

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, February 3, 2011, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President
Mr. John DelGiudice – Trustee
Mr. Bruce Kahn – Trustee
Mr. Michael D. Sapraticone - Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. Kenney W. Aldrich
Mr. John Strifflino
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

None

OPENING REMARKS

David Wortman, a representative from VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. gave a presentation on the SEQRA process and the details of the environmental review and construction activities related to the tidal wetlands and the Harbor Access Road project.

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

Administration:

This has been a very lengthy process and want to make sure that all our T's are crossed and I's are dotted before going forward.

Mr. Wortman was asked in his experience, after everything has been completed and after a school district becomes the lead agency and a negative environmental impact has been declared, how many times does it come back that things have to be changed

Mr. Conboy advised the Board that if the two SEQRA resolutions are passed by the Board this evening he has two letters signed and ready to be sent to Senator Fuschillo and Assemblyman McDonough asking for them to help with the expedience of getting the Alienation of Parkland fast routed.

He also stated that both Senator Fuschillo and Assemblyman McDonough asked him to let them know when the SEQRA process had been completed.

Today VHB received a letter from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation which in part stated that based on their opinion our project will have no impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State National Register of Historic Places.

Nassau County has to first identify another parcel of land as parkland that will take the place of the parcel which will be given to Seaford and then report that to the State

Nassau County then has to transfer the land to Seaford

We will need to determine when the referendum will take place

Board:

If any new legislation concerning wetlands or this area comes out the district is grandfathered from those new regulations until the road is built Nassau County Legislature approval is required and authorization for transfer of property. Why was New York State Legislature approval not mentioned

How long will it take to get through these steps

Is there any sequence to the steps

What is the exact location of the parcel of land

Chris Venator:

Three additional steps are required

- Community to approve by referendum the use of the money for the roadway
- State legislature to approve to authorize the transfer of land
- Additional authorization from Nassau County

There are times when the State does not move very quickly

Mr. Wortman:

Mr. Wortman stated he has about 7 years of experience and serving as environmental consultants in dozens and dozens of districts and at this point he has not worked on a single project where it has resulted in that sort of circumstance

Mr. Wortman advised that once you have your permits in place from the government agencies your permit is valid for the period of that project (typical is 5 years)

There were lengthy consultations and meetings were had with the Department of Environmental Conservation during the course of the planning of this project

New York State Assembly and House of Representatives are exempt from the SEQRA Review

The DEC having completed its technical review is also waiting for the Parks Department for clearance to move to the final steps

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated January 28, 2011 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Ward and his staff for their work in clearing the snow and ice from the District's walkways, parking lots, etc.

Snow-Day Decisions:

- How the decision is made to close or call a delay
- Notification Methods to Parents and staff:
- Shout-Point, Newsday, News12, District Website
- Benefits of Shout-Point

Effect on Spring vacation if more snow days are needed

- Monday, April 18th will be a regular school day if we need to take another snow day

Hamburger Agreement

- As of today 31 Nassau County districts have joined the lawsuit fighting Nassau County of the passing the responsibility of tax certioraris to school districts
- Contract revised to include language concerning appeals
- All districts who sign on will share in the cost and that cost is capped at no more than \$150,000 including all appeals
- The cost to our district will be less than \$5,000.

Contract information included in the Board's packet

- There will be a need for an Executive Session after this meeting discuss some of that contract information

Long Island Purchasing Council

- Some legal concerns which attorneys are working on
- Meeting on March 1st at BOCES to discuss purchasing

Meeting scheduled at North Shore Middle School on February 8th

- Attorneys John Gross of Ingerman, Smith and Greg Guercio of Guercio & Guercio will discuss the concept of regional collective bargaining to see if there are some savings which may be garnered

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Board Member Bruce Kahn who works for the New York State Courts was aware that in his office, once the computer equipment is no longer being used, they donate it to a New York State program called Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement.

