

MINUTES – WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 26, 2009

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in Cafeteria A, located in the Seaford High School, 1575 Seamans Neck Road, Seaford, New York.

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

Mr. Thomas J. Markle
Mr. Brian Conboy
Kenney W. Aldrich
Mary Anne Sadowski – Attorney (left at 7:30 p.m.)
Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 6:38 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting.

WORKSHOP MEETING

Board President Michael Sapraticone asked to have a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and work history of specific employees.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

No action will be taken.

At 6:39 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to recess the Workshop Meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and work history of specific employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. and return to the Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

At 7:45 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Mr. Sapraticone led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN WORKSHOP MEETING

None

OPENING REMARKS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

MINUTES

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Agenda Item G.2 – What add-alternatives are included in the music wing addition

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD REPORTS

Topics covered in Mr. Markle's Administrative Report dated March 20, 2009 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Policy discussion – Attendance – 5100 – some changes. Currently lets students appeal up to June – putting 15-day time limit
More specific in letting doctor's notes be used. District's doctor can call the Doctor. Are we okay not having it in the Middle School or Elementary schools
- High School Principal Michael Ragon spoke about the growing heroin problem in Nassau County. Areas covered included:
Low Cost
Marijuana arrests
Request to have drug-sniffing dogs come in – would be a deterrent
What happens if student has drugs on them?
Student asked to empty pockets
Police and parents called
Does school document when a student is pulled out of class and searched?
- Andrew Ward visited sites to check cabinets for science labs
Contract is on tonight's agenda
- Use of Facilities -
Setting up summer programs – new programs told not this year
Arrangement with Seamans Neck for teams working out well
- Donation from Seaford Little League for new backstop at Seaford Avenue School
- Chancellor Bennett stepped down as Board of Regents head
Dr. Merrill Tisch has taken his place
- GASB 45 (short for General Accounting Standards Board) - newest round of accounting for schools and non-profits
Awareness of our liability for every staff member who retires - medical costs, etc.
We do not need to fund at this time; but we must be aware of the numbers
Chernoff/Diamond Firm doing the calculations
- Fund Balance status
- Middle School drama production - Willy Wonka
- Seaford/Wantagh Baymen won championship
- Band performed in St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Seaford students participated in County Art Exhibit
- Budget modifications still being made
IDEA funding \$600,000 over 2 years
MTA Increases – possible payroll tax to help over their budget deficit
Pre-school special education costs may be applied to district not state

None

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT**

None

CONTRACTS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to accept the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 2/10, 2/12; 2/25; 3/5; 3/9; 3/10/09.

**CPSE/CSE
DETERMINATIONS**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve accepting the donation of a baseball/softball backstop on the South-East corner of the Waverly Avenue School field from the Seaford Little League. The approximate value of this donation is \$8500, with no cost to the District.

DONATIONS

It was asked if the soccer coaches were okay with this. The question was also raised whether putting money into this is worth it with the possibility of the building being sold in 3 years. It was also asked if Seaford Little League had considered the Harbor School.

Michael Sapracione - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Nay
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the High School's request for a field trip to Six Flags – Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey on May 29, 2009 to participate in physics day at the park.

FIELD TRIPS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the High School's request for a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City on April 22, 2009

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Discussion of Policy 9120.1 – Conflict of Interest remained tabled.

**POLICY 9120.1 - REMAIN
TABLED**

Discussion of Policy 6690 – Audit Committee remained tabled.

**POLICY 6690 – REMAIN
TABLED**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, 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 a total payment of \$13,292.41 to NRI Construction broken out at \$3,087.97 for Manor work; \$1,662.98 for harbor work, \$4,351.48 for High School work; and \$4,189.98 for work at the Middle School, and request the Board President's signature.

Mr. DelGiudice asked about payments and was advised that we are almost done.

Michael Sapricono - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to accept the four bids for the specialized work needed in Phase Two of the bonded work at the High School and authorize the Board President to sign the contracts when completed by Ingerman Smith:

RESOLUTION

- a. General Construction contract: Stalco, Inc., Base bid @ \$2,560,845, Add alternates @ \$334,800
- b. Mechanical/HVAC contract: Xtraire, Inc., Base bid @ 605,000, Add alternates @ \$194,000
- c. Plumbing contract: Ambrosio, Inc., Base bid @ \$199,990
- d. Electrical contract: Madhue, Inc., Base bid @ \$459,000, Add alternates @ \$16,750

No Discussion
Michael Sapricono - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

Recommend the Board of Education award the Seaford Middle School and High School science room reconstruction project to JS McHugh, 839 Stewart Avenue in Garden City at a bid of \$698,095.

No Discussion
Michael Sapricono - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion Carried.

Areas covered in the discussion of the 2009/2010 budget included:

**2009-2010 BUDGET
DISCUSSION**

- Approach all service providers and ask for a 10% reduction in fees
- Do budget over two years
- Reductions taken in salaries, contracts, apparatus
- Freeze Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents' salaries
- Add Kindergarten teacher at Harbor but less teachers in 1-3, 4-6
- Less fractions of teachers in High School due to electives not fully used
- Less games in sports – less transportation and officials
- Add-Ins – Pre-school Funds; MTA Funds
- Most categories down except for:
 - Curriculum
 - Transportation
 - Book room
 - Debt Service for Bond & Energy Performance Contract
- Ken Aldrich has reached out to contractors and will continue to do so
- 80% of Budget is contractual
- If looking out on 2 year budget – don't cut teachers retirement and don't put 1.2 million in from fund balance. This would make this year's budget higher.
- Special Ed IEP's are contracts – cannot be considered the same as ordering paper
- Can't run a board being held hostage in fear we will lose vendors – we need to reach out and form partnerships
- Do we need to add bond costs into our budget
- 5.28% tax levy still too high
- Budget Advisory Committee recommended tax levy at 4.3 – 4.9
- Interest on investments – how do we figure borrowing at 1.79
- Elementary Enrollment:
 - Harbor – 1 teacher – average 21.6
 - Manor – 1 teacher – average 21
 - Middle School – 6th – 24.3, 7th – 26.2, 8th 24.8
 - High School electives – less than 15 students – cancelled, lab classes at 10 students
- Surveyed students going into 7th grade – language choice

BUDGET DISCUSSION (cont'd)

- Contingency Budget – 4%
- Will we know from State about MTA Tax and pre-school costs by the time we need to adopt a budget?
- We will deplete fund balance if we don't put them on budget
- Increase in our in-house special ed students – large part of budget increase

Questions, Comments and/or Concerns from the public included:

- Some new doors in Middle School had problems already

At 11:05 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DelGiudice, second by Mr. Fagan, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

No Discussion.
All ayes
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP
MEETING**

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

No Discussion
All ayes
Motion carried.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hurley
Vice District Clerk