

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, 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. Bruce A. Kahn – Trustee
Ms. Susan Ruona - Trustee

ABSENT: Ms. Jeanmarie Wink – Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. John A. Strifolino
Mr. Alan S. Phillips
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 7:36 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Regular Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

None

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Kevin L. Herbst, NYS Certified Code Officer, presented results of the district-wide fire inspections. He advised that he inspected the buildings on November 13, 2012 and the schools looked very good this year. All certificates of occupancy are in place. Mr. Herbst stated that Mr. Ward, the custodians and school staff did a wonderful job this year – there were no issues whatsoever.

**PRESENTATIONS - FIRE
INSPECTION REPORT**

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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

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

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve the Board of Education Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 28, the Regular Meeting of March 7, the Workshop Meeting of March 14 and the Workshop Meeting of March 21, 2013.

MINUTES

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Report dated February 28, 2013.

REVENUE REPORT

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extracurricular Fund Activity Report dated February 28, 2013.

**EXTRACURRICULAR FUND
ACTIVITY REPORT**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report dated February 28, 2013.

**APPROPRIATION
TRANSFER REPORT**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Expenditure Report dated February 28, 2013.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Budget Transfers, as indicated in the Board's documentation.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Discussion concerning Board Policy re: transfers, aggregate amounts and procedures for reviewing aggregates, transfers requiring Board approval, clarification of what transfers require Board approval, transfers related to Lexmark contract, why transferring from tax anticipation budget code, Board request to clear up negatives, mid-year increments and compensated absences. The Board advised that they were going to approve the transfers but wanted an audit of all of the transfers against the policy.

All Ayes
Motion carried.

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

**PERSONNEL ACTION
REPORT - INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Instructional (dated April 4, 2013):

- 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 a sixth period teaching assignment beginning the week of March 18, 2013 for the following teacher in the Seaford High School:

Kimberly Cooke .1 FTE Special Education

- b) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following Middle School club and extracurricular appointments for the 2012-2013 school year:

Carin Hoy Middle School Career Day Advisor \$1,401
Kim Flood Middle School Career Day Advisor \$1,401

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of: 3/6; 3/11; 3/12; 3/13; 3/15; 3/18; 3/19/13

CPSE/CSE

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item Budget Planning TBD

- What is the topic for tonight

Hoping to wrap up budget by April 11

- Budget hearing on May 9th; how do you plan to get comments and suggestions into budget if budget is already approved
- Where was April 2nd Board Meeting posted

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –
AGENDA ITEMS**

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve a contract with Achieve Beyond for Special Education services for the 2012-2013 school year for an out-of-district student who attends St. William the Abbot, and request the Board President's signature on said contract. We will be billing the home school district for the services provided.

**CONTRACT – ACHIEVE
BEYOND (2012/2013)**

Discussion concerning need for contract, back-up to specify need, more specific language needed in contract to reflect on the services needed, amend contracts to specify only services being contracted for, typical contract language, rate sheets, Special Education Department use of various service providers, parental rights related to the request of providers, modifications to past contracts, concerns over open-ended contracts, what contract covers, IEPs, process for requesting services, manner in which contracts IEP's/contracts would be amended if more/different services are needed and language/information contained in Board documentation requesting approval. It was decided that the contract needed to be amended to be more specific and in the future more specific language would be contained in requests for approvals and in contracts.

Brian Fagan - Nay
Richard DiBlasio - Abstain
Bruce Kahn - Nay
Susan Ruona - Aye
Motion Failed.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve a Health Services contract with the Hicksville Public Schools for sixteen (16) Seaford students who attend Holy Trinity High School for the 2012-2013 school year, and request the Board President's signature on said contract. The cost is \$9,117.44 (\$569.84 per student).

**HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT – HICKSVILLE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve a License Agreement between the Seaford School District and SCOPE Education Services for the Before and After School Child Care Program for the 2013-2014 school year, and request the Board President's signature on this Agreement.

CONTRACT – SCOPE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2013/2014

Mr. Kahn suggested that before the Board approve this contract a decision be made concerning security requirements; either they provide their own or the District provide security and then we would need to bill them for that. Discussion concerning entering/exit of program by students/parents, building security, doors locked, security when other organizations are in the building (PAL, Brownies, Scouts, etc.), use of District Security for summer for-profit activities and general security of after-school activities.

All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve a contract with Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc. for special education services to be performed in 2013-2014, and request the Board President's signature on said contract.

CONTRACT – MARION K. SALOMON & ASSOCIATES (2013/2014)

Additional discussion on need for more specific language concerning services being provided.

Brian Fagan -	Nay
Richard DiBlasio -	Abstain
Bruce Kahn -	Nay
Susan Ruona -	Aye

Motion Failed.

Motion by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to approve a Health Services Contract with the Bellmore Union Free School District for three (3) Seaford-residing students currently attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Bellmore. The cost is \$2,659.08 (\$886.36 per student), and request the Board President's signature on said contract.

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT BELLMORE USFD

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Board President Brian Fagan explained the process of developing the budget, briefly went over the changes that have been made to reduce the budget gap, the tax cap, areas out of the District's control, pension and health expenses, and the status of the current version of the budget

BUDGET PLANNING 2013-2014

Areas covered in the discussion on budget planning for 2013/2014:

Detailed Version 5 of the budget (with notes)

Current "shortfall" \$1,055,321

Update on conversations with bond counsel and fiscal advisors concerning BANS

Status of bond projects and balance of funds remaining

- Estimate cost of Harbor Roadway project when originally planned

Employer contribution rate on TRS

Smoothing

- Negatives

- Would need to cut more out of budget

History of District's State Aid

- Even with the high tax aide we are still only getting the dollars back that we received in 2008

BUDGET PLANNING DISCUSSION (cont'd)

April 11th goal date to wrap up budget

Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 9th in Auditorium at Seaford High School

Possible cuts to make up shortfall:

- Middle School 9th period
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- High School 9th period

Mr. Conboy briefly spoke about:

Asbestos abatement plans

Request for group of family/friends to do tree planting at Seaford High School in honor of former student Ryan Bailey

Legislature and APPR

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Concerns over possibility of going back to half-day kindergarten and 8-period Middle School
 - Effect of cuts on home values
 - Reduce class sizes
 - Look to cut in other areas
- Concerns over the Common Core Standards and what it means for our children
 - Is not about tests or implementing higher standards;
 - Information on US Department of Education website
 - Students no longer have privacy
 - Going to ruin public education system
 - State also telling us what to do; must read non-fiction
 - What happened to read anything just read
 - Parents have rights about taking part in their education; have an obligation to our children
 - Children are being set up to fail
 - Should not be cutting Full-day Kindergarten
- When considering contracts look at pre-school piece because parents have the right to pick provider/agency who will deliver service
 - Security has been well maintained at Scope
 - Satisfied with Scope Program
- If we go to Half-day Kindergarten will you be collecting data to see how well they do
- How are you handling parent refusals on assessments
- Wantagh School District going to Full-Day Kindergarten
 - How are our students going to be ready if we only have half-day Kindergarten
- Difference in piercing the tax cap
 - Have two opportunities to pass budget; perhaps try to pierce the cap the first time
 - If it doesn't pass, then put up the second budget without 9th period Middle School and Full-Day Kindergarten
- If High School must go to 8 period day, will there be a meeting going over what would be cut, what would be available, etc.
- What has been cut from the first version of the budget to the current version
 - How come everything that is being cut is directly student related; related to education
 - Tests not the problem; problem is teaching to the tests
 - Are we still in contract with six unions
 - Need people to stand up and give back the education to the students that is now in their pocket books

PUBLIC COMMENTS (cont'd)

- Effect on student confidence from taking the practice tests
Need to stop teaching to the test

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Seaford is a proud community that supports education
Just came through Hurricane Sandy and a lot of people are struggling;
no way we can make a decision to pierce the cap
Have to balance our budget; as a community to work together to find
ways to preserve what we value.
- ◆ New York State guidance states that parents may not opt their students
out of State testing; only have provision for student refusal
If student does not make a mark on test or states he/she will not be
completing test it will be coded as a refusal
Do not know what consequences from this concerning remediation for
students
We encourage all of our students to do the best they can in whatever
they are doing; we are encouraging everyone to take their exams
- ◆ Seaford received grant when Full-day Kindergarten was instituted
Foundation aid was frozen; for purposes of State aid Seaford
Kindergarten students are treated as if they were half-day students
- ◆ Two Board seats open this year
Anyone wishing to run may get candidate packet from District Clerk
- ◆ Robotics Competition takes place this weekend at Hofstra
Friday competition day; if they make it out of preliminary finals on
Saturday

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second
by Mr. Kahn, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:38 p.m.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Bruce A. Kahn
Vice District Clerk