- We filled out the paperwork and Seaford will be receiving the donation of 107 Dell PC's and 47 monitors which are more modern than those the students currently have
- Shipping falls to the district and we will be going to the courts to pack them up and bring them back

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, that the consent agenda be approved as a whole with action recorded as if it had been taken severally.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
6. A, B, C, D, E (detailed
below)**

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 6, 2011 and the Workshop Meeting of January 20, 2011.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 31, 2010.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report and Capital Fund for the month ended December 31, 2010.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

REVENUE REPORT

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report for the month ended December 31, 2010.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**EXTRACURRICULAR FUND
ACTIVITY REPORT**

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report for the month ended December 31, 2010.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER
REPORT**

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Expenditure Report, General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Report and Capital Fund for the period ended December 31, 2010.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

None

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report, as amended:

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT - INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Instructional (dated February 3, 2011):

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| 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: | No Recommended Actions |
| P-8: | OTHER: | |
- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve Lauren Ruberg's leave without pay from October 21, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as approved at the June 29, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
 - b) Recommend the Board of Education amend Kevin Phillips end date as Lauren Ruberg's leave replacement from October 27, 2010 to June 30, 2011 as approved at the August 5, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
 - c) Recommend the Board of Education amend Danielle Alveari's sick leave from January 19, 2011 to January 13, 2011 and amend her end date from March 8, 2011 to March 10, 2011 as approved at the December 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
 - d) Recommend the Board of Education amend Jennifer Voigt's start date as Danielle Alveari's leave replacement from January 11, 2011 to January 10, 2011 and amend her end date from March 15, 2011 to March 17, 2011 as approved at the January 6, 2011 Board of Education meeting.
 - e) Recommend the Board of Education amend the start date of Jennifer McCrystal's sick leave from January 5, 2011 to January 10, 2011 through February 11, 2011 a.m. and her leave without pay from February 11, 2011 p.m. through April 5, 2011 as approved at the November 4, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
 - f) Recommend the Board of Education amend the start date of Michael Albano's leave replacement for Jennifer McCrystal from January 3, 2011 to January 5, 2011 as approved at the January 6, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA (Personnel) (cont'd)

- g) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Joanna Schroeder's unpaid child care leave of absence from January 18, 2011 to June 30, 2011 as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- h) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Agnes Piwowar-Clark's leave replacement for Joanna Schroeder from February 4, 2011 to June 30, 2011 as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- i) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Patricia Foley's unpaid child care leave from January 28, 2011 to February 11, 2011 as approved at the September 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- j) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Renee Schuster's leave replacement for Patricia Foley from February 4, 2011 to February 18, 2011 as approved at the November 4, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- k) Recommend the Board of Education rescind Douglas Milstein's appointment as Assistant Spring Track coach as approved at the August 5, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- l) Recommend the Board of Education approve Kevin Phillips appointment as Assistant Spring Track coach for the High School at Step 1/B for a salary of \$4,250.
- m) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following Harbor school extracurricular club and activity appointments for the 2010-2011 school year. These stipends should be taken from code 2850-132-00.

Sara Krenitsky	Co-Advisor Student Council	\$433
Kerry Hansen	Co-Advisor Student Council	\$433
- n) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Donald Hilton's leave replacement for Anita Dougherty from February 4, 2011 to June 30, 2011 as approved at the October 7, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- o) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Alvin Pitkow's sick leave from January 31, 2011 to January 25, 2011 as approved at the January 6, 2011 Board of Education meeting.
- p) Recommend the Board of Education amend Elizabeth Laderer's end date as Alvin Pitkow's leave replacement from January 2011 to January 28, 2011 as approved at the December 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.
- q) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following teachers for the Harbor Math and English Language Arts Academies. There will be five (5) hours of instruction for each teacher. The hourly stipend is \$66.70.

