

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, 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. John DelGiudice – Trustee
Mr. Bruce Kahn – Trustee
Mr. Michael D. Sapricono - Trustee

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

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

OPEN MEETING

Ally Battaglia, a partner in the District's external auditing firm, R. S. Abrams & Co. LLP., presented the final Management Letter on the audit for the 2009/10 school year.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Battaglia stated the District is in a good healthy financial position and R.S. Abrams issued an unqualified opinion in their audit reports which is the best opinion which can be issued. An unqualified opinion was also issued on the extra curriculum classroom report. No significant deficiencies or any material weaknesses were reported. The Management Report contained some comments concerning internal controls. She also thanked Mr. Aldrich, Ms. Unnold and the business office for their cooperation during the audit.

**R.S. ABRAMS & CO. 2009/10
MANAGEMENT LETTER**

Questions/Comments/Concerns from the Board on the Audit Report:

- What deficiencies were found?
- What do other districts do to maintain appropriate compliance and notification of changes which impact purchasing policy?
- Is there any new information concerning unfunded liability and if legislation is passed, what impact would it have on the District?
- What happens to money in classroom funds of classes that have already graduated?
- What are the repercussions of additional funds in the lunch fund
- Amount of Unreserved Fund Balance is \$460,000.
- How can we be assured that we are up to date on regulations?

In response to the question on deficiencies, she advised that they were:

- Name of purchasing agent missing in policy – Updating to state the actual name
- Some Form 1099's missing
- Cash receipts not immediately endorsed – Should be done as soon as received
- Segregation of duties - More of a Wincap issue – just requires a turn-off of permission of one member of the business office
- School lunch fund exceeded the three-month expenditure – District should look into the school lunch operation.
- Capital Assets – Should do periodic inspections.

Ms. Battaglia advised that the District should contact its attorneys or New York State School Boards Association to obtain updates to regulations.

AUDIT REPORT (cont'd)

Mr. Fagan thanked Ms. Battaglia. He then asked Bradley Kass, Chair of the District's Audit Committee, if he had any questions concerning the audit. Mr. Kass stated that some of the work the Audit Committee will want to look at is the fund balance issue.

Superintendent Brian Conboy introduced the newly hired staff for the 2010-2011 school year. He then announced the names of those teachers who were granted tenure during the 2009-2010 school year. Board President Brian Fagan presented each of those teachers a certificate in honor of their tenure.

At 7:58 p.m. Board President Brian Fagan advised that there would be a 15-minute break and invited everyone to join them for refreshments.

The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated October 1, 2010 included:

Seaford Avenue School Survey

- Need to finalize survey and decide how long we want to have it posted
- Placement on District website through Zoomerang subscription
- Discussion at last Workshop Meeting
- Only one survey for each IP address can be accepted
- Survey to capture all possibilities for the building and the land
- Hope to post survey by end of October
- Currently have a 12-question survey with question 13 designed for comments
- First seven questions reflect the choices we envision for the building and the land
- The balance are demographic questions

Board Comments/Questions/Concerns:

- Timeline for posting of survey
- Suggestions to post survey 2 weeks; suggestion to post for a month
- Survey designed to gauge what the community feels we should do - either develop the building/land or sell the building/land
- Once we have that direction then perhaps a second survey can go out at a later date to determine how we should look at the direction chosen
- Previous request to add some revenue questions to the survey – current survey does not show them
- Question 3 – Sale of the building – revenue received for the building and reduction of costs to keep it
- Without adding that kind of information the question may not be particularly useful
- Unsure that it is correct to talk about cost without talking about revenues as well
- Other questions concerning a sale would require a monetary figure
- Concerns that residents would take the number written and lock us into amounts stated
- People may be more confused if we start to put dollar amounts in
- If we are putting values in survey they should be accurate up-to-date numbers
- We can't really be accurate in these economic times

RECOGNITIONS

REFRESHMENT BREAK

MEETING RESUMED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (Seaford Avenue Survey) (cont'd)

