

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, March 11, 2010, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Michael D. Sapricono - President
Mr. Brian W. Fagan – Vice President
Mr. John DelGiudice - Trustee
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Trustee
Ms. Linda Hurley – Trustee

Mr. Thomas J. Markle
Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 7:36 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Special Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Michael Sapricono led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Superintendent Thomas Markle expressed his frustrations at this time of year. He expressed his regret for allowing his frustrations to boil over in public at the Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, March 9th and apologized if he offended anyone.

OPENING REMARKS

Board President Michael Sapricono stated that this will be a hard process but he feels confident that we can work together and hopefully create a budget the community can support.

Areas covered in the discussion of the Konica/Minolta copier leasing contract included:

WORKSHOP TOPIC

- Why Danka was bought out by Konica/Minolta
- Legally can we extend contract
- Have Ingerman, Smith review contract
- Contact Konica/Minolta – are machines new?
What happens when machines become old?

Areas covered in the review of the 2010-2011 budget included:

WORKSHOP TOPIC

- Budget – 1st Run-thru – 5.13 budget to budget
- Year to year took into account contractual obligations, current programs, staffing levels, extra-curricular
 - Governor's Proposal – likely to have 1 million effect
 - Loss of Seaford Avenue revenue
 - To have 0 budget to budget would cause 3% tax levy
 - Freezes on Library, Transportation, Energy, Fuel, Technology and Extra-curricular will not be enough

REVIEW OF THE 2010-2011 BUDGET (cont'd)

- Recommended reductions not easy
 - No new hires
 - Energy cost up because of new music wing
 - MTA Tax lower – Governor says New York City should pay more
 - Decrease of one Assistant principal position
 - Decrease of 9.9 FTE teachers
 - 5 elementary; 4.9 secondary
 - Lose 4 of 5 permanent substitutes in all buildings
 - Lose 12 elementary aides
 - Lose summer math and reading programs
 - Decrease in technology
 - Increase in summer Special Ed costs
- 0 to 0 Budget = 3.4 tax levy
 - Budget Advisory Committee Suggestions:
 - Cuts where least amount of students are affected
 - See cost per program per student
 - Late buses – go back to higher private school numbers
 - Band camp
 - Athletics
 - Clubs

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Letter of Intent from BOCES
- Band Camp
- Is cost of mothballing Avenue School in budget
- Late budgets
- Private school books, buses
- Thanks to the Board for their work

- ◆ Mike Sapraine thanked the Budget Advisory Committee for all of their hard work

CLOSING REMARKS

At 10:37 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DelGiudice, second by Ms. Hurley, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn Executive Session at 11:55 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hurley,
Vice District Clerk