

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Vice President
Mr. Bruce A. Kahn – Trustee
Ms. Annalisa Siracusa Antonette - Trustee
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President

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

The Regular Meeting convened at 7:35 p.m. As the first order of business, Board Vice President Richard DiBlasio led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Board Vice President Richard DiBlasio advised everyone that the Board would be slightly changing the order of the agenda items. He stated that some of the items in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report related to this evening's Workshop discussion items.

OPENING REMARKS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of 10/6; 10/11; 10/14; 10/18; 10/20; 10/24; 10/25; 10/26.

**NEW BUSINESS
CPSE/CSE**

	No Discussion
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Annalisa Siracusa Antonette -	Aye
	Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to approve the following:

CONTRACTS

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve the contract with RCP Consultants, Inc. for Special Education Services performed in 2011/2012 and authorize the Board President to sign the contract.
2. Recommend the Board of Education approve the contract with Shenghu Wang for Translation Services performed in 2011/2012 and authorize the Board President to sign the contract.

**CONTRACT – RCP
CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**CONTRACT – SHENGHU
WANG**

Ms. Antonette asked how many students would be served by RCP Consultants and was advised that this contract is for professional development for the teaching staff.

Mr. DiBlasio's question concerning the process used to pick RCP Consultants. Mr. Conboy briefly described Rose Pepe's work history in the Nassau/Suffolk County area including BOCES and his personal experience in attending workshops given by Ms. Pepe.

CONTRACTS (cont'd)

Mr. Conboy also advised that the services of Shenghu Wang are for Asian students with limited English proficiency providing translation services when necessary to those students and/or their parents.

Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Annalisa Siracusa Antonette - Aye
Motion Carried.

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated November 10, 2010 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Board Members took a tour of the Middle School and the Manor Elementary School earlier this evening

- Need to set up dates to tour the High School and the Seaford Avenue School within the next few weeks
- Board responsibility to tour buildings yearly

Update on DEC Fees for Rifle Range Clean-up

Brief review of reason for fees and history of legal attempts to have fee waived

Legal counsel advises that the \$30,000 fee needs to be paid out of bond funds

- Fee should be paid to avoid incurring any further penalties
- Contacted Senator Fuschillo who has advised that the additional \$4,620 fee would be waived

Legislation was passed after our clean-up was completed

Application would need to be made to DEC if we were to do any type of clean-up like this today

Ms. Antonette asked how the fee was determined and asked about the possibility of negotiation of penalties

Mr. Ward briefly explained the process of the delivery and receipt of the hazardous waste (106.8 tons - 5 truckloads of leaded sand) and the method fees are assessed by the DEC

- If fee is paid out of bond funds we should be entitled to the building aid of the bond project (58.6% of any dollar spent)

Mr. DiBlasio asked if it was known who at the DEC denied our request for a waiver – one individual or a committee

After brief discussion it was decided to wait until the December 1st Board Meeting when the entire Board would be present to vote to approve payment of the fee

Mr. DiBlasio complemented and thanked Mr. Ward for all his work in the District

Memo from David Abrams, Assistant Commissioner for Assessment Policy

- Need for future technology purchases to support computer delivered assessments

Complaint letter from neighbor concerning noise level coming from athletic field during evening events

OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

Discussion on Advisory Committee for Technology Charter:

Importance of putting a policy in place for ACT

Charter being used by Manhasset School District as a template – Modify for our needs

- ACT to meet monthly, more if necessary
- Committee will do different set of work than Internal District technology committee would do (Administration/Teachers)
- Analysis of what risks might be in the future
- Back-up plans for our infrastructure
- Determine future needs, cost and how to blend that into our budget each year
- Made up of District Technology Director and community members with a practical sense of where we are financially but also with a good working knowledge of computer technology issues
- Committee would report to the Board when requested
- Board would give direction as to what ACT should be focusing in on
- Number of committee members will be determined – no more than 7
- Chairperson to be recommend by Committee and approved by the Board
- Designated person to take meeting minutes
- No sub-committees
- Publication of meeting dates – school calendar, website, posting notices

Other areas covered:

Language used to describe members of committee

Board members to submit recommendations to Mr. Conboy to be used to develop charter

Assistant Superintendent for Business as a member of Committee

Develop and recommend a 3-5 year vision

Charge/Goals of Committee

Curriculum/State Mandates

Discussion on Selection Classification Policy:

Safety of athletes paramount

Review of Selection Classification

History within District

Evaluation Process

Draft Selection/Classification Policy

Breakdown of number of students who moved up and sports played over the last five years (104 students)

- Amount of injuries, if any, and cause
- How many to JV; how many to varsity

Social/emotional adjustments

Once a student competes up they cannot come back down

Concerns over Middle School students playing at varsity level

Concerns for Middle School athletes' safety when playing with highly skilled/powerful teammates

Superintendent to give final approval for Middle School students to play at Varsity level

Place draft policy on next agenda for first reading

OLD BUSINESS (cont'd)

Discussion on GASB 54 – Policy from Hauppauge School District:

External Auditors recommended need for firmer GASB 54 policy;

- Ally Battaglia of R.S. Abrams supplied Hauppauge Policy for us to use as a template
- Useful starting point for us

Draft policy language; minor corrections

District's fund balance has been divided into categories

Audit Committee to review policy and give presentation to Board with recommendations, if any

Discussion on Management Letter Response:

Explanation of External Auditor's Management Letter

Timeline for response

Response Topics

- Budgeting/Budget Transfers
- Emergency purchases
- Modification of language to include submission to Board for approval
- Outstanding checks/abandoned funds – any way District does not have to turn money over to the State; look into options
- Treasurer's Reports - update language to reflect current status
- Interest Earnings
- Minor typographical errors

Response letter will be submitted to the Board and Audit Committee

- Audit Committee will be meeting on December 8

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Status of Harbor Access Roadway
- Incidents involving District's database, Music Department and Booster Club shack
Can't let these things continue to happen

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Booster Shack was damaged not broken into
Our system was not hacked; a password was obtained by one or more student; not fully finished with investigation
- ◆ Believe in discipline, restitution and redemption
Once the first two things are taken care of we move on
We are an organization that is here for learning purposes
Once we are satisfied that learning has taken place we move on
- ◆ We do not tolerate any acts of delinquency
Anything that happens in our District that would compromise the safety or health of our students or our buildings will not be tolerated
- ◆ Cameras have been a benefit to investigating things that have been happening
- ◆ Happy Thanksgiving

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Antonette, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

	No Discussion
Richard DiBlasio -	Aye
Bruce Kahn -	Aye
Annalisa Siracusa Antonette -	Aye
Jeanmarie Wink -	Aye
	Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Bruce A. Kahn
Vice District Clerk