
A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, October 2, 2008, in the All Purpose Room of the Seaford Harbor Elementary School, 3500 Bayview Street, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Michael D. Sapricono – President
John DelGiudice - Trustee
Brian W. Fagan – Trustee
Linda Hurley – Trustee

ABSENT: Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President

ALSO PRESENT:

Thomas J. Markle – Superintendent
Brian L. Conboy - Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Personnel
Kenney W. Aldrich - Assistant Superintendent for Business
Christopher Venator, Esq. – Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. As the first order of business, Board President Michael Sapricono led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Sapricono welcomed everyone and thanked Donna DeLucia-Troisi, Debra Emmerich and Emily Brandi and the Harbor PTA for their hospitality.

OPENING REMARKS

Superintendent Thomas Markle, in conjunction with Board of Education Recognition Week, presented each board member with a small token of appreciation for all the work they do for the students and community.

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

Areas covered in Assistant Superintendent Brian Conboy's presentation of the School Report Card (2006-2007 school year) included:

**SCHOOL REPORT CARD
PRESENTATION**

- Qualified Status of Teaching Staff
- Alphabet Soup
- School District Profile
- Determining Accountability in New York State
- Achieving AYP
- Building Level Accountability
- Similar Schools
- District Accountability
- High School 2002 Cohort Information
- Assessments completed in 2008
- High School Regent Exam Results – Three-Year Analysis
- How Seaford can improve results
- Math Results 2008
- Things not measured by State Assessments
- Overview of district performance

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Executive Work Session of September 3, 2008, the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2008 and the Workshop Meeting of September 18, 2008.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2008.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report, Capital Fund and Debt Services for the month ended August 31, 2008.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE REPORT

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to approve the following financial reports:

FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.C. Recommend the Board acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extracurricular Activity Fund Report for the month ended August 31, 2008.

EXTRACURRICULAR FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

5.D. Recommend the board acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report for the month ended August 31, 2008.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REPORT

5.E. Recommend the Board acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Expenditure Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report, Capital Fund, and Debt Services for the month ended August 31, 2008.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

5.F. Recommend the Board acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Budget Transfers, as indicated in the Board's documentation August 31, 2008.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to un-table the acceptance for audit of the budget transfers presented at the September 4, 2008 Board of Education Meeting.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – UN-TABLE BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve withdrawal of the budget transfers originally presented on the September 4, 2008 Board of Education Meeting Agenda for approval.

A brief discussion took place concerning the reason for the withdrawal.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Mr. John DelGiudice spoke about the Nassau County Municipal Savings Initiative - Efforts to reduce costs for school districts and the county - Key areas: Telecommunications and Information Technology, Purchasing, Transportation, Audit services, Borrowing - short-term and capital finance projects and legal services.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Michael Sapraine spoke about the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Legislative/Resolutions Workshop. Topics covered included Megan's law and notification, Six Lessons About Property Tax Caps. A Tale of Two Districts – Prepared by: Dr. Herb R. Brown concerning changes over the years.

He also spoke about the district's intention to become more involved with the Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association. Mr. Sapraine spoke about the upcoming NYSSBA Annual Convention and Business Meeting being held in New York City (October 16 -19, 2008) which he and Linda Hurley will be attending.

Mr. Sapraine spoke about the Board's recent tour of the district's buildings and capital project work completed to date.

He also spoke about the issues concerning the day/date and location of graduation and asked administration to look into the cost of graduation and options available to the district for possible date and location changes.

Topics covered in Mr. Markle's Administrative Report dated September 26, 2008 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Megan's Law and notification process to the public
- 4 Phases of the Capital Project and work to be done
- Project Managers will be discussing the 4 Phases of the Capital Project and the expected timetable for work in each phase at the October 16th Board of Education Workshop Meeting to be held at the Harbor Elementary School.
- Energy Performance Bond work
- \$250,000 solar Grant sponsored by Senator Fuschillo
- Meetings with LIPA and possible future grants
- Manor Kindergarten playground status
- Textbook Room issues and letter of apology to Wantagh/Seaford Citizen

Topics covered by Mr. Aldrich included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- The current problems with the textbook room and distribution of textbooks to parochial/private school children
- Plans and options available to the district for changing the system to assure smooth and timely drop-off and distribution of books (additional staffing, location change of the bookroom, use of Textbook Central, communication and notifications to parents, Destiny computer inventory system)

- Assurances to the parents that the existing problems will not occur in the future

Mr. Fagan asked about the possibility of working collaboratively with other school districts. He also asked about the status of books still owed to students.

Ms. Hurley asked about disposing of the large amount of books presently in the bookroom that are no longer needed. She also spoke about future supervision of bookroom personnel and specific hours for the bookroom.

Mr. Sapraine spoke about the current Textbook Room situation and assured parents that this will not happen again.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to approve the Personnel Action Report:

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT**

A. Instructional:

- P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions
- P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions
- P-3: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-4: LEAVES: No Recommended Actions
- P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

A) Instructional:

1. OLGA DEVERS

Position:	French Teacher
Type of Appointment:	Probationary
Assignment:	High School
Certification:	French 7-12
Effective Date:	10/2/08
Expiration Date:	10/3/11
Tenure Eligibility:	10/3/11
Tenure Area:	French 7-12
Salary:	\$61,852
Reason:	To Replace Nicole Florestal-Zizi

P-8: OTHER:

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve the following High School club and extracurricular appointment for the 2008-2009 school year. These stipends should be taken from code 2850-019-00.

Danny Gorman	Drama Club Director	\$3,774
Kenneth Guarniere	Stage Crew/Set construction	\$1,258
2. Recommend the Board of Education approve Linda Hindy-Telford's salary change from \$81,811 to \$84,311 for the 2008-2009 school year, which is a \$2,500 increase for obtaining her Doctorate.
3. Recommend the Board of Education approve Kerry Palladino's CPSE stipend of \$3,900. The stipend will be billed to the county via the Preschool State Aid – SS 31-34.

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

4. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Preschool Evaluation Site stipend of \$1,500 for Kim Mickowski.
5. Recommend the Board of Education rescind the club and extracurricular appointment of Curtis Tripoli, as approved at the Board of Education meeting of July 17, 2008, as Advisor of the Literary Arts Magazine for the 2008-2009 school year.

B. Non-Instructional:

P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions

P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions

P-3: RESIGNATIONS:

1. SUZANNE CALANDRA
Position: Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – P/T
Location: Middle School
Effective Date: September 16, 2008

P-4: LEAVES:

1. JOAN MADDEN
Position: Greeter
Assignment: Manor Elementary School
Effective Date: September 17, 2008
Expiration Date: Approximately 2 months/Upon Medical Approval
Type: Unpaid Medical

P-5: TERMINATIONS: NO RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: N/A

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

1. JEAN MARIE HARRINGTON
Position: Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – P/T
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Seaford High School
Salary: \$10.72 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: Replacement (Susan Keegan)
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission
2. JACKIE HAMBURG
Position: Teacher Aide (1:1)
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – P/T
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Seaford Middle School
Salary: \$10.72 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: Replacement (Suzanne Calandra)
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

3. SUSAN BERMAN
Position: Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide – P/T
Type of Appointment: Part-time
Location: Seaford High School – Technology
Salary: \$10.72 per hour
Code: 2610-163-00-0000
Reason: Replacement (Lisa Guarascio)
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission

P-8: OTHER:

1. Recommend changing Madeline Fischetto's appointment status from provisional Senior Account Clerk to permanent Senior Account Clerk effective October 3, 2008.
2. Recommend approving a secretarial stipend for MaryAnn Genovese for grant work and SEDCAR. The stipend will be \$1,656.00 (included in the 611 grant).

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DeGiudice, to approve the following contracts:

CONTRACTS

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with South Shore Pediatric Physical Therapy, LLP, for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
2. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with PBS Consulting, for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
3. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with The Summit School in Jamaica Estates, NY, for tuition for one Special Education student for the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
4. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with North Shore Speech-Language Associates, for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
5. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District, for summer school program services for one Seaford Special Education student provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
6. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with Harmony Heights for one Seaford student, for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.

South Shore Pediatric Physical Therapy, LLP

PBS Consulting

The Summit School

North Shore Speech-Language Associates

Plainview-Old Bethpage School District

Harmony Heights

CONTRACTS (cont'd)

7. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with “All About Kids” (Mid Island Therapy Associates), for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel. **“All About Kids” (Mid Island Therapy Associates)**
8. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with T.E.A.M. Therapy for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel. **T.E.A.M. Therapy**
9. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. for Special Education services for three Seaford students that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel. **Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc.**
10. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with Bilinguals, Inc. for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel. **Bilinguals, Inc.**
11. Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign a contract with St. James Tutoring, Inc. for Special Education services that will be provided during the 2008-2009 school year, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel. **St. James Tutoring, Inc**
No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

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

**CPSE/CSE
DETERMINATIONS**

1. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 9/9, 9/11, 9/15, 9/16, 9/18.
2. Recommend acceptance of the list of CSE and CPSE Committee members for the 2008-2009 school year, submitted by Ms. Jane Dawkins and indicated in the Board’s documentation.

Mr. Sapraine commented on the timeliness of the meeting date to approval date and complemented Ms. Dawkins on her work concerning this matter. He also spoke about the Board’s desire to meet with her to obtain a better understanding of services needed and given by the different providers.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the donation of a camera crane to the High School Art Department from Greg Helton, a Seaford student, as indicated in the Board’s documentation.

DONATIONS

Ms. Hurley thanked Mr. Helton for his donation.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

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

FUNDRAISING

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Model Congress' request to hold a pumpkin bread sale on 10/14 – 10/31/08 to raise monies to help defer the costs of Foreign Congresses as well as the Model Congress hosted by Seaford.

**FUNDRAISING - MODEL
CONGRESS**

Mr. Sapricono asked that instead of having the board approve fundraisers, Administration would review and approve or deny fundraising requests. Administration would then supply the Board with a monthly report listing all fundraisers approved.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the National Art Honor Society's request to hold an Art Club Holiday Carnival on 10/31/08 to raise monies for a field trip.

**FUNDRAISING - NATIONAL
ART HONOR SOCIETY**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Computer Club's request to sell hats at Homecoming to increase club account total.

Mr. Sapricono spoke about Board policy that fundraisers must have a specific reason to raise money and must state so in their request. Ms. Hurley asked about the timeliness of requests and approvals. Mr. Fagan asked about the accounting and handling of monies. Mr. Markle explained the training process and manual concerning funds. Mr. Conboy spoke about revising the current fundraising request form.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Mathletes Club's request to sell Entertainment Books throughout the Seaford Community 10/15 – 11/20/08 and at the high school's Open House to raise funds to off-set competition costs.

**FUNDRAISING -
MATHLETES**

Mr. Sapricono asked about the competition costs for the Mathletes Club.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Class of 2012's request to sell calendars across from the cafeteria 11/19 & 11/20/08 to raise money for the class.

**FUNDRAISING - CLASS OF
2012**

Mr. Sapricono asked about what the money is used for and was advised that it was used for class events such as the prom, junior prom, etc.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

FUNDRAISING (cont'd)

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve Encore/Bravo/High School Music Department's request to sell fruit pies and desserts outside Seaford High School to parents October 3 – October 31, 2008 to defray the music department's trip to Hawaii.

**FUNDRAISING -
ENCORE/BRAVO/HIGH
SCHOOL MUSIC
DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Sapraine asked about the parent groups and Board approval of fundraising events for these types of groups. Mr. DelGiudice asked about the Booster Club's pie sale and overlapping of sales.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to approve the Living History Club to stage an overnight encampment experience at the Manor School May 2-3, 2009.

FIELD TRIP

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to approve the Middle School's request for a field trip to the New York Hall of Science located in Corona, NY on November 14, 2008.

FIELD TRIP

Mr. Sapraine verified that the number of 260 buses listed on the field trip request form was a typographical error and should be 6 buses. He also asked about board policy and payment for class trips.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the First reading of Policies 7000, 8000 and 9000.

**POLICIES – FIRST READING
SERIES 7000, 8000 & 9000**

Mr. Markle advised the board to remove 8240R from the packet.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the Use of Facilities as detailed in the Board's documentation.

USE OF FACILITIES

Mr. Sapraine and Mr. Fagan asked about conflicts, faculty use, policy and approvals for building use after school hours. It was suggested that further discussion on this issue take place at the October 16 Workshop Meeting.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to declare the refrigerator from the former Board Room as no longer usable and obsolete so that it may be disposed of, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

OBSOLETE ITEM

All Ayes
Motion carried.

OBSOLETE ITEMS (cont'd)

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. Fagan, to declare the attached list of Manor AV equipment from Mr. Strifolino obsolete and of no value to the district so that we may dispose of these items.

OBSOLETE ITEM

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to declare the washing machine at the Harbor School obsolete and of no value to the district so that we may dispose of it.

OBSOLETE ITEM

At the Board's request, Ms. DeLucia-Troisi explained where the washing machine was and what it was used for.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the requests for stop changes, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

TRANSPORTATION

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS –
CAPITAL PROJECTS – NRI**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education of the Seaford School District authorize the Board President to sign an increase to the existing contract with NRI Construction by a net of \$3,735 reflecting change order No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8, using the change order process.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TWO-
YEAR PLAN**

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Board President to sign and adopt the Special Education Two Year Plan (2008 – 2010), as indicated in the Board's documentation.

Ms. Hurley asked what changes were made to the plan. She was advised that the summary page would indicate such changes.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve accepting the bid from Lobo Construction (\$9,460) to assemble the new Manor Elementary School playground equipment:

MANOR PLAYGROUND - BID

The Board thanked Ms. Soloman for all her hard work on the playground project.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Board Legal information items and distribution of same
- Problems and suggestions for improvements for the Textbook Room System and management of same
- Anger over the textbook room situation and concerns for the future
- Timeline for implementation for new procedures
- Glitches in the Harbor School - new floors/tiles and wall colors in the Harbor School
- Darkness of Harbor front windows and consideration of lighter shade for the back windows of the building
- Addition of Mathletes for elementary schools
- Age of 5th Grade Social Studies Textbooks
- Newsday article on district spending per student

Closing Remarks by the Board and Administration:

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Capital Project Presentation at the October 16 Workshop
- ◆ Changes to the Textbook Room and Procedures
- ◆ Ordering of textbooks and Textbook Central
- ◆ State Education Law

Mr. Sapracione asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular negotiation issues.

At 9:33 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Hurley, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss a particular negotiation issue.

ADJOURN REGULAR 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 10:12 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Linda Hurley,
Vice District Clerk