# MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, November 4, 2010, in the All Purpose Room of the Harbor Elementary School, 3500 Bayview Street, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President

Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President

Mr. John DelGiudice – Trustee Mr. Bruce Kahn – Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Michael D. Sapraicone - Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich Mr. John Striffolino

Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 7:32 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** 

None OPENING REMARKS

None PRESENTATIONS/ RECOGNITIONS

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated October 29, 2010 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Threat scrawled on wall of the High School boys' lavatory

- The Police were called; they checked gym and locker room areas and then sheltered all students there for approximately 40 minutes while they searched the rest of the building
- A specific date was mentioned in the threat
- A large police presence was at the High School on the date specified in the threat
- Mr. Conboy thanked all of the students for their behavior that day; for their patience and their confidence
- It is still unknown as to who was responsible for the threat but it will never be a closed situation and the District will continue to try to find out who did it and get them the help they need
- High School had 93% attendance by 10:00 a.m. that morning

Strange odor in the Harbor Elementary School

- Press was in the area
- Unsure if odor was due to the weather or the Sewage Treatment Plant Ms. Delucia-Troisi made contact with the Sewage Plant to try to find out if anything unusual was going on; apparently nothing was
- Mr. Conboy visited the Sewage Treatment Plant and noticed that access beyond the guard booth which is normally open to the public was closed which he believed was due to the amount of press that they had there trying to get a story
- By that afternoon the odor dissipated and hasn't returned
- The Long Island Press did an outstanding job several months ago outlining the problems at the Sewage Treatment Plant
- Anything that goes on over at the plant will be of interest to us and the community

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

#### Harbor School Driveway Project

- Legal opinion from Martin Geiger of Hawkins, Delafield and Wood Mr. Geiger feels we need to obtain a new SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) declaration for the Harbor School driveway project
  - Mr. Geiger also feels that since the driveway was not part of the original bond and even though it will not cost any additional money, we should ask for voters' permission to proceed with this project as part of our May 17, 2011 vote
- Mr. Conboy asked Christopher Venator of Ingerman, Smith the District's legal counsel, if he wished to speak on this matter Mr. Venator advised that he had been asked to review Mr. Geiger's opinion and feels that Mr. Geiger's opinion is accurate
- Mr. Conboy clarified that if we follow legal opinion the voters of Seaford will have to vote to approve the road should be built and that the money already raised from the bond can be applied to the road
- When we applied for the original SEQRA for the entire bond project the road was not included because we did not own the land where the road is going (and we still don't)

You cannot apply for a SEQRA for land you do not own

We didn't include it in the bond because it would cause a long delay for the rest of the projects

Need to discuss this in detail

#### Board Comments/Questions/Concerns:

Voter approval needed for financing and road itself
 Believe we had voter approval for the financing on one part of this
 Unnecessary wording vs. necessary wording

Included in bond notes

Have we met one piece of this

Is there an exception we could apply to the State for since this is a safety issue

Can this be put up for voter approval even though we don't own the land

We were told that the wording in the bond was broad enough to cover the Harbor road

Is it 100% that we have to put it up for vote

It is 100% that it would not be State aidable

Does the land being state/county land make a difference

We have been talking about this roadway at meetings since the bond was planned

Options/exceptions open to the District; legislative relief

## Administration:

Road was not listed in the original scope of the bond submitted to the State

Mr. Geiger's opinion, backed by Mr. Venator's opinion, is that because it was not listed as part of the original bond, the voters did not effectively approve that; they approved the spending on the bond and we had specific projects we told them about but the road was not one of them

Everything else we have done has been scoped out in some way

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (Harbor Roadway) (cont'd)

Understanding that because it was not listed in any of the scope of the original SEQRA we need to go back to the voters to get approval to spend the money that way

To receive full State aid must have voter approved items

Could do it without voter approval but would lose 10% of aid

Frustrating process costing us time

Proper advertising needed for referendum vote

Scoping list from 2007 where it lists the Harbor access road there is a mention that an additional SEQRA would likely be needed

We have to show that voters have approved a project

It is not part of the bond project until approved by the voters to make it a part of the bond

We cannot submit the specs to State Ed without a funding arrangement

Voter approval required to get the extra 10% aid

#### Mr. Venator:

- Putting it up for referendum will not necessarily delay process for the roadway
- Legislation will be needed from the State concerning the land

#### Bill received from State Department of Environmental Conservation

- As part of bond High School rifle range was turned into a downstairs wrestling room
- Disposal of lead-laden sand on floor of rifle range was done by the letter of the law
- Subsequent to our project DEC passed a law that stated if schools followed the process of disposing lead-laden sand or other wastes such as that the right way there would be no charge
- District received a bill from DEC for \$30,000 for the disposal of that sand

Because our project was completed before that law took place the DEC decided to bill us

District has prepared a letter to Senator Fuschillo and Assemblyman McDonough asking for their aid

Mr. Fagan suggested a letter be sent to the DEC first which we have done

## Tax Certiorari and Sewage Usage fee responsibility to school districts in 2013

- Sewage usage fee will be the equivalent of up to \$.01 per gallon of usage from a winter month average
- Essentially 2 tax cuts for the County but shifting tax burden to the school districts
- Vote took place on Saturday, October 30, 2010
- Going forward will be looking at what tax certiorari reserve will need to be in Seaford

## Seaford Avenue School Survey

- Telephone "Shout Out" to homes about Seaford Avenue Survey
- Survey is on district website; Hoping to get a strong sample
- Reminder in District Spotlight and flyers will be going home with students
- Letters to Wantagh/Seaford Citizen and local organizations about survey

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Need for executive session later this evening to discuss contract issues Congratulations to all our athletic teams

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

No Discussion All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2010 and the Workshop Meeting of October 20, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended September 30, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report and Capital Fund for the month ended September 30, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report for the month ended September 30, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report for the month ended September 30, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Expenditure Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report and Capital Fund for the period ended September 30, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 6. A, B, C, D, E (detailed below)

**MINUTES** 

TREASURER'S REPORT

**REVENUE REPORT** 

EXTRACURRICULAR FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

REPORT

**EXPENDITURE REPORT** 

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

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

**BUDGET TRANSFERS** 

No Discussion All Ayes Motion carried.

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

PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT
- INSTRUCTIONAL

1. Instructional (dated November 4, 2010):

P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions
P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions
P-3: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-4: LEAVES:

1. <u>JENNIFER</u> MCCRYSTAL

Position: English Teacher
Assignment: Seaford Middle School
Effective Date: January 5, 2011

Sick Leave: January 5, 2011 – February 14, 2011

a.m.

Leave without Pay: February 14, 2011 p.m. – April 5, 2011

Expiration Date: April 5, 2011

FMLA: January 5, 2011 – April 6, 2011 Reason: Child Care Leave of Absence

P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS:

1. <u>REGINA WEBER</u>

Position: Reading Teacher Effective Date: November 12, 2010

Tenure Area: Reading

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

A) Instructional:

1. <u>JONATHAN GOLUB</u>

Position: Science Teacher
Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute
Assignment: Seaford High School
Certification: Biology 7-12 - Initial
Effective Date: November 9, 2010
Expiration Date: February 18, 2011

Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A

Salary: MA Step 2 = \$62,087 (pro-rated)
Reason: To Replace Diane Aykaz

## CONSENT AGENDA - PERSONNEL (cont'd)

2. RENEE SCHUSTER

Position: Foreign Language Teacher

Type of Appointment:

Assignment:

Certification:

Effective Date:

Expiration Date:

Regular Substitute

Seaford High School

Spanish 7-12 – Initial

November 9, 2010

February 4, 2011

Tenure Eligibility: N/A
Tenure Area: N/A

Salary: BA Step 1 = \$49,594 (pro-rated)
Reason: To Replace Patricia Foley

#### P-8: OTHER:

- Recommend the Board of Education amend Donald Hilton's effective date from September 29, 2010 to September 1, 2010 as approved at the October 7, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education reinstate tenure tract for Christopher Coniglio in the tenure area of Music from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education reinstate tenure tract for Lisa Ferrari in the tenure area of Social Studies from September 1, 2008 through October 31, 2011. Lisa Ferrari's probationary period is extended two months due to her child care leave of absence.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education amend the start date of Jennifer Adelstein's sick leave from October 13, 2010 to October 5, 2010 and her leave without pay from November 29, 2010 to November 18, 2010 as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- e) Recommend the Board of Education amend the start date of Joanna Schroeder's sick leave from October 12, 2010 to October 2, 2010 and amend her leave without pay from November 24, 2010 to November 17, 2010 as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- f) Recommend the Board of Education amend Jeffrey Cronin's club and extracurricular appointment for the 2010-2011 school year from Assistant Stage Co-Manager to Drama Stage Assistant at a stipend of \$1,334 as approved at the October 7, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- g) Recommend the Board of Education amend Kenneth Guarniere's club and extracurricular appointment for the 2010-2011 school year from Assistant Stage Co-Manager to Drama Stage Manager at a stipend of \$1,334 as approved at the October 7, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- h) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following Manor School club and extracurricular appointments for the 2010-2011 school year. These stipends should be taken from code 2850-132-00.

William Dietz Physical Ed Club 4<sup>th</sup> Grade \$866 Kenneth Botti Physical Ed Club 5<sup>th</sup> Grade \$866

 Recommend the Board of Education approve Tracy Padavan as a home instructor for the Seaford School District. Salary is according to contract. 2. Non-Instructional (dated October 28, 2010):

P-1: POSITION ABOLITION:

P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions P-3: **RESIGNATIONS:** No Recommended Actions

P-4: LEAVES:

> 1. **LINDA DRURY**

Position Teacher Aide Part-time Assignment Harbor Elementary School Effective Date November 3, 2010 **Expiration Date** November 30, 2010 **Unpaid Leave** Leave:

P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-6: **TENURE APPOINTMENTS:** N/A

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

PATRICIA GREUBEL

Position: Teacher Aide

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-Time)

Part-time Type of Appointment:

Location: Seaford High School Salary: \$11.37 p/h 2250-166-00-0000 Code:

IEP Directed Reason:

Upon approval of her application by Effective Date:

the Civil Service Commission

**ERIN COHN** 

Position: Teacher Aide

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-Time)

Type of Appointment: Part-time

Location: Manor Elementary School

\$11.37 p/h Salary: Code: 2250-166-00-0000 **IEP Directed** Reason:

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and

fingerprint clearance

**DONNA de la BASTIDE** 

Position: Teacher Aide

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-Time)

Part-time Type of Appointment:

Location: Manor Elementary School

Salary: \$11.37 p/h 2250-166-00-0000 Code: **IEP Directed** Reason:

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by

the Civil Service Commission

## CONSENT AGENDA - Personnel (cont'd)

NICOLE DIMARCO

Position: Teacher Aide

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide - Part-Time

Type of Appointment: Part-time

Seaford High School Location:

Salary: \$11.37 p/h 2250-166-00-0000 Code: Reason: Replacement (Teri Gelada who

transferred to Harbor School) Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission

**CATHERINE MORAFATES** 5.

Substitute Teacher Aide Position:

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-Time/Substitute)

Type of Appointment: Substitute

District Where Needed Location:

Salary: \$11.37 p/h Code:

2110-165-00-0000 Reason: Substitutes Needed

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by

the Civil Service Commission and

fingerprint clearance

**HOPE MORREALE** 

Position: Substitute Teacher Aide

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-Time/Substitute)

Type of Appointment: Substitute

District Where Needed Location:

\$11.37 p/h Salary: 2110-165-00-0000 Code: Substitutes Needed Reason:

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by

the Civil Service Commission and

fingerprint clearance

7. **ELVIRA ALBERTI** 

Position: Substitute Teacher Aide

Teacher Aide (Part-Time/Substitute) Civil Service Title:

Type of Appointment: Substitute

Location: District Where Needed Salary: \$11.37 p/h Code: 2110-165-00-0000 Substitutes Needed Reason:

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and

fingerprint clearance

8. **DEMETRIA MCGRATH** 

Substitute Teacher Aide Position:

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-Time/Substitute)

Type of Appointment: Substitute District Where Needed Location:

\$11.37 p/h Salary: Code: 2110-165-00-0000 Reason: Substitutes Needed

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by

the Civil Service Commission

CONSENT AGENDA - Personnel (cont'd)

9. PATRICIA PAPPAS

Position: Substitute Teacher Aide

Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – (Part-time Substitute)

Type of Appointment: Substitute

Location: Harbor Elementary School

Salary: \$11.37 p/h
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: Substitutes Needed

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by

the Civil Service Commission and

fingerprint clearance

10. RUTH FEELEY

Position: Substitute School Monitor

Civil Service Title: School Monitor (Part-Time/Substitute)

Type of Appointment: Substitute

Location: District Where Needed Salary: \$11.37 p/h Code: 2110-165-00-0000

Reason: Substitutes Needed

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and

fingerprint clearance

11. DEBORAH SALETTO

Position: Substitute School Monitor

Civil Service Title: School Monitor (Part-Time/Substitute)

Type of Appointment: Substitute

Location: District Where Needed

Salary: \$11.37 p/h

Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: Substitutes Needed

Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by

the Civil Service Commission

#### P-8: OTHER:

- Upon approval from the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, change Carolanne Castagna's title from Clerk (10-Month) to Clerk-Typist (10-Month). Such title change along with appropriate salary will be retroactive to September 1, 2010.
- 3. Recommend granting tenure to Regina Weber, Elementary Reading Teacher, effective November 12, 2010.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, 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: 9/30; 10/13; 10/14.
- 2. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Preschool Special Education Committee Meetings of: 9/22; 10/14; 10/18; 10/20.

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried. CONSENT AGENDA - Personnel (cont'd)

Mr. Fagan announced that in the Personnel Action Report Ms. Regina Weber was granted tenure. Mr. Fagan and Mr. Conboy congratulated Ms. Weber

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

**OLD BUSINESS** 

**POLICY NO. 6710** 

None

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the first reading of Policy No. 6710 – Purchasing Authority.

Mr. Conboy explained that the policy was being amended at the recommendation of the District's external auditor's Management Letter, to include the name of the District's Purchasing Agent – Kenney Aldrich. From now on this will be done annually at the District's Reorganization Meeting.

All Ayes Motion Carried.

Board President Brian Fagan briefly went over each of the capital project resolutions.

Board Vice President Richard DiBlasio asked if the security cameras were up and running. Mr. Conboy and Mr. Ward explained the history and advised the Board on the current status. Mr. DiBlasio recommended that payments to Cooper Power & Lighting be held off until it is verified that all the security cameras are up and running and we are completely satisfied. He stated that we had run into a lot of issues with this company and they are way over due on this project.

Mr. Fagan asked if these payments are in accordance with substantial completion.

Mr. Conboy explained work done by Cooper and the payments in question.

Mr. Aldrich advised the balances due to Cooper beyond these payments.

Mr. DelGiudice asked about the camera system, how it works and if Mr. Ward has seen all of the cameras working

Mr. Fagan asked Mr. Venator if the District could legally withhold these payments and was advised that they could if they had sufficient basis

A brief discussion took place concerning the timeline for payment and the date of the next Board meeting.

Mr. Fagan confirmed with Mr. DiBlasio that it was his recommendation to remove Agenda Items 8.B.2 and 8.B.3. – Payment No. 6 (Phase 5 – Harbor School) and Payment No. 6 (Phase 5 – High School) to Cooper Power & Lighting Corp.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to remove Items 8.B.2 - Payment No. 6 (Phase 5 – Harbor School) and 8.B.3 - Payment No. 6 (Phase 5 – High School) to Cooper Power & Lighting Corp from the Agenda.

All Ayes Motion Carried.

POLICIES - FIRST READING

**PURCHASING AUTHORITY** 

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTIONS

**Be it resolved,** based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Change Order No. 2 (Phase 2 – High School) in the amount of \$7,122 to Ambrosio & Company, Inc. for labor and materials to excavate, replace sanitary piping, and re-cement a portion of the basement floor at the High 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

Motion Carried.

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

**Be it resolved,** based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 7 – Final - (Phase 4 – High School) in the amount of \$23,021.69 to Stalco Construction, Inc. for the 7<sup>th</sup> and final round for classroom reconstruction at the High 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

Motion Carried.

