

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Wednesday, April 27, 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. Sapricono - Trustee

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

At 7:35 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Special Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Aldrich spoke about past history with each of the companies and introduced their representatives: Mark DiMarsico, John Pujia and David Maltz from Greiner-Maltz and John Feeney & Ted Stratigos from Cushman & Wakefield

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Conboy briefly spoke about community sentiment and the results of the recent community survey concerning the Seaford Avenue School

Greiner-Maltz Real Estate and Cushman & Wakefield each submitted proposals for Board of Education review in response to an RFP (Request for Proposals) issued by the District regarding the Seaford Avenue School. Areas covered in presentations given by their representatives included:

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

Company history, experience and expertise
Methods for evaluating options for the building and surrounding land
Possible uses of the site and financial potential of each use
- Townhouses, single family houses, assisted living facility
Experiences with other clients selling buildings
Possible stumbling blocks
Options concerning retaining fields but selling building
Community relations
Many steps involved in closing deal
Town of Hempstead
Timelines for sale and development
Current market
Tax Benefits
Effect on school district
Sale price comparison depending on planned development of property
\$8,000,000 for Town Houses; possibly \$10,000,000 for Assisted living;
\$4,000,000 single family homes - develop rights for entire property
- All property, including fields, would be needed for Town Houses, Condo or Co-ops
- Fields would be retained with Assisted Living
Wording would be built in to deed concerning use/maintenance of fields
Additional land gives them the ability to create larger facility – if they own more they can build more
Determine whether you want to maximize dollar value or value to the community
Assisted living would be maximum value, least impact on community and maintain ball field

CONTRACTS (cont'd)

Assisted living good target
Quickest transaction would be single or multi-family development

Board/Administration:

Numbers in proposal
What would be expected for a \$3,000/month rental
Value of building with and without fields
What would Seaford recognize potentially – sale, expense, net profit – based on preliminary analysis
Liability of District concerning fields
What's benefit of letting them have the fields
Is the Town known for giving variances
If a developer hits hurdles what would stop them from doing what they want with the property
What would be the likelihood of someone wanting to develop it into a community center
How many employees for 160 unit Assisted Living facility have
Would this include hospice

Mr. Conboy advised the Real Estate representatives that the Board would be discussing the proposals in more detail at an upcoming workshop meeting and verified with the representatives their availability to attend if necessary to answer further questions

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated April 15, 2011, included:

- Status of Budget Brochure and Six-day notice related to budget
Brochure should be in homes early next
Brochure is posted on the District website
- Will do a Shout Point to remind people about the Budget Hearing
- Letter from Mr. Fagan & Mr. Conboy in Wantagh/Seaford Citizen
Budget information on Patch
- Conversation with Assemblyman McDonough about Harbor road project and our budget issues and lack of reserves
Need for further discussion concerning status of the High School Marching band

None

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. DelGiudice, to approve a health services contract for the 2010-11 school year with Massapequa Public Schools for five Seaford District students currently attending Grace Day School and St. Rose of Lima School in the Massapequa School District and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.

Mr. DelGiudice asked about the large difference in per student charges among school districts concerning health services for students attending private/parochial school. He also asked if we could provide those services and was advised that we could not. He was advised that we all use the same formula but some Districts give a greater level of service and staff providing services are paid higher salaries.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA

**OLD BUSINESS - CONTRACTS
CONTRACT – MASSAPEQUA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

OLD BUSINESS - CONTRACTS (cont'd)

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

1. Recommend the Board of Education approve a health services contract for the 2010-11 school year with North Merrick Schools for one Seaford District student who attends the Progressive School of Long Island in the North Merrick School District 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 health services contract for the 2010-11 school year with Uniondale Schools for thirty-five Seaford District students who attend private/parochial schools (Kellenberg High School, Hebrew Academy of Nassau County and St. Martin DePorres School) in the Uniondale Union Free School District and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
4. Recommend the Board of Education approve a health services contract for the 2010-11 school year with Hicksville Public Schools for fifteen Seaford District students who attend private/parochial schools (Holy Trinity High School and Trinity Lutheran School) in the Hicksville School District and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
5. Recommend the Board of Education approve a health services contract for the 2010-11 school year with Plainedge Public Schools for twenty Seaford District students who attend Maria Regina School in the Plainedge School District and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
6. Recommend the Board of Education approve a Special Education contract with "All About Kids" for evaluations and therapy services for the 2011-12 school year and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
7. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with Positive Behavior Support Consulting, P.C. for the 2010-11 school year for special education student needs and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.
8. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with South Huntington School District for the thirty-seven Seaford District students who currently attend St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.

