

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, March 6, 2014, in the All Purpose Room of the Harbor Elementary School, 3500 Bayview Street, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bruce A. Kahn – Vice President  
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Trustee  
Ms. Susan Ruona - Trustee  
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink – Trustee (arrived 7:39 p.m.)

ABSENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President

Mr. Brian L. Conboy  
Mr. John A. Striffolino  
Mr. Alan S. Phillips  
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney (arrived 7:34 p.m.)

At 7:32 p.m., the Vice President of the Board of Education opened the Regular Meeting. As the first order of business, Board Vice President Bruce Kahn led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN MEETING**

None

**OPENING REMARKS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS  
RECOGNITIONS**

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated February 28, 2014 included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

2014/2015 Budget Planning

- Administrative Component, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Facilities will be discussed this evening

Indoor Security Cameras

Harbor Roadway project

- Status of IMA language

Seaford Avenue School property

- Town of Hempstead file on this matter is still open
- No date set for Town vote on the property

Career Development Suite

Best Buddies' Prom

New York State Wrestling Championship

- James O'Hagen won State Championship in his weight class - 285 lbs
- First Seaford State Champion
- John Lauretti placed 6<sup>th</sup> in New York State

Senate District 8 Seat – formerly Senator Charles Fuschillo

- Will remain vacant until November
- Dave Denenberg will be running on the Democratic side; Michael Venditto will be running on the Republican side

Common Core

- Much discussion in Albany

High School Play "13" this weekend

- Friday night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night performances
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Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, that the consent agenda be approved as a whole with action recorded as if it had been taken severally.

No Discussion  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS 5. A, B, C, D, E  
detailed below)**

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2014 and the Workshop Meeting of February 27, 2014.

**MINUTES**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2014.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Report dated January 31, 2014.

**REVENUE REPORT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extracurricular Fund Activity Report dated January 31, 2014.

**EXTRACURRICULAR  
FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Appropriation Transfer Report dated January 31, 2014.

**APPROPRIATION  
TRANSFER REPORT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Expenditure Report dated January 31, 2014.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

None

**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report:

**PERSONNEL ACTION  
REPORT - INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Instructional (dated March 6, 2014):

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

P-7: APPOINTMENTS:

1. MICHAEL OLIVERI  
Position: English Teacher  
Type of Appointment: Regular Substitute  
Assignment: Seaford Middle School  
Certification: English Language Arts 7-12 - Initial  
Effective Date: January 6, 2014  
Expiration Date: February 28, 2014  
Tenure Eligibility: N/A  
Tenure Area: N/A  
Salary: BA Step 1 = \$53,163 (pro-rated)  
Reason: Leave Replacement for Carin Hoy

P-8: OTHER:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Carin Hoy's leave without pay from February 21, 2014 to February 28, 2014 as approved at the February 7, 2014 Board of Education meeting.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Paula Sussman's sick leave from February 13, 2014 to February 21, 2014 as approved at the January 10, 2014 Board of Education meeting.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Kristen Geeraerts unpaid child care leave of absence from March 26, 2014 to June 26, 2014 as approved at the January 10, 2014 Board of Education meeting.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education amend the end date of Danielle Gil's leave replacement for Kristen Geeraerts from March 26, 2014 to June 26, 2014 as approved at the January 10, 2014 Board of Education meeting.
- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve a sixth period teaching assignment for the 2013-2014 school year for the following teacher of Seaford Harbor School:

Tara Flood .2 FTE pro-rated starting 2/12/14 Special Education  
No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings: 1/13; 1/27; 2/7/14, 12/3; 12/5; 12/10; 12/12; 12/17; 12/19/13; 1/7; 1/9; 1/14; 1/16; 1/23; 1/28; 1/30; 1/31; 2/4; 2/7; 2/11; 2/12; 2/14/14.

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

None

**CPSE/CSE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS –  
AGENDA ITEMS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve entering into a contract with the Hicksville School District for the 2013-2014 school year to provide special education services to one Seaford-residing student attending Holy Trinity High School.

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT – 2013/2014  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
HICKSVILLE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

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CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL (cont'd)

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve entering into a Health Services Contract with Syosset Central School District for the 2013-2014 school year for eleven (11) Seaford-residing students currently attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy. The cost is \$936.74 per student (\$10,304.14).

**CONTRACT – 2013/2014  
HEALTH SERVICES  
SYOSSET SCHOOL DISTRICT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve entering into a Health Services Contract with Jericho Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year for two (2) Seaford-residing students attending Long Island Lutheran High School. The cost is \$952.34 per student (\$1,904.68).