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

**Be it resolved,** based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 8 – Final - (Phase 4 – Middle School) in the amount of \$20,970.33 to Stalco Construction, Inc. for the  $8^{th}$  and final round for classroom reconstruction 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

Motion Carried.

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION AMBROSIO & COMPANY CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (PHASE 2 – HS)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION STALCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. PAYMENT NO. 7 – FINAL (PHASE 4 – HS)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION STALCO CONSTRUCTION, INC. PAYMENT NO. 8 – FINAL (PHASE 4 – MS)

**Be it resolved**, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 5 (Phase 5 – Harbor School) in the amount of \$4,750.48 to Tulger Construction Corp. for Harbor School site work, drainage and paving, 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
Motion Carried.

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

**Be it resolved,** based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 6 – Final - (Phase 5 – Harbor School) in the amount of \$7,849.54 to Tulger Construction Corp. for Harbor School site work, drainage and paving, 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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, 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 – High School) in the amount of \$2,850 to Tulger Construction Corp. for High School site work, drainage and paving, 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

Motion Carried.

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 5 (PHASE 5 – HARBOR)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 6 – FINAL (PHASE 5 – HARBOR)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 7 (PHASE 5 – HS)

**Be it resolved**, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 8 – Final - (Phase 5 – High School) in the amount of \$5,187.68 to Tulger Construction Corp. for High School site work, drainage and paving, 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

Motion Carried.

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

**Be it resolved**, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 8 (Phase 5 – Manor School) in the amount of \$19,180.48 to Tulger Construction Corp. for Manor School site work, drainage and paving, 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

Motion Carried.

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

**Be it resolved,** based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 9 – Final - (Phase 5 – Manor School) in the amount of \$25,816.66 to Tulger Construction Corp. for Manor School site work, drainage and paving, 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

Motion Carried.

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 8 – FINAL (PHASE 5 – HS)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 8 (PHASE 5 – MANOR)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 9 – FINAL (PHASE 5 – MANOR)

**Be it resolved,** based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 7 (Phase 5 – Middle School) in the amount of \$3,325 to Tulger Construction Corp. for Middle School site work, drainage and paving, 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 - Ave

Motion Carried.

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

**Be it resolved**, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 8 - Final - (Phase 5 – Middle School) in the amount of \$5,453.42 to Tulger Construction Corp. for Middle School site work, drainage and paving, 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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to establish a Maintenance Helper position rather than filling a now vacant Grounds Person position, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

A brief discussion took place on the salary, need and benefits to the District concerning the addition of this position.

All Ayes Motion Carried.

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

- Recommend the Board of Education approve the Manor School's field trip to the Manskoff Theater in NYC on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 with grade 5 students.
- Recommend the Board of Education approve the Manor School's request to stage an overnight encampment experience starting in the afternoon of Saturday, May 7 and ending on Sunday morning, May 8, 2011.
- Recommend the Board of Education approve the High School's field trip to Carnegie Hall, New York City on Friday, April 29; Saturday, April 30; Sunday, May 1, 2011, for the chorus to rehearse and perform at Carnegie Hall.

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 7 (PHASE 5 – MS)

CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION TULGER CONSTRUCTION CORP. PAYMENT NO. 8 – FINAL (PHASE 5 – MS)

**ESTABLISH NEW POSITION** 

**FIELD TRIPS** 

FIELD TRIPS (cont'd)

 Recommend the Board of Education approve the High School's field trip to "Wicked" on Broadway on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 with the Class of 2011.

> No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve a contract with Access 7 Consulting, Inc. for special education services during the 2010-2011 school year, specifically for occupational and physical therapy, evaluations, and Medicaid billing consultations and authorize the Board President to sign said contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.

Mr. DiBlasio asked if an RFP had been done for this contract. Mr. Aldrich explained the purpose of this contract and the services provided by this company. Discussion took place on the type of services Access 7 provides, how the District would use those services, need for those services, benefits to the District, costs for those services and status of legal counsel's review of the contract. Mr. DiBlasio also expressed his concerns over the lack of information concerning charges for Medicaid billing consultations. Mr. DiBlasio asked about the benefits of putting out an RFP for the Medicaid billing services. Mr. Kahn asked if we had used the company previously as we were listed as a reference. Mr. Conboy asked about a timeline for Access to set their pricing for the Medicaid billing and if there was any urgency at this time for the Medicaid billing services or the OT/PT services. Further discussion took place concerning the newness of this type of services and availability of comparisons to other companies.

