
A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan - President
Mr. Bruce A. Kahn – Vice President
Mr. Richard G. DiBlasio – Trustee
Ms. Susan Ruona - Trustee
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee

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

At 7:35p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Board President Brian Fagan 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 March 14, 2014 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Update on State Budget

- Expect to have settled budget by one week from this Friday

Budget Planning Topic this evening is Technology

Next week we will be discussing revenues

- Need to focus on closing the gap

Update on indoor security cameras

- Intralogic Solutions lowest bidder

Mr. Kahn advised that the final number is \$15,000 less than the first we received. Mr. DiBlasio spoke about the process and how it evolved into getting a lower price.

Update on the High School Life Skills Suite renovation

St. Patrick's Day Parade

- This year had the most facetime on television

Ms. Ruona asked to have some time on a future agenda discussion on the Veteran's Tax Exemption. Ms. Ruona explained that she felt the Board did not handle it well and did not give Veteran's an opportunity to hear an informed discussion and options which are available to us and how we might want to proceed. She also spoke about the possibility of putting it up for an advisory vote and follow all of the legal guidelines and notifications to the public.

DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Discussion continued on how discussion/community questions on the topic of the Veterans' Exemption were handled at the last meeting, availability of accurate information, information given out, lack of clarity in the language, speed at which questions were answered, concerns about giving out inaccurate information, future discussion, possibility of placing on the ballot for an Advisory Recommendation from the community, Commissioner of Education's feelings against putting up Advisory propositions, legal requirements involved in having it placed on a ballot (legal notice, public hearing, etc.), changes in numbers, plan to place this item for discussion on a future agenda and possibility of creating policy for advisory votes on any exemptions that exist which would affect taxes..

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

**PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT
NON- INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Non-Instructional (dated March 14, 2014):

P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions

P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions

P-3: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions

1. ROBERT JUSTH

Position:	Maintainer
Civil Service Title:	Maintainer
Location:	District
Effective Date:	July 11, 2014
Purpose:	Retirement

P-4: LEAVES: No Recommended Actions

P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-6: APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions

P-7: OTHER: No Recommended Actions

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Ruona, to approve making payment #1 to FML Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$48,070 of the \$92,000 Base Bid Contract G for the Seaford High School Life Skills Suite Renovation, SED# 28-02-06-03-0-001-027.

**CAPITAL PROJECT – HIGH
SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS SUITE
PAYMENT #1 FML
CONTRACTING, INC.**

Mr. Fagan spoke about the possibility of having a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Suite.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to approve the High School's request for a field trip to the Museum of Modern Art on March 28, 2014.

FIELD TRIPS

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Budget Planning for 2014-2015: Technology. Areas covered:

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

Mr. Conboy spoke about the Advisory Committee for Technology and its members Tom Karounos, Rob Necco, Sean Urban and Mike Conte and going into Year 3 of the 5-Year Technology Plan

Technology 5 year plan
- First two years
Computer Workshops and Training
Salaries
Equipment –Computers
Computers – Non-public Schools
Travel & Conference
BOCES – Computer Assisted Instruction
Computer Supplies District-wide
Contractual Services
Computer Software
Periodicals - Educational

Mr. Fagan asked about Smart Board training for teachers and how many Smart Boards were not working.

Director of Technology Fred Kaden spoke about software compatibility problems related to Smart Boards earlier in the school year. Mr. Kaden also spoke about the 5-Year Plan and the need to keep the Plan fluid as curriculum may change and technology may need to shift. Mr. Karounos spoke about changes, as needed, to the Plan and Goal number one - getting technology into the students' and teachers' hands and the need for the Board to keep supporting the technology plan.

Mr. Kahn confirmed that the plan is to have Smart Boards/Interactive White Boards in all K-8 classrooms in September. Thank you to the members of the Technology Committee

Budget Planning for 2014-2015:

- Summary of Athletics Presentation
- Summary of Benefits Presentation
- Summary of Administrative Component
- Summary of Capital Component
- Summary of Program Component
- Where do we stand
- Timelines

Discussion continued concerning current tax cap effect on average assessment, effect of a contingency budget on the purchase of equipment and computers, computer mentors and their responsibilities, possible discussion item for the ACT of the Mentor's responsibilities/roles/job description to see if there is room for improvement or utilize resources more efficiently

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Why wasn't Tax Exemption for Veterans discussed previously
Caution against having an advisory vote that can divide the community
Your elected – get the information, have a public hearing so that everyone understands the issue, make your decision and then stand by it

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Mr. Fagan advised that the Board appreciates every veteran and the sacrifices they have made
- ◆ Mr. Fagan also advised that there will be two open seats on the Board for election in May
- ◆ Mr. Kahn spoke about the All County Art Exhibition, the teachers and the students whose work was shown

At 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Wink to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the Clerical Unit, Custodial Unit, UTS, employment contract for position of Assistant Superintendent for Business and a lawsuit initiated by CSEA against the District.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Mr. Kahn, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:36 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Bruce A. Kahn
Vice District Clerk