

**MINUTES – WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MARCH 27, 2008**

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, March 27, 2008, in the All Purpose Room located in the Seaford Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bradley Kass - President  
Ms. Linda Hurley – Vice President  
Mr. John DelGiudice - Trustee  
Mr. Richard DiBlasio – Trustee  
Mr. Michael Sapraicone – Trustee

Mr. Thomas J. Markle  
Mr. Brian Conboy  
Kenney W. Aldrich

At 7:35 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the workshop meeting. As the first order of business, Mr. Kass led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WORKSHOP MEETING**

Mr. Kass announced that they would be re-working this evening's agenda order.

**OPENING REMARKS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS  
RECOGNITIONS**

None

**MINUTES**

None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –  
AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to table discussion of Policies 5000 Series (first half) tabled at last meeting.

**TABLE DISCUSSION OF  
POLICIES SERIES 5000**

All Ayes  
Motion carried.

None

**BOARD REPORTS**

None

Topics Covered in Mr. Markle's Administrative Report dated March 19, 2008 included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- ◆ Seaford Avenue School – repairs, windows
- ◆ Information and discussion about Harvey B. Besunder, P.C. to negotiate Seaford Avenue lease agreement with BOCES
- ◆ Update on projected fund balance
- ◆ Meeting with Manor and Harbor PTA's to go over Full-Day Kindergarten plans
- ◆ Thank you to Key Club members from Chamber of Commerce for their help at the Easter Egg Hunt
- ◆ Source of funds for Seaford Avenue repairs

None

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

None

**CONTRACTS**

Motion by Mr. Sapricono, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the following:

**CPSE/CSE  
DETERMINATIONS**

1. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings as follows: CSE Meetings of 2/7, 2/12, 2/13, 2/26, 3/3, 3/10, 3/12/08; Preschool Meetings of 2/13, 2/27, 3/5/08; CSE Amendments of 2/1, 2/5, 2/7, 2/27/08.
2. Recommend that the parent listed in the Board's documentation be approved as a Parent Member at CSE/CPSE meetings.  
No Discussion  
All Ayes  
Motion carried.

None

**DONATIONS**

None

**FUNDRAISING**

None

**FIELD TRIPS**

None

**POLICIES - FIRST READING/  
SECOND READING**

None

**USE OF FACILITIES**

A discussion by the Board took place concerning Seaford Avenue building repairs. Areas covered in the discussion included:

**DISCUSSION ON  
RESOLUTIONS**

- ◆ Is it a dangerous situation?
- ◆ Status of present building conditions
- ◆ Necessity of doing this now
- ◆ Value of repairs if building is to be sold
- ◆ Liability issues if repairs are not done
- ◆ Possible benefit to lease negotiations with BOCES
- ◆ Uncertainty of future plans for the Seaford Avenue Building
- ◆ Desire to accomplish this spring

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept the proposal from Stasi Bros. Asphalt Corp. of Westbury for the Seaford Avenue School parking lot repaving project. The Stasi Brothers were awarded the bid by the Elmont Board of Education at their May 8, 2007 Board meeting. We are participants in this bidding program. The cost to excavate and repave the rear parking lot is \$99,085.

Bradley Kass - Aye  
Linda Hurley - Aye  
John DelGiudice - Nay  
Richard DiBlasio - Aye  
Michael Sapricono - Aye  
Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the advertisement of Notice to Bidders for window painting and minor repairs at the Seaford Avenue building.

Bradley Kass - Aye  
Linda Hurley - Aye  
John DelGiudice - Aye  
Richard DiBlasio - Aye  
Michael Sapricono - Aye  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to appoint the law office of Harvey B. Besunder, P.C., as the district's legal counsel to negotiate a lease for the Seaford Avenue School with BOCES at his hourly rate.

**APPOINT ATTORNEY TO  
NEGOTIATE SEAFORD  
AVENUE SCHOOL LEASE**

No Discussion  
All Ayes  
Motion carried.

Community Members submitted to the Board of Education a petition to modify the mileage limitations for transportation. A discussion concerning the petition, the language contained on the petition, the dollar amount and budget considerations followed.

**PRESENTATION OF  
PETITION TO MODIFY  
TRANSPORTATION  
LIMITATIONS**

Motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the petition and to place the following resolution on the May 20, 2008 ballot as Proposition No. 2:

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

“RESOLVED, that the Seaford Union Free School District modify its mileage limitation for transporting students in grades 6 through 12 to the Seaford High School and the Seaford Middle School from the current limitations of 1.5 miles for High School students and 1 mile for Middle School students to .8 of a mile for High School and Middle School students at the approximate additional annual transportation cost of \$124,399.18 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.”

All Ayes  
Motion carried.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Health insurance increases
- Existence of Purchase Orders older than 6 months
- Balance in Workers Compensation Fund
- How much of an increase in salaries is due to Full-Day Kindergarten?

Workshop Topics:

**WORKSHOP**

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Discussion Item</u>
Program	Programs
Program	Educational Staffing
Program	Supplies

Discussion Included:

**DISCUSSION**

- Difficulty of cuts of \$424,000
- Maintaining staffing to offer elective Italian
- 2.1 – 1.6 teacher requests
- Middle School staffing levels
- Elementary – Full Day Kindergarten plus one additional 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at the Manor
- Administrators support of programs added
- Athletics funding levels
- Transportation – any increase in private school students where we would need to add late buses?
- Health Insurance costs
- Money potentially saved with retiring teachers
- \$300,000 in high tax aid – How should we use this, if any, in revenue forecasts?
- What % increase might be acceptable to voters?
- What is contingency budget level?

Closing comments by the Board of Education and Administration:

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- ◆ Debt Service
- ◆ Two open seats for the Board of Education

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 10:24 p.m.

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP  
MEETING**

All Ayes  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hurley  
Vice District Clerk