

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Monday, August 13, 2012, in the Board of Education Conference Room located in the Seaford 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
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink – Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. John Striffolino
Ms. Frances Radman – Attorney

At 6:33 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

Board President Brian Fagan asked to have a motion to recess the Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations related to the proposed sale of the Seaford Avenue School.

No action will be taken.

At 6:34 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to recess the Special Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations related to the proposed sale of the Seaford Avenue School.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

At 6:58 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to recess Executive Session and return to public session.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Public Session reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES

Discussion concerning the timeline for a vote on the proposed sale of the Seaford Avenue School included:

Proposed date of vote
Need/date for public hearing
Publication of legal notice in Newsday and Wantagh/Seaford Citizen
Availability of voting machines
Further discussion - August 16, 2012 Workshop Meeting

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Wink, to approve the amendment to the contract of sale for the Seaford Avenue School from \$5,593,500 to \$5,193,500 as a result of unanticipated remediation related to asbestos abatement.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT OF SALE FOR THE SEAFORD AVENUE SCHOOL

CONTRACT (cont'd)

Mr. DiBlasio expressed concerns over the amendment, how things were handled and suggested the Board send a formal written request to David Moll and Greiner-Maltz that in light of the reduction of the purchase price, they reduce their fee. He also stated that he was a little suspect that the purchaser had good knowledge of what the abatement would be and shouldn't have been surprised. Mr. Kahn stated that the District was able to reduce the amount they were looking for to \$400,000 from \$750,000. Mr. Fagan briefly spoke about the financial benefits to the district from the sale and the reduction of costs to the District with relation to the maintenance of the building. The Board advised that while they don't disagree with Mr. DiBlasio, they feel the sale is in the best interest of and very important to the community. The funds received from the sale will benefit the community in the future.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Nay
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Susan Ruona - Aye
Jeanmarie Wink - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS
RESOLUTION – SETTING
TAX LEVY – 2012/2013
SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, that the following budget (gross amount) of the necessary claims and expenditures in SEAFORD UFSD (#6) in the Town of HEMPSTEAD School Year 2012-13, amounting to

\$57,791,120 School Purpose
\$ 2,049,577 Library Purpose
Total: \$59,840,697 be the same and is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED that the sum of \$45,800,902 School Purpose
\$ 1,908,750 Library Purpose
Total: \$47,709,652 be the remainder of

budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION (NET AMOUNT) for SEAFORD UFSD (#6) of the Town of HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, New York, for the year 2012-13 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Assessor for the school year 2012-13.

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Department of Assessment, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15, 2012.

Mr. Kahn clarified that the Board would be voting on separate resolutions concerning placing funds into reserves.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Susan Ruona - Aye
Jeanmarie Wink - Aye
Motion Carried.

Areas covered in the discussion concerning the placing of monies in reserve funds:

Surplus funds as of August 13, 2012

Capital repairs (leftover money from High School Auditorium project)

Capital Fund – bond monies/handling/recording

Proposed CDP kitchen project

Rules governing bond monies, reserve funds, reserves

Purpose of each fund

RFP – Workers' Compensation

Proposed amounts to be placed in each fund

- How/why were suggested amounts determined
- Recommendations from external auditors
- District exposure

Rules governing/ability to transfer funds to/from reserves

Accuracy of numbers

Method of projecting flawed - better projecting/tracking of numbers in the future

History of putting money in reserves; current funds in reserves

Anticipated revenue/surplus during budget preparation

- Additional State aid (bullet aid – additional \$40,000 from Senator Fuschillo for Smart boards)
- Correspondence received from State concerning funding of Section 3201 Special Education students

Revenues – when did we become aware

- Use of Facilities
- MTA tax
- Energy savings
- Medicare (quarterly credits; done as a general entry at end of year)
 - Benefit received – not cash – reduction of expense
 - Amounts should be reported to Board in monthly financial reports in the future
- Would have had an effect on budget planning/cuts

Funds may not be used to add curriculum

Possibility of putting curriculum back in

Distribution of \$400,000 for reserves

Proposed in agenda:

- \$100,000 – Workers' Compensation Reserve
- \$200,000 – EBALR
- \$100,000 – Retirement Contribution Reserve

Board Recommended

- \$175,000 – Workers' Compensation Reserve
- \$125,000 – EBALR
- \$100,000 – Retirement Contribution Reserve

Unassigned funds - \$379,712 (unaudited)

Discussion continued concerning the exact language of the resolutions, dollar amount of funds to be placed in each of the reserves and the need for a resolution concerning expected (unaudited) unassigned funds.

Before proceeding with the vote, Board President Brian Fagan verified the dollar amounts to be placed in funds and clarified the amendments to the resolutions and the language of the resolution concerning unassigned funds.

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

**RESOLUTION – WORKERS’
COMPENSATION RESERVE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby transfers the sum of, not to exceed, \$175,000 from the undesignated fund balance for the 2011-2012 school budget to the pre-existing Workers' Compensation Reserve established pursuant to §6-j of the General Municipal Law.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Susan Ruona - Aye
Jeanmarie Wink - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**RESOLUTION – EMPLOYEE
BENEFIT ACCRUED
LIABILITY RESERVE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby transfers the sum of, not to exceed, \$125,000 from the undesignated fund balance for the 2011-2012 school budget to the pre-existing reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability established pursuant to §6-p of the General Municipal Law.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Susan Ruona - Aye
Jeanmarie Wink - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**RESOLUTION – RETIREMENT
CONTRIBUTION RESERVE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby transfers the of, not to exceed, \$100,000 from the undesignated fund balance for the 2011-2012 school budget to the pre-existing Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, pursuant to §6-r of the General Municipal Law.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Susan Ruona - Aye
Jeanmarie Wink - Aye
Motion Carried.

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

**RESOLUTION –
UNASSIGNED RESERVES**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future audited amount be placed in unassigned reserves not to exceed the 4% cap.

Brian Fagan - Aye
Richard DiBlasio - Aye
Bruce Kahn - Aye
Susan Ruona - Aye
Jeanmarie Wink - Aye
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)

Mr. DiBlasio stated these decisions were based on the figures we received from the Business Office and the Superintendent - estimates which have changed right up to this minute.

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. DiBlasio, second by Mr. Kahn, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting interviews of candidates for the position of High School Assistant Principal.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Wink, second by Ms. Ruona, to adjourn executive session at 10:56 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Bruce A. Kahn
Vice District Clerk