- The options represent giving up in some ways and getting in others
- Suggestion to move questions to another survey
- Questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 without additional information are all the same question with a slight variation
If we don't distinguish between them what are we asking
- Possible rephrasing of question 8 - asking community about the future
5 years, 10 years, 20 forward
- This is a good start and should go ahead with this survey.
Survey is to help the Board get an idea of how the community feels
Believe some kind of a second survey will be needed after we receive results of first survey
Keep in mind that Board has to make the decision and is looking for guidance from the community

Administration Comments/Questions/Concerns:

- Any number added to number 3 would be at the current market value
- How about the tax benefit depending on the kind of structure that would be built?
Depending on whether it was sold for residential or commercial use, the tax gain would be in the range of \$130,000 to about \$260,000 per year
- Purpose of survey is to try to give the Board a direction as to how the community would like to move
- Would like to lock this down by the meeting which is October 20th.
This timeline is good because the next mailing will be in mailboxes by November 1st and on the front page of that mailing will be a reminder to residents that the survey is up and ready to be responded to
Possibility of doing a shout point to parents in the district
As long as we have a final by the next workshop meeting we will be okay
- We don't want people abandoning the survey in the middle because it is too long or cumbersome
- Are the questions where people live and how long have they lived in Seaford important questions to the survey?
- Results from the first survey will determine how we proceed

Harbor School Roadway:

- Application for Examination and Approval of Final Plans and Specifications will be sent up to State Ed after Mr. Fagan and Mr. Conboy sign the application this evening
- Awaiting County approval – Mr. Ward monitoring approval process regularly
Important that the Army Corps of Engineers and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation have the project so they may begin their review
- Timeline of best estimates for completion of project
- OAT meeting earlier today concerning roadway projects and closeout of Capital projects
Concern over total cost of project as currently estimated and the amount of contingency funds left
Original estimate was \$350,000 for construction of road
\$521,000 is current estimate (conservative)
Difference is due to when soil borings were done at the site it was determined that the soil would have to be almost completely excavated and new soil trucked in. \$160,000 of soil will need to be placed at the site and removal of soil which is not good to build on
Significant concern over the quality of soil currently there

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (Harbor Roadway) (cont'd)

- Roadway project is being tied into an asbestos abatement project in the Harbor School
Total cost of project is estimated at \$675,000
Estimated contingency balance is approximately \$628,000
- Due to competitive environment, hopeful when we will get low bids when this goes out to bid
High School Windows and roadway not envisioned but is being done due to contingency funds
Must be prepared for every contingency
Right on the verge of getting this done
When bids come out for road portion we will adjust the amount of remediation for the building if necessary

Board Comments/Questions

- What about surrounding area of soil which is potentially unstable
Anything in the soil need to be abated
What is being done with the soil which is being removed
Soil was removed when high school field was done
- Project aidable
- Soft costs
- Moving into this project with \$55,000 deficit
- Roadway higher
Vegetation replaced
Removal of soil part of bid
- \$125,000 interior work

Remaining Contingency Balance

There were a number of ideas for use of the remaining contingency balance:

- Harbor Driveway most important
- Scoreboard for turf field
- Other areas needing refurbishing
 - Fencing
 - Walkway in and around athletic field around Booster Club shed
- Solar project is up and running and due for a \$60,000 rebate from LIPA
- To be aidable the work must be tied to one of our projects sent to State Ed for aid.
Once work was closed out on the high school field any other work in that area would not be aidable
Work on other fields is tied into the High School windows project
- Cannot receive aid on grant money
- Numbers have to be actual
- One purpose of this morning's meeting was to have Triton and Susan Unnold justify numbers
- Once we have the bids in front of us we will be able to move forward
February/March target for having bids before Board
State and County approvals
County recommended roadway line up with driveway across the street

Board Comments/Questions/Concerns

- Belief that we were going for the more expensive scoreboard because it would be aidable
- Could scoreboard be tied to work on other fields
- Is there a minimum or maximum to be aidable
Could we apply LIPA money to Harbor Roadway project

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

- Want to get road done but we have a responsibility to acknowledge the numbers
There is \$628,000 left and this project will cost us \$675,000
We have to watch every dollar we are spending and hope that the bids come in less
- Intent was to get a multi-purpose scoreboard
Purpose was to get an aidable scoreboard
- Need to wait and see when the bids come in
- Why is roadway now planned to be straight when originally been planned to be curved

Other topics covered in Administrative Report:

Race to the Top Allocation

Memo from Ingerman Smith concerning new laws surrounding training for new Board of Education members

Cash Flow Reports

Enrollment Data

Reception for Mr. Strifolino at Manor School

Meeting with POP Officers

Nassau County Police Department will be doing the traffic study at the intersection

 Crossing students is not role of Auxiliary police officers

 Auxiliary officers not trained for traffic control or crossing students

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
5. A, A.1., B, C, D, E (detailed below)**

At Mr. Fagan's request, Mr. Conboy briefly explained the purpose for Addendum Agenda Item 8.C.4., a Resolution concerning County-wide Property Assessment Jurisdiction. Mr. Conboy advised that Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association feels that a strong statement by way of Board resolution needs to be made by Nassau School Districts stressing their opposition to County Executive Mangano's plan to pass the responsibility for tax certioraris on to school districts. If Mr. Mangano is successful in getting school districts to handle this responsibility, we would need to have a reserve in place to handle tax certiorari if taxpayers grieve their taxes and are successful. It would be our responsibility to make up that tax. We were trying today to envision how much of a reserve we would need. No Nassau County School District has the money for this and it is currently in law that it is Nassau County's responsibility and the School Board Association feels it should stay that way.

Mr. Fagan briefly spoke about a seminar he and former Superintendent Thomas Markle attended last year where the law firms of Guercio and Guercio and Ingerman Smith gave a presentation on this matter.

Board Trustee John DelGiudice asked that approval of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2010 be tabled. Mr. DelGiudice explained that he had asked that these minutes not be presented at this meeting or be tabled because he did not have enough time to review the contents and make adequate comments on them and stated that it is still his position.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

Mr. DiBlasio asked what about the minutes Mr. DelGiudice was talking about – was it that he did not review them or was it something specific. Mr. DelGiudice stated that they had spoken about some specific things but in general he felt he did not have enough time to review them.

Mr. DiBlasio asked Susan Unnold, the District's Treasurer, about a memo to the Board recommending a consolidated report given to the Board and expressed concerns about the Board receiving less information. Mr. Kahn's suggestion was to receive the consolidated report in the Board agenda packet and receive the longer report in PDF format via email. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Board would continue to receive the longer version only it would be printed two-sided.

Mr. Fagan then asked for a vote on the consent agenda.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapracione, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 1, 2010, the Regular Meeting of September 2, 2010 and the Workshop Meeting of September 27, 2010.

MINUTES

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapracione - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapracione, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapracione - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapracione, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report and Capital Fund for the month ended August 31, 2010.

REVENUE REPORT

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapracione - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapracione, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report for the month ended August 31, 2010.

**EXTRACURRICULAR FUND
ACTIVITY REPORT**

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapracione - Aye
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapricono, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report for the month ended August 31, 2010.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER
REPORT**

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapricono - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapricono, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Expenditure Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report and Capital Fund for the period ended August 31, 2010.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapricono - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapricono - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapricono, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report, as amended:

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT - INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Instructional (dated October 7, 2010):

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

CONSENT AGENDA (PERSONNEL) (cont'd)

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

A) Instructional:

1. MELISSA HOFMANN

Position: Elementary Teacher
 Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
 Assignment: Seaford Manor School
 Certification: Early Childhood Education - Initial
 Effective Date: September 27, 2010
 Expiration Date: February 7, 2011
 Tenure Eligibility: N/A
 Tenure Area: N/A
 Salary: MA Step 1 = \$59,855 (pro-rated)
 Reason: To Replace Jennifer Adelstein

2. DONALD HILTON

Position: Elementary Teacher
 Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
 Assignment: Seaford Harbor School
 Certification: Pre K-6 – Permanent
 Effective Date: September 29, 2010
 Expiration Date: February 4, 2011
 Tenure Eligibility: N/A
 Tenure Area: N/A
 Salary: MA +15 Step 4 = \$69,098 (pro-rated)
 Reason: To Replace Anita Dougherty

P-8: OTHER:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Douglas Milstein's leave replacement for Christine Lindquist from October 29, 2010 to November 5, 2010 as approved at the July 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education rescind Frank Maniscalco's sixth period teaching assignment for the 2010-2011 school year as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education amend the salary of Agnes Piwowar-Clark, leave replacement for Joanna Schroeder, from MA Step 2 = \$62,087 (pro-rated) to MA+30 Step 2 = \$65,412 (pro-rated) as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following High School club and extracurricular appointments for the 2010-2011 school year. These stipends should be taken from code 2850-132-00.

Anthony Romeo	Model Congress Co-Advisor	\$1,001
Christopher Coniglio	Model Congress Co-Advisor	\$1,001

- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following Middle School club and extracurricular appointments for the 2010-2011 school year. These stipends should be taken from code 2850-132-00.

Gina DiPalo	Memory Book	\$2,002
Christina Urso	National Junior Honor Society	\$1,736
Jeffrey Cronin	Assistant Stage Co-Manager	\$667
Kenneth Guarniere	Assistant Stage Co-Manager	\$667
Patricia Gilroy	Service Club Co-Advisor	\$667
Patricia Smith	Service Club Co-Advisor	\$667
Patricia Gilroy	Mathletes Co-Advisor	\$1,001
Patricia Smith	Mathletes Co-Advisor	\$1,001
Susan Steinberg	Drama Club Director	\$3,334

CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL (cont'd)

- f) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following coaches for the High School and Middle School winter and spring season:

Jamie Adams	JV Boys Basketball	Step 5/B	\$5,663
Jamie Adams	JV Baseball	Step 5/B	\$5,663
Douglas Milstein	HS Asst Spring Track	Step 1/B	\$4,250
Patricia Gilroy	MS Asst Spring Track	Step 1/D	\$3,008
Gina DiPalo	MS Girls Lacrosse	Step 4/C	\$5,130
Suzanne Mooney	MS Girls Gr. 8 Basketball	Step 5/C	\$5,487
Suzanne Mooney	MS Softball	Step 5/C	\$5,487
Donald Hilton	MS Boys Lacrosse	Step 2/C	\$4,432

B. Non-Instructional (dated September 27, 2010):

- 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: N/A
- P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

1. KATHY GREEN

Position: Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – Part-time
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Manor 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

2. CAROL LINCKER

Position: Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – Part-time
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Manor 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

3. KATHLEEN MARSH

Position: Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – Part-time
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Manor 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
(Ms. Marsh is currently employed by the District as a Substitute School Monitor)

CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL (cont'd)

4. MELISSA-ANN VAVRICA
Position: Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – Part-time
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Seaford High 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

5. PETER DONOHUE
Position: Part-time Cleaner
Civil Service Title: Cleaner - Part-time
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: District
Salary: \$17.62 per hour
Code: 1620-161-00-0000
Reason: Fill Vacated Position
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission (Mr. Donohue is currently employed by the District as a substitute part-time Cleaner)

6. MARYANN LEAP
Position: Substitute School Nurse
Civil Service Title: School Nurse Substitute
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District – Where Needed
Salary: \$85.00 per day
Code: 2815-137-00-0000
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission

7. JOSEPH CAMELLIRI
Position: Substitute Part-time Cleaner
Civil Service Title: Cleaner – Part-time Substitute
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District – Where Needed
Salary: \$15.67 per hour
Code: 1620-171-00-0000
Effective Date: Upon approval of his application by the Civil Service Commission

8. ANDREW W. MANISCALCO
Position: Substitute Part-time Cleaner
Civil Service Title: Cleaner – Part-time Substitute
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District – Where Needed
Salary: \$15.67 per hour
Code: 1620-171-00-0000
Effective Date: Upon approval of his application by the Civil Service Commission

9. DAVID PETROVEC
Position: Substitute Part-time Cleaner
Civil Service Title: Cleaner – Part-time Substitute
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District – Where Needed
Salary: \$15.67 per hour
Code: 1620-171-00-0000
Effective Date: Upon approval of his application by the Civil Service

CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL (cont'd)

P-8: OTHER:

No Recommended Actions

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapraicone, 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: 8/26; 9/1; 9/3; 9/7; 9/8; 9/14.
2. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Preschool Special Education Committee Meetings of: 9/7; 9/22.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Motion Carried.

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve a contract with GWJ Consultants, Ltd. for special education aides training during the 2010/11 school year, and authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

CONTRACTS

Mr. Fagan spoke about information he received concerning services available through BOCES and expressed the importance of evaluating all of the free resources available through BOCES, School Boards' Associations and any other organizations to potentially eliminate a cost that the District may not have to occur. Mr. Conboy advised that most of BOCES's services are not free, particularly for training, but if there are we will take advantage of them.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Board President Brian Fagan briefly mentioned each of the Capital Project resolutions.

**CAPITAL PROJECT
RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. DiBlasio asked about the change orders and again expressed his concerns over the left over funds and having enough money for the Harbor Roadway.

Andrew Ward, Director of Buildings and Grounds, explained the reasons for the change orders.

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

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 2 (High School – Phase 6) in the amount of \$308,397.07 to Architectural Window Manufacturing Corp. for fabrication and installation of windows at the High School, and request the Board President’s signature on the authorization for payment documents.

Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapraicone -	Aye

Motion Carried.

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
ARCHITECTURAL WINDOW
MANUFACTURING
PAYMENT NO. 2 (HS – PHASE
6)**

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

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 (High School – Phase 6) in the amount of \$3,128 to Architectural Window Manufacturing Corp. for work beyond the scope of the contract, to include the rewiring of rooms for air conditioners after taking out a credit for not having to perform asbestos abatement for the High School cafeteria windows, and request the Board President’s signature on the authorization for payment documents.

Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapraicone -	Aye

Motion Carried.

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
ARCHITECTURAL WINDOW
MANUFACTURING – CHANGE
ORDER #2 (HS-PHASE 6)**

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

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 (Photovoltaic – High School) in the deduct amount of \$5,000 to SJ Electric, Inc. since they didn’t need any of the allowance dollars originally specified by the contract, and request the Board President’s signature on the authorization for payment documents.

Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapraicone -	Aye

Motion Carried.

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
SJ ELECTRICT – CHANGE ORDER
#2 (PHOTOVOLTAIC – HS)**

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

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 6 (Phase 5 – Middle School) in the amount of \$20,880.87 to Tulger Construction, Corp. for site work, drainage and paving at the Middle School, 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.

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
TULGER CONSTRUCTION
PAYMENT NO. 6 (PHASE 5 –MS)**

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

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 7 (Phase 5 – Manor School) in the amount of \$2,084.77 to Tulger Construction, Corp. for site work, drainage and paving at the Middle School, 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.

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
TULGER CONSTRUCTION
PAYMENT NO. 7 (PHASE 5 -
MANOR)**

General Window Allowance No. 2 (Phase 6 – High School) to Architectural Windows Manufacturing Corp. in the amount of \$9,026 for wiring for air conditioners installed at the High School.

**CAPITAL PROJECT
INFORMATION ITEM -
NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE
EXPENDITURES**

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapraicone, to approve an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District and the United Teachers of Seaford to utilize leave days for a specific teacher, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION - UTS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapraicone, to accept the recommendation from the Audit Committee to accept the final audit for the fiscal year 2009-10 from R. S. Abrams & Co. LLP and act upon it accordingly.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION – 2009/2010
AUDIT REPORT**

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapricono, Board of Education authorize the school district to accept the winning bidders from all the 2010-2011 bids initiated on behalf of the Nassau County School District Cooperative, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

**RESOLUTION - BIDS
2010/2011 NASSAU COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
COOPERATIVE**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

**RESOLUTION – NASSAU
COUNTY TAX CERTIORARI**

WHEREAS, in 1938, at the specific request and behest of the County of Nassau, New York State granted county-wide property assessment jurisdiction to the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, aside from upstate Tompkins County, Nassau is the only county-wide assessing unit in New York State, with over 415,000 parcels, and is second in size only to the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, in its original consideration of the County of Nassau's petition for assessment jurisdiction, the New York State legislature expressed concerns that the enormity of the assessment load would result in erroneous assessments and subsequent challenges; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, aware that school districts are highly dependent on a secure property tax base and that school budgets would be vulnerable as a result of inaccurate tax rolls, thereby endangering the education of children, decreed in 1948 that the County of Nassau, with its broader range of revenues, should be held responsible for costs and penalties resulting from its errors in assessment; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure control of a county-wide system and the benefits thereof, the County of Nassau pledged and guaranteed to the State of New York to protect its school districts from any negative consequences resulting from the assessment procedures utilized by the County of Nassau ; and

WHEREAS, for decades, schools and taxpayers within the County of Nassau have suffered from the inequities caused by the adherence of the County of Nassau to an irrefutably and admittedly flawed assessment process; and

WHEREAS, legal challenges to commercial assessments made by the County of Nassau have been, either negligently or willfully, permitted to languish in the courts for years and years, accruing interest at exorbitant rates prior to their eventual settlement by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, in order to facilitate an assessment roll relatively free from errors and potential challenges, the New York State Legislature granted the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission one (1) full year for review prior to the establishment of its final assessment roll; and

TAX CERTIORARI RESOLUTION (cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Nassau, has denied the attempt by the County of Nassau to shift responsibility for multi-year back payments for tax certiorari costs from the County of Nassau to local school districts in derogation of the pledge and guarantee previously made by the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, has denied an attempt by the County of Nassau to implicate school districts in its move to shift to villages, towns and special districts the funding of tax certiorari judgments; and

WHEREAS, it is the County of Nassau that is responsible for its own property assessments, including, but not limited to any flaws, errors or delays therein, and that school districts within the County of Nassau have no role whatsoever in either making such assessments or in responding to challenges to such assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Executive of the County of Nassau, Edward P. Mangano, has called upon the Nassau County Legislature to unilaterally, without the approval of the State of New York and/or the consent of the school districts of the County of Nassau, relieve the County of Nassau of its pledge, guarantee and lawful obligation to hold such school districts harmless for back payments of multi-year tax certiorari settlements, thereby shifting the costs of such payments onto local school property taxes and local school property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, any assertion that abandonment of the pledge, guarantee and obligation of the County of Nassau contained in language in the proposed Budget of the County of Nassau for Fiscal Year 2011 means "no property tax increase" is false and misleading, resulting in no real cost avoidance, but merely a shift in the lawful responsibility of the County of Nassau on to the schools within the County of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, such action would only raise school taxes to the taxpayers of the County of Nassau without adding any educational value; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seaford Union Free School District Board of Education opposes any legislation, from whatever source, that would shift the responsibility of the County of Nassau for funding multi-year tax certiorari settlements of its assessment errors onto the local school district tax levy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the following representatives for their endorsement, which shall be shown by their counter-signatures on the Resolution when returned to this Board of Education:

Members of the Nassau County Legislature

TAX CERTIORARI RESOLUTION (cont'd)

Members of the New York State Senate and Assembly, representing Nassau County districts

Members of the Town Councils of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapracione - Aye
Motion Carried.

Mr. Conboy advised that Agenda Item 8.D.1. (Chorale trip to San Francisco, California) is being removed from the agenda due to no interest.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapracione, to approve the Seaford High School's field trip with science students to Herkimer Diamond Mines and Howe Caverns on Wednesday, October 27, 2010.