**CONTRACT – 2013/2014  
HEALTH SERVICES  
JERICOH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve entering into a Health Services Agreement with the West Islip School District for the 2013-2014 school year for the twenty-four (24) Seaford-residing students currently attending St. John the Baptist High School. The cost is \$709.56 per student (\$17,029.44).

**CONTRACT – 2013/2014  
HEALTH SERVICES - WEST  
ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve entering into a Health Services Agreement with Patchogue-Medford Schools for the 2013-2014 for one (1) Seaford-residing student currently attending the Sappo School. The cost is \$755.36.

**CONTRACT – 2013/2014  
HEALTH SERVICES  
PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD  
SCHOOLS**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve entering into an Instructional Service Agreement with the Wantagh School District for the summer of 2013 for twelve (12) students who attended the PARISS summer program.

**CONTRACT – SUMMER 2013  
PARISS PROGRAM –  
WANTAGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to declare the following items obsolete:

**OBSOLETE ITEMS**

1. Recommend the Board of Education declare the list of books submitted by Ms. Gonzalez, Harbor School Librarian, as obsolete so that they may be removed from the library.

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OBSOLETE ITEMS (cont'd)

2. Recommend the Board of Education declare the list of technology items submitted by Mr. Kaden as obsolete so that they may be removed from the schools.

In response to Ms. Ruona's question about the plan to sell the printers, Mr. Conboy advised that none had been sold yet but the Technology Department has come up with a different marketing plan to sell them. He also advised that he will keep them updated.

All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve the Eagle Scout Project presented by Joseph Becker from Boy Scout Troop 581. Joseph's project is to host a blood drive at the Harbor School on Saturday, May 10, 2014 in cooperation with the New York Blood Center.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT –  
JOSEPH BECKER**

Mr. Kahn introduced Joseph Becker. Mr. Conboy spoke about the need for blood donations.

All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

**Budget Planning for 2014-2015:** Power Point presentation on Administrative Component, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Facilities. Areas covered:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC: BUDGET  
PLANNING 2014/15**

Board of Education  
District Clerk/District Meetings  
Chief School Administrator  
Business Administration  
Auditing Services – Treasurer, Fiscal Agents  
Legal Services  
Personnel  
Public Information  
Data Processing  
Unallocated Insurance  
School Association Dues  
BOCES Administrative Charge  
Curriculum & Personnel  
Supervision & Administration  
Summary of the Administrative Component  
Debt Service  
Capital Project  
Transportation  
- Mr. Kahn asked for a review of bus runs to see if any savings could be found  
Capital Component (Operations)  
Capital Component (Maintenance)  
Where Do We Stand  
- Comparison - 2013/2014 budget to proposed 2014/2015 budget

Mr. Kahn and Mr. Phillips briefly spoke about the increase in these costs and in benefits and the impact of the tax cap

Mr. Conboy spoke about the need to keep the pressure on our legislators to get more aid for Seaford. He also advised that at the upcoming Workshop Meetings in March discussions will cover programs and technology.

Mr. Kahn advised the audience that the Seaford Harbor PTA has a sample letter which can be sent out. He also advised that there will be 2 Board seats open in May. Anyone interested in getting a candidate packet should see the District Clerk.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Amounts shown on slides for personnel salaries; effect of ongoing contractual negotiations on budget  
What are we voting on if we don't know the numbers
- Parental concerns over the Common Core/against Common Core  
Do not believe Common Core is appropriate for our children; one size fits all education does not work  
Need to be a voice for our children and teachers
- Would like Board to pass a resolution against high stakes testing  
Where does the Board stand on the Common Core  
Cannot allow our children to go through life not enjoying school

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- ◆ Ridiculous amount of State Aid given to Seaford; does not begin to cover the mandates related to the Common Core
- ◆ State Aid we are receiving for 2014/2015 is the same as we received in 2008
- ◆ Governor says there is a \$2 billion surplus  
There is no \$2 billion surplus if there is restoration of the Gap Elimination Adjustment  
Seaford is owed \$4.5 million in aid just in Gap Elimination
- ◆ On average approximately \$.76 on the dollar that we pay in taxes goes to upstate schools
- ◆ Board/Administration sent a letter to Governor, State Education and legislators concerning Common Core
- ◆ Next Workshop Meeting will be at the Manor School

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette  
District Clerk

Bruce A. Kahn  
Vice District Clerk