Mary Anne Greco	Amy Dubin
Jessica Flood	Dawn Plotnick
Nancy Kempner	Laura Liepa
Sue Ward	Roman Wojcik
Kerry Hansen	Peter Lutz
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B. Non-Instructional (dated January 27, 2011):

- P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions
- P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

- P-3: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-4: LEAVES: No Recommended Actions
- P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: N/A
- P-7: APPOINTMENTS:
1. DEBORAH MONTANA
Position: Substitute Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-time Substitute)
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District - Where and When Needed
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: To sub for absent aides
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance

 2. AMY TASHJIAN
Position: Substitute Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-time Substitute)
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District - Where and When Needed
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: To sub for absent aides
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance

 3. JENNIFER VOLKL
Position: Substitute Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-time Substitute)
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District - Where and When Needed
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: To sub for absent aides
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance

 4. ROSINA VARIO
Position: Substitute Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-time Substitute)
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District - Where and When Needed
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: To sub for absent aides
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

5. MARIANNA CONSIGLIO
Position: Substitute Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-time Substitute)
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District - Where and When Needed
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: To sub for absent aides
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance
6. COLLEEN KELLY
Position: Substitute Part-time Teacher Aide
Civil Service Title: Teacher Aide (Part-time Substitute)
Type of Appointment: Substitute
Location: District - Where and When Needed
Salary: \$11.37 per hour
Code: 2110-165-00-0000
Reason: To sub for absent aides
Effective Date: Upon approval of her application by the Civil Service Commission and fingerprint clearance
7. APRIL FERRARO
Position: 10-Month Clerk Typist
Civil Service Title: Typist-Clerk
Type of Appointment: Probationary
Location: Special Education Department
Salary: \$27,274.00
Code: 2250-160-00-0000
Reason: Replacement – Carolanne Castagna
Effective Date: February 7, 2011

P-8: OTHER: No Recommended Actions

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings listed below:

CPSE/CSE

1. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 1/11; 1/13; 1/14.
2. Recommend acceptance of the determinations of the Preschool Special Education Committee Meetings of: 12/15/10; 1/5; 1/10/11.
No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

- Agenda Item 7.A.1. – Hamburger Agreement
Does the firm get a percentage of any of the recovered taxes above and beyond the \$150,000 legal fee cap
- Thank you to Mr. Kahn for computers
- RFP for legal services - be conscious of hourly rates
Cost of entering into litigation in comparison to cost of services being mediated

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –
AGENDA ITEMS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District hereby approves an Agreement for Legal Services dated January 6, 2011 between the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District and Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, Knauer & McNally, LLP as indicated in the Board's documentation, and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement which was tabled at the last Board meeting, as amended.

Mr. DelGiudice stated that he was abstaining because he is employed by Nassau County.

Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Abstain
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapracione -	Aye

Motion Carried.

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

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with the Bellmore School District for special education services for one student currently attending St. Elizabeth Seton School in Bellmore and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
2. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with TheraCare for the 2010-2011 school year for special education services for a new Harbor student and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorizes Change Order No. 1 (High School) for J. S. McHugh covering a deduction of \$1,190.80 for the remainder of the allowance monies not needed in the Seaford High School science room reconstruction and cabinet installation, and request the Board President's signature on the change order documents.

	No Discussion
Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapracione -	Aye

Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS
RESOLUTION – CONTRACT**

**HAMBURGER, MAXSON, YAFFE,
KNAUER & MCNALLY, LLP
AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTS

**CONTRACT – BELLMORE
UFSD – SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICES**

CONTRACT - THERACARE

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
J.S. MCHUGH CHANGE ORDER
NO. 1 (HS)**

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

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
J.S. MCHUGH CHANGE ORDER
NO. 1 (MS)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorizes Change Order No. 1 (Middle School) for J. S. McHugh covering a deduction of \$2,614.90 for the remainder of the allowance monies not needed in the Seaford High School science room reconstruction and cabinet installation, and request the Board President's signature on the change order documents.

No Discussion
Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
J.S. MCHUGH CHANGE ORDER
NO. 5 (FINAL) (HS)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorizes Payment No. 5 (Final) (High School) in the amount of \$24,516.41 for J. S. McHugh for the fifth and final round of work performed for science lab cabinet work in the Seaford High School, and request the Board President's signature on the authorization for payment documents.

No Discussion
Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
J.S. MCHUGH – FINAL PAYMENT
(HS-ART)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorizes Final payment (High School-Art) in the amount of \$2,763.35 for J. S. McHugh for the final round of work performed for art room cabinet work in the Seaford High School, and request the Board President's signature on the authorization for payment documents.

No Discussion
Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
J.S. MCHUGH PAYMENT NO. 5
(FINAL) (MS)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorizes Payment No. 5 (Final) (Middle School) in the amount of \$25,086.50 for J. S. McHugh for the fifth and final round of work performed for science lab cabinet work in the Seaford Middle School, and request the Board President’s signature on the authorization for payment documents.

	No Discussion
Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapricono -	Aye
	Motion Carried.

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

SEQRA (LEAD AGENCY)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District (“Board of Education”) is considering the acceptance of a land transfer to allow the construction of a new access driveway as an alternate means of ingress/egress to the Seaford Harbor Elementary School, located at 3500 Bayview Street in the hamlet of Seaford, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed action specifically includes the acceptance of a 1.44±-acre parcel of land currently owned by Nassau County, comprising part of Nassau County Land and Tax Map Parcel No. Section 63 – Block 261 – p/o Lot 818B, for the construction of a 318±-foot-long by 24±-foot-wide access driveway between the Seaford Harbor Elementary School campus and Bayview Avenue (to the north), and associated drainage, sidewalk and fencing improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action also includes the installation of restoration plantings within a 0.27±-acre portion of the subject property adjacent to and east of the proposed driveway, and the creation of 0.14±-acre of tidal wetland area adjacent to and east of the subject property (within other land owned by Nassau County), contiguous to existing tidal wetland areas, as mitigation for potential impacts to State-regulated tidal wetlands; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.4 and 617.5, the Board of Education reviewed the proposed action and preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted action was undertaken by the Board of Education, and no objections to the Board of Education serving as lead agency were received from involved agencies;

SEQRA RESOLUTION (cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §§617.6(b)(2) and (3), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

	No Discussion
Brian Fagan -	Aye
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
John DelGiudice -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Michael Sapraicone -	Aye
	Motion Carried.

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

SEQRA (NEGATIVE IMPACT)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District (“Board of Education”) is considering the acceptance of a land transfer to allow the construction of a new access driveway as an alternate means of ingress/egress to the Seaford Harbor Elementary School, located at 3500 Bayview Street in the hamlet of Seaford, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed action specifically includes the acceptance of a 1.44±-acre parcel of land currently owned by Nassau County, comprising part of Nassau County Land and Tax Map Parcel No. Section 63 – Block 261 – p/o Lot 818B, for the construction of a 318±-foot-long by 24±-foot-wide access driveway between the Seaford Harbor Elementary School campus and Bayview Avenue (to the north), and associated drainage, sidewalk and fencing improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action also includes the installation of restoration plantings within a 0.27±-acre portion of the subject property adjacent to and east of the proposed driveway, and the creation of 0.14±-acre of tidal wetland area adjacent to and east of the subject property (within other land owned by Nassau County), contiguous to existing tidal wetland areas, as mitigation for potential impacts to State-regulated tidal wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education declared itself lead agency for the proposed action, pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §§617.6(b)(2) and (3); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as lead agency, has caused to be prepared Parts 1, 2 and 3 of an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) to evaluate potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and has reviewed the aforesaid EAF and agrees with the contents thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR Part 617, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted action; and

SEQRA (cont'd)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information contained in the EAF and other relevant information before the Board of Education, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration.

No Discussion

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
John DelGiudice - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Michael Sapraicone - Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to adopt the school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. DiBlasio asked if the calendar could be amended to indicate what the plan would be or what vacation days would be affected should all of the allotted snow days be used. Mr. Conboy briefly spoke about the 2011-2012 school calendar.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to declare the list of High School Library books as obsolete and of no value to the district, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

OBSOLETE ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent Kenney Aldrich advised that several organizations are were interested in taking these books among them the Seaford Historical Society for their museum. He also mentioned that the Lupus Society asked for some of the AV Equipment which the Board recently declared obsolete.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to table Agenda Item 8.F.1. (increase of VHB Contract).

TABLE AGENDA ITEM 8.F.1.

Mr. Conboy explained that an additional bill was received by the District earlier today. He further explained that a review of the billing originally on this evening's agenda and the one received today will be done to assure there is no duplication. The assumption was that the billing on this agenda was the final bill and when the bill was received today it raised some questions.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Mr. Sapricono asked about the RFP process, the cost of doing an RFP and the letter received by the District from Ingerman Smith outlining their legal fees for the 2011-2012 school year. He also asked why this year was different and why we are thinking of doing an RFP this year when we did one two years ago but did not do one last year. Mr. Conboy stated that this is a budget item and his plan is to discuss this matter at an upcoming Budget Workshop Meeting. He also explained that Ingerman, Smith's proposed rates did not go up last year but will be higher next year. Mr. DiBlasio asked when the current contract with Ingerman, Smith expired and was advised June 30, 2011.

BOARD QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Acknowledge Assistant Superintendent John Strifolino and the RTI Committee
- Students read a letter thanking the Board for allowing them to speak and the last Board meeting and again requested the addition of a 7th Grade Baseball team for the 2011/2012 school year.
They presented the Board with a petition signed by 660 residents of Seaford in support of the addition of the 7th Grade team
- Newsday article listing Seaford's reserve as the lowest
What happens next year to districts that use their reserves this year

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Mr. Strifolino explained the IDA Partnership to try to bring more of a connection between the community, parents and the school working together to get information out. He stated he heard a about some virtual mentoring through the process of RTI and we have a very strong committee that has met a few times and participated in various conference calls. Different parts of New York State jump on and talk about different things going on with RTI. We received some information and will be going forward in getting some mentoring money.
- ◆ Mr. Fagan briefly spoke about efforts being taken to get additional money/grants for the District
- ◆ Mr. Fagan and Mr. Conboy commended the students and again advised they will consider everything when planning next year's budget
- ◆ Mr. Sapricono advised the students to think about what their next step would be if the district cannot fund 7th Grade baseball
- ◆ Mr. Conboy advised that the reserve amount indicated in the Newsday article was incorrect and we do not know where they obtained that number.
He stated that we do not have hefty reserves. The District tries to budget tightly and every year if we have additional money the discussion is how much do we keep in unrestricted reserves and how much do we give back to the tax payers to pay down the tax levy
Our ST3 stated we have \$608,000 in unrestricted reserves which is a little more than 1%; you are allowed to keep 4%
In the 2004/2005 school year we gave back 1.7 million dollars that not too many people knew we had; since then we have been keeping tight margins on our budget
Mr. Conboy briefly spoke about the Newsday article and the numbers listed therein. He also spoke about Governor Cuomo's statements concerning districts' unrestricted reserves.
He stated this year the budget process will be like no other

ADMINISTRATION/BOARD COMMENTS (cont'd)

- ◆ Mr. Fagan stated that the cut in State Aid to Seaford for 2011/2012 will be 1.6 million dollars
He also spoke about our Legislators, Mayor Bloomberg, the Governor's stand on this matter and information contained in Newsday
- ◆ Mr. Sapricono spoke about the positives and negatives and community opinion of having either a small sum or a large sum in unrestricted reserves
- ◆ Mr. DiBlasio spoke about past mistakes made in the District and stated that since then the District has made a commitment to be transparent
He also spoke about what a disaster the State Aid formula is, basing our ability to pay by our income taxes. The assumption is that we are a very wealthy community and we can afford these reductions when we cannot
Mr. DiBlasio ended by saying the key thing to remember is that what goes up north does not come back down south – our tax dollars.
- ◆ Mr. Conboy advised everyone that on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m. MSG Varsity (Channel 14 on Cablevision) will be covering our National Art Honor Society Induction

At 8:56 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapricono, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:49 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Richard G. DiBlasio,
Board Vice President &
Vice District Clerk