**CONTRACT – NORTH
MERRICK SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

**CONTRACT – UNIONDALE
SCHOOLS**

**CONTRACT – HICKSVILLE
SCHOOLS**

**CONTRACT – PLAINEDGE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**CONTRACT – ALL ABOUT
KIDS**

**CONTRACT – POSITIVE
BEHAVIOR SUPPORT
CONSULTING, P.C.**

**CONTRACT – SOUTH
HUNTINGTON SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

OLD BUSINESS - CONTRACTS (cont'd)

9. Recommend the Board of Education approve a contract with Sachem School District for one Seaford District student who currently attends Our Lady of Good Success School and request the Board President's signature on the contract, subject to final review and approval by legal counsel.

**CONTRACT – SACHEM
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Sapricono, second by Mr. Kahn, to cast one (1) vote for candidate **Deborah Coates** to the BOCES Board.

**BOCES BOARD
CANDIDATES**

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. Sapricono, to cast one (1) vote for candidate **Eric Schultz** to the BOCES Board.

**BOCES BOARD
CANDIDATES**

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

Motion by Mr. DelGiudice, second by Mr. Sapricono, to cast one (1) vote for candidate **Stephen B. Witt** to the BOCES Board.

**BOCES BOARD
CANDIDATES**

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. Mr. Sapricono, to adopt the following resolution:

**BOCES 2011/2012
ADMINISTRATIVE
OPERATIONS BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "Nassau BOCES") has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011/2012 school year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2011/2012 school year in the amount of eighteen million nine hundred forty-seven thousand one hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$18,947,178) be, and hereby is **APPROVED** by this Board.

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. Sapricono, to adopt the following resolution:

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
MADHUE ELECTRIC PAYMENT
NO. 9 (Final)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 9 (Final) in the amount of \$35,746.40 to Madhue Electric, Inc. for the final round of electrical work at the 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 Sapricono - Aye

Motion Carried.

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

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
SWITCH TECHNOLOGIES
PAYMENT NO. 3 (Final)
(PHASE 5 - MANOR)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 3 (Final) (Phase 5-Manor) in the amount of \$4,232.19 to Switch Technologies, Inc. for the final round of the District-wide data network upgrades at the Manor 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. Sapricono, to adopt the following resolution:

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
SWITCH TECHNOLOGIES
PAYMENT NO. 3 (Final)
(PHASE 5 – MS)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 3 (Final) (Phase 5-Middle School) in the amount of \$18,290.23 to Switch Technologies, Inc. for the final round of the District-wide data network upgrades at the 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. Sapricono, to adopt the following resolution:

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
SWITCH TECHNOLOGIES
PAYMENT NO. 3 (Final)
(PHASE 5 – HARBOR)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 3 (Final) (Phase 5-Harbor) in the amount of \$3,787.02 to Switch Technologies, Inc. for the final round of the District-wide data network upgrades at the Harbor 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. Sapricono, to adopt the following resolution:

**CAPITAL PROJECT RESOLUTION
SWITCH TECHNOLOGIES
PAYMENT NO. 3 (Final)
(PHASE 5 – HS)**

Be it resolved, based upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board of Education authorize Payment No. 3 (Final) (Phase 5-High School) in the amount of \$13,665.09 to Switch Technologies, Inc. for the final round of the District-wide data network upgrades at the 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 Sapricono - Aye
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapricono, to approve entering into a professional services contract with H2M Architects, at a cost not to exceed \$3,400, for the High School press box design and documentation work, and request the Board President's signature on the contract.

CONTRACTS

Board asked about the condition of the Press Box and verified that the box is listed in our inventory and is covered under our insurance. Mr. Conboy gave a brief history of the press box, explained the need for H2M's services and state requirement for a schematic of the structure. He also stated that this press box is made out of metal, has a lift and is handicapped accessible, has a front window and a side door into the bleachers. Discussion continued concerning the Booster Club shack, other small buildings and insurance.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve the health services contract with Manhasset Public Schools for the 2010-2011 school year for one District student who attends St. Mary's High School at a cost of \$856.16 per student, and request the Board President's signature on the contract.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

CONTRACTS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Sapracione, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: For 2010/11–3/18; 3/29; 3/31; 3/9; 3/16; 3/23; 3/30; 3/21; 3/29; 4/4; 4/7. For 2011/12 – 2/15; 2/17.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

CPSE/CSE

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve the High School's request for a field trip to Six Flags in Jackson, New Jersey on June 2, 2011 to participate in Physics Day.

FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Fagan asked if the students will be measuring G-force and was advised they will.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Where did the LIPA money from the solar panel energy savings go
- Some incorrect information is on the Patch concerning the Harbor Roadway.
 - Need for someone to clear up the information concerning the Harbor Roadway and the cost of that road
 - Need for a letter from the Board to the Patch to clarify the facts
 - Need to clarify funding of roadway
 - People think we can give the money back
 - Community needs to know that this is part of the bond
 - Need to get word out
 - Jobs conflict with band camp
- Assisted living a stellar idea
 - Cushman-Wakefield's diverse client base gives us access to more clientele than just going with a development company
 - Since Patch is a media outlet can we add the Patch as a media outlet at our reorganization meeting
 - Has comprehensive inventory been done
 - Some people incorrectly believe Harbor Roadway will lead to center-based learning
 - Many challenges this year - If budget passes consider yourself lucky and do not take it for granted
 - Need to apply for grants
 - People need to come to Board meetings

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

- Every year we receive a comparison budget from one year to the next – forecast to forecast
Would be interesting to compare the budget to actual costs– where we are now – 10 months into the school year
Enables the public to see how this school year's budget stacks up against the proposed budget

Board/Administration

- ◆ LIPA money went to the fund balance
- ◆ Community gave permission to spend up to \$21,577,000
We do not have to spend all of it; only have to borrow what was used
There is no money to give back; Board cannot borrow it just to give it back
Can only do things with the bond money that voters gave us permission to do
Harbor roadway was not in the original scoping list because of concerns it would delay the balance of the bond work
The SEQRA process is so complex that if we had included it none of the bond work would have been started yet
- ◆ When planning the bond Board was told that the language was broad enough to include the roadway
Harbor roadway is not a luxury – it is a safety issue
Necessary for people to come to budget hearing to get accurate information
If we don't own the fields we probably won't be dealing with them
Press box is insured by NYSIR but not on State's list
- ◆ Budgeting process for the next year has to begin immediately
Governor and the Federal Government are not done yet
Every budget is not taken for granted
District has given back 6.4 million in reserves
Very hard to anticipate what State aid will be
Community has become more educated
We lost 1.5 million dollars in State aid
In the past talked about hiring a grant writer
Just because people are not here doesn't mean they don't care

Mr. Conboy advised that while it does not require a Board vote, he would like some endorsement on the Board's feeling concerning making the High School Marching Band voluntary. He advised that he has grown to trust Mr. Romeo's and Mr. Coniglio's opinions on how they think the program should be run. He also stated that he had concerns about the number of students who would participate but the 90 that plan on participating is a good number. Students are not showing up

**DISCUSSION ON SEAFORD
HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING
BAND**

Mr. Kahn - If Ms. Sherwin, Mr. Coniglio and Mr. Romeo feel they can do this we should let them try it

Mr. DelGiudice - giving the students an option is in their best interest

MARCH BAND DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Mr. DiBlasio - Concerns about trying something with no plan ahead and that this could be the beginning of the end if we make it on a voluntary basis

- Does not agree on making this a voluntary basis especially when dealing with teenagers
- Very difficult to say we will change something and then change it back next year (Example: what happened with Italian)
- Feel like being rushed – keep it going the way it is now and lets have these discussions in the summer
- Students losing interest – all due to band camp – conflicts with other sports, etc.

Mr. Conboy stated that the removal of Italian was a financial concern and this is more of a changing student demographic concern

- Believe we have students giving up their instruments in 8th grade because they don't want to be in marching band
- Some don't want to make the commitment to summer band camp
- Some just don't like the idea of marching band
- Barbara Sherwin shared that students in the general population might be interested in taking part in the marching band in some other way perhaps as a percussionist, playing the cymbals or as a flag carrier

Mr. Strifolino stated they wanted to make the change because students aren't showing up now, aren't interested

Mr. Fagan – Are students being appropriately motivationally challenged by their teachers to stay in Marching Band or are they not coming for other reasons. Perhaps there is an underlying issue that we are not recognizing as to why students are not motivated.

Mr. Kahn – Will open up 8th period for students to take other classes

- Do not have to have the biggest to be the best

Mr. Sapraicone – Would like band to continue but shouldn't put it in kids hands – their control

- What is our urgency
- Why don't we let Mr. Conboy make the decision and see how it goes

Mr. Conboy stated that six months ago the teachers asked to come to a board meeting and he put it off.

- We told them to come to a meeting.
- We then told them to survey the kids.
- Do not believe we have rushed the decision at all
- There is nothing else in the entire Seaford School District that is curricular where we are telling kids to come back for a week in the summer and if they don't there are consequences that could affect their grade
- We are mandating it for everyone but football players
- Can't do anything else on Saturday afternoons because this is mandated
- Teachers have advised us that this is not working

Mr. Conboy stated his recommendation is to try it for one year. He advised the Board that he would take all of their opinions and have something in the Board packet this weekend that reflects his thoughts.

Mr. Strifolino advised that some parents have expressed negative feelings about this

- Students not being able to make certain things and because of that have points taken off their grade

Mr. DelGiudice – Maybe there is a desire for the marching band to perform at a higher level than it has in the past and think that pressure is getting to some people

- If there is an underlying issue this may be it

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Meet the Candidates' Night is Wednesday, May 4th
- ◆ Budget Hearing on Thursday, May 5th in the High School Auditorium

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Sapaicone, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk