

A Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, July 1, 2004, in the All Purpose Room of the Seaford Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Ms. Julie Oliva - President  
Ms. Kathy Perlman - Vice President  
Ms. Linda Hurley - Trustee  
Ms. Karen Cummings - Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Kent Bush - Trustee

George L. Duffy, III  
Mr. Ed Wallowitz  
Mr. Brian Conboy  
Mr. Christopher Venator - Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m.

As the first order of business, Mr. Duffy led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ms. Oliva, second by Ms. Perlman, that George L. Duffy, III be appointed temporary chairperson of the Board of Education.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**TEMPORARY  
CHAIRPERSON**

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, that Julie Oliva be elected President of the Board of Education for the 2004-2005 school year

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**PRESIDENT ELECTED**

President Oliva assumes the chair.

Motion by Ms. Oliva, second by Ms. Hurley, that Kathy Perlman be elected Vice-President of the Board of Education for the 2004-2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**VICE PRESIDENT  
ELECTED**

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, that Carmen Ouellette be appointed full-time District Clerk for the Seaford Union Free School District for the 2004-2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**DISTRICT CLERK  
APPOINTED**

The District Clerk administers the Oath of Office to the Board of Education members.

**OATH OF OFFICE  
ADMINISTERED**

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, that Kathy Perlman be appointed Vice-District Clerk for the Seaford Union Free School District for the 2004-2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**VICE DISTRICT CLERK  
APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, that Connie Guida be appointed Treasurer of the Seaford Union Free School District for the 2004-2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**TREASURER APPOINTED**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, that the Treasurer's bond be approved for Connie Guida, District Treasurer, in the amount of \$100,000 and that the bond be placed through the district's brokerage agent.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S BOND**

Appointment of the board members by the President to the following duties:

**DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Oliva appointed board members to the following duties:

Public Relations:	Julie Oliva
Auditing:	Kent Bush
House and Grounds:	Linda Hurley
Parliamentarian:	Karen Cummings
Legislation:	Kathy Perlman

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, that the following banks be designated as depositories for the school funds for the school year 2004–2005: Citibank, Bank of New York, Fleet Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, and State Bank of Long Island.

**BANK DEPOSITORIES**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, that the following petty cash funds be set up for the 2004–2005 school year (to be operated in accordance with the Commissioner’s Regulations 170.3 State Education Law).

**PETTY CASH FUNDS**

SCHOOL	AMOUNT	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Seaford High School	\$100	Principal
Seaford Middle School	\$100	Principal
Seaford Harbor School	\$100	Principal
Seaford Manor School	\$100	Principal
Central Administration	\$100	Superintendent
Board of Education	\$100	District Clerk
Central Administration	\$100	Treasurer

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, that the Board of Education meetings of the Seaford Union Free School District will be held at the Seaford Manor School all-purpose room, 1590 Washington Avenue at 8:00 P.M. for the 2004–2005 school year on the first Thursday of each month. Workshop meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month in the Board of Education Conference Room at 1600 Washington Avenue at 8:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, that the President be empowered and designated Officer of Record, and in the event of his/her absence Kathy Perlman, Vice-President, be empowered to act in the same capacity.

**OFFICER OF RECORD**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, that Brian Conboy be empowered and designated as the Freedom of Information officer for the 2004–2005 school year.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, that the following doctors be appointed and offered contracts for the 2004–2005 school year.

**DOCTORS APPOINTED**

Dr. Dale Saglinbene	\$11,630
Dr. Jeffrey Efenbein	\$9,547

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, that the treasury system be continued in accordance with such standard requirements as set forth below:

**TREASURY SYSTEM**

- 1) Approved form of two-signature voucher checks.
- 2) Approved system of treasurer's receipts.
- 3) Single signature payroll account to be reimbursable each payday via two-signature voucher check. Officer of Record is hereby empowered to sign payroll reimbursable checks during fiscal year 2004–2005 without further authorization by the board.
- 4) Monthly treasurer's reports.
- 5) Annual audit of treasurer's records by C.P.A.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, that Ingerman Smith L.L.P. be appointed general counsel for the school year 2004–2005 at an annual retainer of \$26,000 and as labor counsel at an annual retainer of \$25,000 and that the President be authorized to sign the contracts for said services.

**ATTORNEYS APPOINTED**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, that the firm, Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski, be appointed accountants for the auditing of the General Fund, Special Aid Funds, Capital Fund, and Trust & Agency Funds, Extra Classroom Activity Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Debt Service Fund for the year 2004–2005 at an annual fee of \$18,500, which includes the updating of district financial records to be in compliance with GASB 34.

**AUDITORS APPOINTED**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to make transfers between and within financial unit appropriation accounts in the 2004–2005 budget in accordance with requirement of the State Education Department. These transfers shall be duly reported to the Board of Education.

**TRANSFERS**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley,, second by Ms. Cummings, that the district treasurer be appointed as the Central Student Activities Treasurer and that a bond in the amount of \$100,000 be obtained through the district brokerage agent.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES  
TREASURER/BOND**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to appoint the Assistant Superintendent for Business as the designated Purchasing Agent for the 2004–2005 school year.

**PURCHASING AGENT**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, to appoint Brian Conboy as Hearing Officer for all student hearings for the 2004–2005 school year.

**HEARING OFFICER**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to appoint Mr. Ed Wallowitz as the alternate Hearing Officer for all student hearings for the 2004–2005 school year.

**ALTERNATE HEARING  
OFFICER**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to appoint Nicholas Campasano and Terence Smolen as hearing officers for any disciplinary hearings of employees pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law for the 2004–2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY  
HEARING OFFICERS**

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Perlman, to designate the Superintendent, and in the event of his absence, the Assistant Superintendent for Business as the authorized signatories for the official signing of the district payrolls for the 2004–2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**SIGNATORIES/DISTRICT  
PAYROLL**

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Perlman, that the series 1000–9000 policies be readopted for the 2004–2005 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**POLICIES READOPTED**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, to designate The Citizen, The Observer, and Newsday as the official

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**DESIGNATED  
NEWSPAPERS**

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, to appoint Brian Conboy the Title IX Coordinator and the Section 504 Coordinator for adults for the 2004–2005 school year and as the Section 504 Coordinator for students.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**TITLE IX & SECTION 504  
COORDINATORS**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to recognize the Religious Holidays listed on the 2004–2005 Attendance Reports and Worksheets (SA-129 and SA-129D).

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to appoint Capital Markets Advisors as the district's financial advisors for the 2004–2005 fiscal year at an annual fee of \$4,400.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL ADVISORS  
APPOINTED**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to authorize the district to renew its contract with Educational Data Services for cooperative bidding/purchasing for fiscal year 2004–2005 at a cost of \$9,820.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**COOPERATIVE  
BIDS/PURCHASE**

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to appoint Hawkins, Delafield and Wood as financial legal counsel for TAN borrowing at a fee of \$5,500.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL LEGAL  
COUNSEL**

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to appoint Zimmerman/Edelson, Inc., for public information outreach services at a basic fee of \$30,000.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION  
OUTREACH SERVICES**

At 8:15 p.m., Ms. Oliva turned the meeting over to Superintendent George Duffy.

Mr. Duffy stated that he would be describing the Financial Controls used by the Seaford School District. He advised the audience that Mr. Vinnie Cullen, of Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski. The District's outside auditing firm and Ms. Connie Guida, the District's treasurer, were present this evening and would be available to answer any questions. Mr. Duffy stated that monthly the Board of Education reviews and approves the following:

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
PRESENTATION –  
FINANCIAL CONTROLS**

- All warrants for payment of regular invoices
- Salary analysis reports
- Monthly Treasurer's report
- Transfer of Funds between budget codes
- General Fund Revenue Report
- General Fund Expenditure Report
- Extra-classroom Activity Fund Reports
- Change orders related to capital work

**Other Internal Controls:**

Purchase orders and/claims signed by Principal, central Office and/or Director and Assistant Superintendent for Business

No District employee may approve his/her claim for payment.

Extra-classroom fund requires signature of student, club advisor, principal, central treasurer. District Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent sign check.

All payments made to members of the administration including salary, expenditures and reimbursements are audited by the district's external auditors.

**External Controls**

Seaford School District contracts with the firm of Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski

Auditing firm is appointed at reorganization meeting every July

Yearly external audit of District financial statements, conduct district audit with testing of transactions

External auditors conduct unannounced school lunch observation, review procedure for handling monies

**District Office Checks and Balances**

After BOE review, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer review voucher package for completeness. Including required signatures on P.O., agreement of invoice and check amount, verification that item received or service completed, items ordered are billed and shipped to district, check is not duplicate payment and sales tax is not paid.

Log maintained to verify consecutively numbered checks.

**Segregation of Duties**

Deposits made by someone other than treasurer

Treasurer reconciles deposits to monthly bank statement

SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESENTATION (cont'd)

Revenue – State aid, special aid, and school lunch fund recorded monthly.

All disbursements, including payroll, reconciled to monthly bank statements and recorded in general ledger by Treasurer.

Accounts payment clerk enters all purchase order claims for payment into system

Transfers between codes require approval of Principal/Director, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and approval by Board of Education. Treasurer records transfer, Accounts Payable Clerk records P.O. and claim for payment.

In closing Mr. Duffy said that although there is no foolproof method to prevent fraud, the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools will enforce all procedures and practices recommended by external auditors and State regulations to ensure that the Seaford School District appropriately manages all District funds. He then asked if there were any questions

Questions concerned the Roslyn school district and if what happened there could happen here. Mr. Cullen and Ms. Guida addressed detailed questions concerning some of the controls in place and how they prevent what happened in Roslyn. The audience was advised that checks require two signatures and are electronically produced by a computer in number order. In answer to a question, it was stated that the district gets back the actual cashed checks from the banks, not just a statement. Another resident stated that he was informed that sometimes banks will cash a check with only one signature. The resident was advised that if the bank allowed the check to clear than it would be that the banks' internal controls failed.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2004.  
All ayes  
Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2004.  
All ayes  
Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to accept the Extracurricular Fund Activity Treasurer's Report for May 31, 2004.

**EXTRACURRICULAR FUND  
ACTIVITY REPORT**

Opening Balance	\$51,052.65
Receipts	\$14,120.50
Expenditures	\$7,285.55
Closing Balance	\$57,887.60

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, to approve the General Fund Revenue Report for the period July 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004.

**GENERAL FUND  
REVENUE REPORT**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to approve the Journal Analysis Report (transfers) for the period July 1, 2003 through May 31, 2004.

**JOURNAL ANALYSIS  
REPORT**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Mms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, to approve the Expenditure Report for the period July 1, 2003 through June 24, 2004.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to approve the Bill Schedules and Warrants:

**BILL SCHEDULES &  
WARRANTS**

Warrant 936	06/03/04	\$1,500.00
Warrant 938	06/16/04	\$763,172.26
Warrant 940	06/24/04	\$421,496.51

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report:

**PERSONNEL ACTION  
REPORT**

Certified Personnel:

- a. Recommend authorization for the President of the Board of Education sign a contract with the Registered Nurses of Seaford School District dated July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007.
- b. Recommend accepting the resignation of Kelly Patrick as UP I teacher, effective July 1, 2004.
- c. Recommend amending Angela Martin's leave as follows:
  - Ms. Martin be granted leave without pay from September 1, 2004, through January 31, 2005.
  - FMLA will run from September 1, 2004 through October 22, 2004.
- d. Recommend amending Katie Haug's leave as follows:
  - Ms. Haug be granted leave without pay starting on June 14, 2004 through June 30, 2004.
- e. Recommend appointing Lauren Marcello to the probationary position of Social Studies (1.0) teacher at the high school, effective September 1, 2004 and terminating June 30, 2007. Salary: MA Step 1.5 \$50,944 plus benefits.
- f. Recommend approval for Patricia Teja to conduct 23 Regents Academy sessions, as indicated in the board's documentation. This has been amended from ten sessions.
- g. Recommend accepting the resignation of Patricia Klammer, Physical Education teacher in the middle school, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2004.
- h. Recommend accepting the resignation of Diana Lapsley, English teacher in the high school, effective June 30, 2004.

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

- i. Recommend appointment of the following individuals to evaluate preschool/school age students during the summer of 2004.

Jane Armstrong	Education	\$170 per evaluation
Maxine Bogen	Observation	\$40 per observation
	Speech & Language	\$170 per evaluation
Lisa Gagliano	Speech & Language	\$170 per evaluation
Margaret Glancy	Education	\$170 per evaluation
Andrea Kantor	Psychological	\$240 per evaluation
	Social History	\$100 per evaluation
Jean Mulligan	Psychological	\$240 per evaluation
	Social History	\$100 per evaluation
Pat Sigler	Psychological	\$240 per evaluation
Jodi Silverman	Psychological	\$150 per evaluation
	Social History	\$40 per report
	Attendance at Meeting	\$50 per hour
Barbara Snyder	Education	\$170 per evaluation
Lisa Standwill	Physical Therapy	\$170 per evaluation
Linda Telford	Occupational Therapy	\$170 per evaluation

- j. Recommend approval for the following independent contractors to continue to serve special education students throughout the summer and/or next school year:

Francesca Flanagan	Parent Training	\$20 per hour
Michelle Russo	Teacher	\$65 per hour

- k. Recommend approval for the following staff members to provide summer consultant teacher/special education services:

Tara Fitzgerald	Margaret Glancy
Karen Schweitzer	Barbara Snyder
Christine Gupta	

Salary: \$54.64 p/h

- l. Recommend the appointment of Karen Schweitzer to the position of Home Tutoring Director for the summer of 2004. Stipend: \$465.

Noncertified Personnel:

- a. Recommend approval for Elizabeth Finlay to work 25 days during the summer of 2004 to prepare preschool IEP's and billing for the 2004-05 school year. Salary: Time and one-half of regular salary. Code F2250-016-6B-0304.
- b. Recommend the appointment of the election clerks as indicated in the board's documentation to work the June 15, 2004 budget revote. Salary: \$8.38/hr. Code: 1060-032.
- c. Recommend approval for the layoffs as indicated in the board's documentation.
- d. Recommend accepting the resignation of Perri Santulli, instructional aide in the middle school, effective June 30, 2004.
- e. Recommend the temporary appointment of Maryann Hansen as clerical aide in the transportation office effective June 28 through August 31, 2004. Salary: \$13.65/hr. Code: 1621-028.

PERSONNEL (cont'd)

- f. Recommend approval to employ Katherine Barrett as a consultant to work with Sandra Mooney to teach the basics of preparing the middle school student schedules for the 2004–2005 school year. Salary: Four days at \$250 p/d.
- g. Recommend approval to employ a clerical aide to work in the special education office for three hours a day during the summer.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to recommend approval of the second reading and adoption of Policy No. 1120-E-Application for Public Access To Records.

**SECOND READING POLICY  
1120-E**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seaford Board of Education does hereby authorize the renewal of an inter-municipal agreement with the following school districts for the purpose of reducing expenses through cooperative bidding and/or purchasing of materials, equipment, supplies and services: Bethpage, Farmingdale, Island trees, Levittown, Plainedge, Plainview/Old Bethpage, Wantagh.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the Seaford Board of education, in accordance with bid specifications through the Southeast Nassau Cooperative, approve the continuance of services provided by the following vendors at an increase of CPI rate for the 2005–2006 school year: Bellarora Construction, Scarsdale Security, Parkway Exterminators, Concrete and Asphalt Paving, Security Equipment and Surveillance and Integrated Pest Management.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to accept the recommendation to approve the following:

**CONTRACTS**

- a. Recommend authorization for the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to sign a health services contract with West Islip Public Schools or seven students attending St. John the Baptist High School. Cost: \$2,768.98.
- b. Recommend authorization for the President of the Board of Education to sign a renewal contact for Triad Group, the district's workers' compensation fund administrators, effective July 1, 2004. Annual fee: \$22,000.
- c. Recommend authorization for the President of the Board of Education to sign a contract with St. Charles Hospital for one special education student receiving services for the 2003–2004 school year.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, that the following positions be abolished:

- 1 groundskeeper position
- 2.5 cleaner positions

RESOLVED, that the following position be changed from full time to part time:

- 1 clerk typist position to become part-time.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Perlman, to accept the recommendation to approve the Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2004–2005 school year as listed in the board’s documentation.

**IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Committee on Special Education meetings of April 21, May 4, 5 14 and 25, 2004; Preschool meetings of April 21, 2004, May 26, 2004 and June 9, 2004; and the Annual Reviews of March 18, 23, May 5, 25 and June 3, 2004.

**CPSE/CSE DETERMINATIONS**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to accept the recommendation to approve renewal of the food service contract with Aramark for the 2004–2005 school year, with increases, as indicated in the board’s documentation.

**FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to accept the recommendation to declare as obsolete the Health textbook indicated in the board’s documentation in order to dispose of it.

**OBsolete BOOK DISPOSAL**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to accept the recommendation to approve the revised Academic Intervention Services Plan for 2004–2006.

**2004–2006 ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES PLAN**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Perlman, second by Ms. Hurley, to certify the results of the budget re-vote of June 15, 2004.

**CERTIFY VOTE**

<b>PROPOSITION NO. 1 – BUDGET</b>		
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
HARBOR	1139	1226
MANOR	778	626
Absentee Ballots	8	32
Affidavit Ballots	1	6
<b>TOTAL VOTES:</b>	<b>1926</b>	<b>1890</b>

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, to accept the recommendation to approve the Seaford School District continue to participate in the Syosset Fuel Oil Cooperative Bid for the 2004–2005 school year.

**BIDS**

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, to accept the recommendation to award the out-of-district, private, parochial and special education transportation bids for the Southeast Nassau Cooperative for the 2004 summer session and the 2004–2005 school year to the lowest responsible bidder within specification as indicated in the board’s documentation.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Cummings, second by Ms. Hurley, to approve the use of the following facilities:

**USE OF FACILITIES**

1. MIDDLE SCHOOL			
A.	LI Broncos Cheerleading Clinic	Tuesday – Friday August 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2004 Gymnasium, Cafeteria Mats	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Charges: As indicated in the Board’s documentation.			

All ayes  
Motion carried.

A resident suggested that instead of board meetings being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, they should alternate having some held during the day to accommodate people who work shifts. She also requested that times and dates of the board meetings be placed in the newspaper and asked if the minutes could be put on the web site. She was advised that it would not be possible to have the board meetings take place during the day. She was advised that Newsday publishes board meetings dates in the Sunday Newsday under weekly events. Having the minutes placed on the website would be looked into.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

It was also asked if the District still uses the same procedures for signing contracts and choosing service providers as they did last year. She was advised that as in the past, some contracts are signed based on a bid process. Professional Contracts, services provider contracts are approved based on recommendations from our administrators. They interview prospective service providers which are on a list of the State approved and recommend the provider they feel is most suited to meet the needs of the district. The board approves the signing of the contracts.

The resident then stated that as she had advised Mr. Duffy, a service provider breached the confidentiality of a special ed student to promote gain for its company and questioned what was being done. Mr. Duffy advised the resident that he had not yet had an opportunity to discuss this with the board, but that a cease and desist letter had been sent to the provider

A resident asked about the contract with the extermination company and wanted to know if the schools had a problem. He was advised that this was a bid done through the cooperative with other school districts. The district does not have need of these services at this time, but should the need arise, then the district would use this exterminator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

Residents brought up the issue of the paddling done to 8<sup>th</sup> graders by high school students. They wanted to know what the district was doing about it and what punishment was going to be given to the students who did the paddling. Mr. Duffy explained that the matter is still ongoing, hearings are taking place and at this time nothing has been resolved. He stated that the district is taking this matter very seriously and a clear message will be sent to the students. He stated that he cannot state the specific outcome for each student. That due to state laws, the student's privacy must be kept. However, all of the students would know that the district has a "zero" tolerance for this kind of behavior. A resident encouraged parents of the victims to make a police complaint.

Another parent stated that there were rumors going on that some of the athletes were practicing with the teams. He stated that some kids are afraid and that it seems that there is open season for this kind of the thing for both boys and girls. A parent stated that they were trusting the district to make absolutely clear that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated. He was advised that the students would know about the code of conduct and that the district would make very clear its position and the consequences for breaking that code.

A resident stated that he understood that this is not the first year that the paddling has gone on and why has it not been dealt with before. He was advised that this was the first time parents brought it to their attention. He also wanted to know if the police reports were a matter of public record. A parent expressed his dislike for the laws protecting the privacy of the students and felt that parents had a right to know what punishment would be given.

Another resident expressed her concerns regarding the LIC classes in the High School. Of major concern were the students in the LIC science course and the fact that they were unable to sit for the regents' examination due to the lack of lab time. The resident was upset that this went unnoticed and wanted an explanation as to why it did. Concerns were also expressed about the newly created earth science/biology course for students that will not be a collaborative course. Resident expressed concerns about the ability of the students to succeed in a larger class size rather than the 15:1 setting they were in last year. She was advised that every effort will be made to meet the needs of the students and a skills' class is to be added to assist them. She was advised that while this is not a perfect solution, due to the specialized nature of the content of science courses, it was felt that this was the best way to proceed. She was also advised that we will be checking and making adjustments to meet the needs of the students as the year progresses.

The resident stated that the District Two-year Plan is up for review and asked if a committee could be formed to get input from parents to contribute to the review process. It was also asked if the LIC classes in the Harbor and Manor will be in compliance in the fall.

A resident also brought up board meetings and advised that many people do not know you can go to workshop meetings.

The matter of the Harbor access road was brought up and the resident was advised that the legislators are still working on it.

Questions about Nassau County Assessment and tax rates were also brought up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

A resident stated that he felt that the way students are taught a foreign language should be changed with an emphasis on audio. He also stated that there is an epidemic of high school students suffering from diabetes and if it were possible for students to have a screening for weight and blood pressure by the school nurse.

There being no further business, a motion was made at 10:04 p.m. by Ms. Hurley, second by Ms. Cummings, to adjourn the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

**ADJOURN**

Due to the late hour, Executive Session was not held and was rescheduled until Thursday, July 15, 2004.

All ayes  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette  
District Clerk