amount
- Eligible school districts are those that receive Foundation Aid.
 - The allocation amount is proportionate to the District's share of total formula based school aid in the 2013-14 school year.
 - Seaford School District allocation is \$1,103,841.
- Instructional Technology Plan Survey (already approved by State Ed)
- Necessary for Smart School technology purchases.
 - Must be submitted to NYSED by October 16, 2015.
 - Our District Plan Survey was submitted on October 2, 2015 and approved on October 5, 2015.

SMART SCHOOLS BOND (cont'd)

Smart Schools Improvement Plan

- All districts must develop and receive approval of a Smart Schools Improvement Plan from the Smart Schools Review Board.
- Plans will describe the intended expenditures and projects.
- There are no deadlines for submission of the Plans as these funds do not expire.

Required Elements of the Plan

- Demonstration of Need
- Describe strategic approach to understanding and meeting students' needs while aligning to current plans in place.
- Adequate Technological Infrastructure
- Demonstrate infrastructure of 100 Mbps per 1,000 students currently exists in buildings where new devices will be deployed (*precondition).
- Professional Development
- Describe plan to ensure deployment of technology to enhance instruction will be successful. Must contact SUNY teacher-prep program for advice. SSBA funds may not be used to support PD.
- Technical Support
- Provide on-going support for preparation, distribution and maintenance. SSBA funds may not be used for support.
- Sustainability
- Demonstrate long-term plan to physically maintain investments. Capacity to support recurring costs (maintenance, replacement, tech support, Internet fees, etc.).

Application Process for Seaford

- District develops preliminary plan to spend \$1,103,841.
 - Nassau BOCES has provided the District with a Network Infrastructure Analysis.
- Stakeholder Engagement: consultation with parents, teachers, students, community members, nonpublic schools and other stakeholders must take place. DWST & ACT Committees to meet.
- Board of Education (BOE) will review the preliminary plan.
- Draft plan will be posted on District website for 30 days.
- BOE will conduct a public hearing enabling stakeholders to respond to the plan.
- District will prepare final plan for BOE approval.
- BOE-approved plan will be posted and uploaded to NYSED portal for submission.

Suggested Uses for Seaford

- Cabling
- Switches
- Wireless points
- Intercoms/Monitors/Cameras

Other areas covered in the discussion included enrollment, current infrastructure compared to State requirements, bandwidth, SEC recommendations, BOCES, equipment for private schools, how to get stakeholders' input, ACT Committee, District Wide Safety Committee, notifications, State Survey – three-year plan, district five-year plan, school notification system (Shout Point) and district website alert system (put blurb in District Newsletter informing public how to register).

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

- ◆ Still waiting to hear whether ACME/Baumann Bus will go on strike
Families who would be affected have been contacted
- ◆ Next meeting is November 5th at the Harbor School

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Wink, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk

CLOSING REMARKS

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING