

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, in the All Purpose Room of the Seaford Manor School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

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

Mr. Thomas J. Markle
Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich
Mr. Neil Block - Attorney

At 7:40 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. Markle briefly addressed the Newsday articles regarding school district legal services.

OPENING REMARKS

Capital Project Financial Cash Flow: Presentation by Attorney Richard Tortora, the principal of Capital Markets, Inc., an independent financial advisory firm – our agency for selling TANs, BANs and Bonds.

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
PRESENTATION**

- Arbitrage Options
- Interest rates now compared to what we thought going into bond
- What would 1st interest payment be
- How does it affect the budget
- Contingency plans with changing rates
- Downside of notes – market risk, fees
- No cost in 1st year do we set up a reserve to save for it

None

MINUTES

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS -
RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education pass the following Bond Resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 28, 2008, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF (I) A BUILDING ADDITION TO THE SEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL AND (II) ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALL DISTRICT SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE SITES THEREOF; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$21,577,404; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,577,404 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

RESOLUTION (cont'd)

Recital

WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on December 4, 2007 in the Seaford Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), the qualified voters present and voting approved a Proposition authorizing the construction of (i) a building addition to the Seaford High School and (ii) alterations and improvements to all District school buildings and the sites thereof, at the estimated maximum cost of \$21,577,404; and such qualified voters then present and voting further authorized the Board of Education to levy and collect a tax to be collected in annual installments to pay such cost as well as the cost of interest on any bonds issued to finance such cost;

Section 1. The Seaford Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, is hereby authorized to construct (i) a building addition to Seaford High School and (ii) alterations and improvements to all District school buildings (collectively the "Project") substantially as described in the plan entitled "Seaford Union Free School District - Pre-Referendum Scoping List" dated October 5, 2007 and prepared for the District by Burton, Behrendt, and Smith, P.C., Architects, Patchogue, New York (the "Plan"), and on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk; such Project consisting of: (i) the construction of a building addition to the Seaford High School, at the estimated cost of not to exceed \$3,251,891; and (ii) alterations and improvements to all District school buildings and the sites thereof, including (as and where required): interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration to provide for additional instructional and other space; window, roof, skylight, door, ceiling, locker and floor replacements; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, water, electrical, lighting, mechanical, plumbing, fire alarm, clock, security, public address and other communication systems; technology improvements; interior and exterior masonry reconstruction; auditorium, multipurpose room, gymnasium, classroom, restroom and locker room renovations; drainage improvements; improvements to facilitate access by the physically challenged; parking, asphalt, sidewalk, and curb improvements; and athletic field improvements, including the installation of a synthetic turf field and field lighting; reconstruction of athletic fields; field irrigation improvements, and the installation of fencing, at the estimated cost of not to exceed \$18,325,513; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$21,577,404 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$21,577,404 bonds or notes of the District to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds or notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. The amount of taxes authorized to be levied for the Project shall be offset and reduced by any and all amounts of EXCEL and other State aid received for the Project by the District.

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the amount of \$21,577,404 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law") to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of all bonds herein and heretofore authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in the "**Wantagh-Seaford Citizen**" and in the Nassau edition of the "**Newsday**," two newspapers each having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated the official newspapers of said District for such publication.

Bradley Kass – Aye
Linda Hurley – Aye
John DelGiudice – Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Motion Carried.

None

BOARD REPORTS

Topics covered in Mr. Markle's Administrative Report dated February 15, 2008 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Logistics of starting Full Day Kindergarten in September
Overhead display of information on timeline of receipt of grant information
Bond Project - Meetings with Triton – scheduled monthly. Architect delivered 1st set of plans to State Ed February 7 - Moved to expedited file.

None

PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

None

CONTRACTS

None

CPSE/CSE DETERMINATIONS

None

DONATIONS

None

FUNDRAISING

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the high school's request for a field trip to New Rochelle High School for the Model Congress Competition on Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, 2008.

FIELD TRIPS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to table discussion of Policies Series 5000 (1st Half).

**TABLE DISCUSSION
POLICIES – SERIES 5000**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the use of facilities as detailed in the Board's documentation.

USE OF FACILITIES

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Workshop Topics:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC SDM
PLAN**

- Review of the updated SDM Plan as indicated in the Board's documentation. Recommend more sharing of information and ideas with other building SDMs.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to approve accepting the updated SDM plan.

SDM PLAN

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Workshop Topics:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC
RELOCATION OF CENTRAL**

- Full-Day Kindergarten Planning/Central Administration Relocation
16 Full Time Employees, 1 ½ time employee
Currently using 4 -4 ½ classrooms
Plan A – District Office in Seaford Avenue (use 5 classrooms – 2 on 1st floor, 3 on second)
Costs could come from Bond as offices have to move anyway
Costs for computer & technology work, reconstruction of classes, costs to move telephones
Issues: Parking, security and custodial
- Plan B – District Office in High School technology area
Computer/telephones exist
Transportation and Reading would stay at Manor
- Parking behind gym
- Plan C – Purchase portables for district office at High School

Questions raised by the Board concerned:

- What would we do with parking lot plans at the Manor?
- Renovation of classrooms at the Avenue School, work out with BOCES to do some repairs in place of some rent
- \$418,000 rent this year = 4% increase – can be negotiated
- Difference between portables for classrooms v. offices
- If we are looking for a permanent goal, portables not an option
- Taking space that students can use is also not a good option
- Technology costs
- Costs are high at Seaford Avenue if temporary. If we do a permanent move how do we make the building livable?

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- When will a decision be made if families need to switch buildings?
- Possible move of Special Ed classes to other locations
- Does BOCES really want to lease?
- Who is our counsel on this as BOCES and the District use the same counsel?
- If we start doing work at Seaford Avenue School, does it all have to be ADA compliant?
- Substantial aidable money for Special Ed Classes
- Would programs be cut if moving HS Classes?
- This bond was items 1, 2 and 3 – can a temporary fix be made until bond phase 2?
- HS Tech Ed space – is it a safety issue if things are moved into other classrooms?
- How much would a moving van cost?
- If we move to the Seaford Avenue School are we removing the possibility of selling it in the near future?
- Have we thought about buying a building?
- Rush to full day kindergarten – could it be put off a year?
- Can we get a yes or no about full day Kindergarten in September?
- Is there a threshold of cost where we would say no?
- What other grants don't we know about?

Additional questions/comments from the Board:

**ADDITIONAL BOARD
QUESTIONS**

- Full Day Kindergarten will go forward
- Board will continue to see how things work in moving Central Administration and adding Full Day Kindergarten
- They will continue to look at other options such as a K-1-2 in one building and 3-4-5 in another building for the future
- Budget Costs – close to doing budget
- How long would it take to get portables
- Do we have to move all of Central Administration out of the Manor to implement Full Day Kindergarten?
- Can we have things ready to show Full Day Kindergarten floor plans and curriculum to PTA's in April?

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

Priority is to inconvenience Central Administration not Students.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DiBlasio, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel matter at 10:37 p.m.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

At 11:30 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn Executive Session.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hurley,
Vice District Clerk