It was decided that the motion to approve the Access 7 Consulting, Inc. contract would be withdrawn.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to table Agenda Item E.1. Contracts – Access 7 Consulting, Inc.

All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to accept a donation of one exercise bicycle (approximate value of \$500) to the Middle School Health and Fitness Room from Michelle Puttlitz-Golub.

The Board thanked Ms. Puttlitz-Golub for this donation and mentioned her previous donation of a treadmill to the Middle School.

All Ayes Motion Carried.

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

 District staff knowledge and handling of Medicaid billing Purpose of hiring Access 7 Consulting; what services will they provide Cost of charges for Medicaid billing Why use this particular company Exposure to District

Services to students

**CONTRACTS** 

**MOTION WITHDRAWN** 

TABLE ACCESS 7 CONSULTING, INC. CONTRACT (ITEM E.1.)

**DONATIONS** 

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

If OTs/PTs become affiliated with Teachers, will they be signing attendance sheets

Harbor Driveway

Voters all along were aware of the Harbor roadway, the safety issues and the problems we've had

Since 2007 it has been discussed; access road was always out there Isn't the parking lot and the pavement all part of the driveway and the access; Isn't there a way to back door this

Concern over vote because people will think it will cost them more Do we think Mr. Geiger's opinion is correct

- If a child is receiving Medicaid it is because the child is impaired we could do two things - don't have to bill Medicaid because the child is entitled to it or we could bill so we could recoup some money
- Since the Workshop Meeting SEPTA has had very fruitful healthy conversations with Administration on the issue of getting SEPTA mailings out to and word of SEPTA programs out families and are working collaboratively to get that done
- Possible plan by Governor Patterson to make mid-year cuts in State
- School Tax bills

Previous request for a "three-year" forecast

Asking for a rolling projection of what the district's cost structure will be in the future

Need a better system of forecasting budget - Urge Board to consider this as something that needs attention

Community deserves to know what is coming down the road

#### Administration/Board Comments:

Mr. Aldrich explained the changes in Medicaid billing

Mr. Conboy:

We do not own the land for the Harbor driveway right now.

Roadway must be done legally and above board

Like every other aspect of the bond project we want to make sure that we follow the letter of the law so that there is no further delay

Would be satisfied with breaking ground a year from now if I knew it was done right rather than going through another lengthy set of delays which could take several years because we decided not to do due diligence in all aspects of the project

Harbor Roadway was not part of the bond project voted on December 4, 2007

A big part of Mr. Geiger's work is SEQRA and bond projects; when we received his opinion we share it with our counsel, Ingerman Smith who concurs with Mr. Geiger's opinion

I am for this road. I do not want this project to stop but I also don't want someone who never wanted the Harbor access road to stop the project mid-way through because we didn't do everything according to the letter of the law

We have projections of costs for contractual obligations for personnel if we maintain existing staff

## Mr. DelGiudice:

My expectation all along was always that the Harbor Roadway was part of the project but it was going to go through a separate SEQRA process

To me the voters voted for it already; I do not understand the need to put it up for voter approval

### PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

#### Mr. Fagan:

We have discussed this road for three years

We have always been clear to the community that we had a lot of projects including the road depending on how bids came in but we were potentially looking to have this road done because it was absolutely necessary

We are for this road and have discussed it at our meetings

We are starting the budget process now

We can come up with some sense of where we think we will be but you really can't pin it down

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

**CLOSING REMARKS** 

 Mr. DiBlasio congratulated Mr. Conboy on his 90 days as Superintendent and the work he has done during that time Mr. Striffolino briefly spoke about the Helping Hands breakfast at the Harbor and the National Junior Honor Society Ceremony at the Middle School

At 9:10 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific contracts.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette District Clerk

Richard G. DiBlasio, Board of Education Vice President & Vice District Clerk