FIELD TRIPS

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, authorize the submission of the final plans and specifications for the new Harbor driveway to the State of New York Department of Education Facilities Planning Office, and request the signatures of both the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools on the forms.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the increase of the VHB contract for SEQRA services up to \$19,000, or a potential increase of \$4,000.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapracione, to accept the donation of an electric treadmill with an approximate value of \$1500 from Michelle Puttlitz-Golub. This treadmill will be used in the Middle School Health and Fitness Room.

DONATIONS

Mr. Fagan thanked Ms. Puttlitz-Golub for the donation.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Field use of the turf field
What is the protocol for use of the turf field
Embarrassing to girls' soccer team to be playing on an unmaintained field while the football team is just practicing on the turf field
Why would a team's practice trump a game
At this particular time the football team was just side-stepping
Soccer field needs to be better maintained

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

- What is Board's road map for more enhanced technology education for K-12 students, computer training, utilizing computer resources for science and math and more enhanced technology than we currently have
Carts are great but as a District we may be shortchanging our children
A lot of grants out there and many companies will supply schools with equipment
Willing to donate his time
Kids should learn that computers can be used for more than Facebook such as research, etc.
The longer we wait to enhance our technology the more it will cost
- Transportation for children who need to cross Sunrise Highway
Have police done any survey
Son does not cross Sunrise Highway
- What do we have to do as a parent and community to get the Elementary Technology teacher back next year
Any discussion on restructuring Harbor and Manor Schools
Is there any way to change the mileage for the Middle School so that students would not have to cross Sunrise Highway
Is mileage the same if you are disabled

Remarks by Administration/Board:

- ◆ One of the things discussed is when football practice is displaced for a game where should the football team go
Been advised that grass may be torn up more than we want it to be if we use it for football practice
Field is a multi-use field and should be used by all athletes
Mr. Condon has a challenge to make things equitable and there needs to be equity and more communication and cooperation
Use of turf field is a difficult situation – we need to do a more forceful job
We have lights – 7:00 p.m. would not be an unreasonable time to hold a practice; more games could be played later
We call it a multi-use field and we all have to share. It is not the coaches decision – it is a Board/Administration decision
There is a need for conversation between Mr. Condon and Mr. Conboy to create a policy
- ◆ Board gave a clear and concise message that cleats cannot be on that track; that was why the pad was bought
Other teams walk across the pad and our players don't kicking up the asphalt with coaches watching
Coaches are not enforcing and a message needs to be sent to the coaches to abide by the rules
- ◆ We did have a Technology teacher in our elementary schools which we had to eliminate this year
We have lap top carts in both of our elementary buildings and computer technology in each of our classrooms
We do have some smartboards which were received through donations and grants
6th Graders have a mandatory course on computer etiquette
It was not an easy decision to cut the Technology and SAILS' positions; it was done reluctantly
We believe in first restoring what was cut
Encouraged resident concerned about technology to be part of the Budget Advisory Committee

ADMINISTRATION/BOARD COMMENTS (cont'd)

- ◆ Police Department has advised that a traffic survey will be done but have not told us when
There will not be a crossing guard at that intersection
If no one is crossing at the intersection police will not see what we want them to see
A proposal could be put up at budget time to consider transportation guidelines.
- ◆ We did explore the possibility of restructuring the elementary schools but there is no proposition and there never was a proposition to restructure
Restructuring was looked at to see if it would enhance our curriculum; be better for our students
Incorrect rumors and wrong information was being passed around last year
There have been no private or secret discussions about this.
If we were to consider moving in that direction there would be much public discussion and would require tremendous lead time to do it well
If we couldn't do it well we would not do it.

School Attorney Christopher Venator explained the ways transportation mileage guidelines could be changed

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board:

- Mr. Conboy reminded everyone that this weekend was Homecoming.
- Seaford Wellness Council is once again doing the Field of Honor by the Seaford Train Station
- Mr. Strifolino thanked the Manor Elementary School for a wonderful ceremony and dedication.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapaicone, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

CLOSING REMARKS

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING