

MINUTES – WORKSHOP MEETING

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, November 19, 2008, in the Cafeteria of the Seaford Middle School, 3940 Sunset Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Michael D. Sapricono - President
Mr. Richard DiBlasio – Vice President
Mr. John DelGiudice - Trustee
Mr. Brian W. Fagan – Trustee (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)
Ms. Linda Hurley – Trustee

Mr. Thomas J. Markle
Mr. Brian Conboy
Kenney W. Aldrich
Ms. Marianne Sadowski - Attorney

At 6:32 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting.

OPEN MEETING

Board President Michael Sapricono asked to have a motion to recess the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiation issues and a specific personnel matter.

RECESS WORKSHOP MEETING

No action will be taken.

At 7:34 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 negotiation issues and a specific personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

At 7:34 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

At 7:38 p.m., the President of the Board of Education re-opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Mr. Sapricono led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKSHOP MEETING

Mr. Sapricono welcomed everyone. He then introduced Jane Dawkins, Director of Special Services.

OPENING REMARKS

Presentation by Ms. Jane Dawkins, Director of Special Services. Areas covered in Ms. Dawkins presentation included:

PRESENTATIONS RECOGNITIONS

- ❖ What is Special Education
- ❖ What is IDEA
- ❖ 13 Classifications
- ❖ Continuum Definitions
- ❖ 325 Special Education Students – 11% of District
- ❖ Response to Intervention
- ❖ Change from test score discrepancy model
- ❖ Principles of RTI

PRESENTATION (cont'd)

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns Raised by the Public on Ms. Dawkins Presentation:

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- ❖ Suggestion for Board to receive school level breakdowns as well
- ❖ How descriptions of programs match what we have in our Plan
- ❖ RTI – required by 2012
- ❖ Check staff development grants available for new EIP forms and RTI
- ❖ Request for copy of presentation

None

MINUTES

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD REPORTS

Topics covered in Mr. Markle's Administrative Report dated November 12, 2008:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Update on work in District
- Manor Playground
- Request contract for Nassau Community College for graduation
- List of possible freezes if budget gets cut
- Negotiations proceeding
- Need approval to waive building usage fee for Princeton Review to give program here

None

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT**

None

CONTRACTS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 9/23, 10/3, 10/10, 10/16, 10/21, 10/28, 10/30, 11/6.

**CPSE/CSE
DETERMINATIONS**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve acceptance of the donation of street hockey equipment from the New York Islanders to the Harbor School's physical education department, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

DONATIONS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve the High School Chorus' request for a field trip to Schneider's Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park on December 10, 2008 to perform songs for the patients.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

FIELD TRIPS

None

POLICIES

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to declare the Middle School science textbooks "Heath Life Science" as obsolete and of no value so that they may be disposed of, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

OBSOLETE ITEMS

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

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Seaford School District authorize an increase to the existing Not To Exceed Contract with Enviroscience Consultants Inc. from \$50,000 to \$125,000.

Triton discussed reason for increase – amps in elementary wings not enough to run the equipment. Other areas added into scope than were in original plan. Originally thought that windows did not contain asbestos – caulking and glazing did at the Harbor. Science classes and rifle range looked at – new figures. A portion of the soft costs will cover the additional amount. Building Plan review would not have shown this.

Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Brian Fagan - Aye
Linda Hurley - Aye
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to waive building usage fee for Princeton Review to hold SAT/ACT Prep Classes at a reduced rate for our students.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

USE OF FACILITIES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- \$27,000 – Enviroscience
- Addition of \$75,000 to Enviroscience
- Asbestos price in beginning of bond process was discussed as too little
- Any effect on who responded to RFP

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

- Model Congress – 8 schools involved - 75 students in program – why limiting to one bus this year

None

Board President Michael Sapraine asked to have a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

No action will be taken.

At 9:25 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into executive session for the purpose discussing a personnel issue.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

At 10:43 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Workshop Meeting.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to approve the February 2009 music trip to Hawaii with attached chaperone list as presented by Administration.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

A discussion was held concerning Security accompanying District field trips.

The Board stated that they will look to create an ethics policy for the District.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 11:04 p.m.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hurley,
Vice District Clerk

CLOSING REMARKS

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

HAWAII FIELD TRIP AND CHAPERONE LIST

DISCUSSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION