

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, July 24, 2014, in the Band Room located in Seaford High School, 1575 Seamans Neck Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bruce A. Kahn - President  
Mr. Brian W. Fagan – Vice President  
Ms. Susan Ruona - Trustee  
Ms. Stacie Stark - Trustee

ABSENT: Ms. Jeanmarie Wink – Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy  
Mr. John Strifflino  
Ms. Elisa Pellati  
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 7:30 p.m., Board President Bruce Kahn opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Mr. Kahn led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN MEETING**

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated June 18, 2014 included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The Board has chosen Jessica Sventoraitis as the new Assistant High School Principal

Going forward we will be trying to keep 2 distinct types of Board Meetings each month

- Regular meeting with voting on personnel items, etc.
- Workshop meetings to discuss various topics
- Tonight's topic is Board goals for the 2014/2015 school year

Will need an executive session this evening

Items requiring Board approval on this evening's agenda

- Resolution concerning paperwork still needing to be signed related to the Seaford Avenue School for the Nassau County Planning Commission
- BOCES Technology contract related to white boards/projectors
- Resolution related to Middle School Summer School and revision of Board policy

Guidance related to tax cap going forward and eligibility for the 1% tax cap savings related to additional efficiencies

- Encouraging districts to work with their local BOCES
- Have until June of 2015 to establish what our efficiencies will be related to that

Update on Harbor Roadway IMA language

- Will forward any questions the Board may have to Antonia Hamblin at Ingerman, Smith

Mr. Kahn asked about the timeline for the IMA

Mr. Kahn advised that Legislator David Denenberg offered any help he could give in moving this forward

- Mr. Kahn stated that we need to make sure it gets done

Mr. Kahn also advised that a correction needed to be made to the last paragraph of Agenda Item B.1. changing 2014/2014 to 2014/2015.

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Areas covered in the discussion:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GOALS FOR 2014/2015**

Mr. Conboy advised that we will not be able to determine the success of last year's goal relating to student assessment performance (the 22 data points) until the end of summer when the data related to that will be available

Ms. Ruona brought the sheets from last year explaining that some of them could be continuing goals

The three goals from last year were:

- Board of Ed/School District Administration Communication
- Student Performance
- Budget/Budget Timeline

Discussion continued on possible goals for the new school year including:

- 3-year Plan for restitution of program
- Set priorities for restoration of programs over the next 3 to 5 years
- Need to make a list of what was cut and recommendations from Superintendent as to order of restoration
- Goal discussion to continue at August Workshop meeting
- Ms. Ruona and Ms. Wink will meet with Mr. Conboy prior to that meeting
- Find different sources of incoming revenue

Mr. Conboy also advised that if we are going to have distinct workshop meetings going forward we should set the topics for discussion. Discussion concerning the topics and the best meeting for each topic to take place continued. It was suggested that the following would be discussed at Board Workshops during the 2014/2015 school year:

- September Buildings & Grounds
- October Common Core
- November Veterans' Exemption & Board Policies
- December No workshop meeting
- January ACT/Budget
- February – April Budget

In response to Mr. Kahn's request, Ms. Stark volunteered to review the Board Policies. Ms. Ruona advised that if Ms. Wink cannot do it then Ms. Ruona or Mr. Kahn would.

Discussion related to the Common Core included:

- Opt-out letter writing campaign
- Individual meeting with parent before accepting opt-out letter to assure that they are making an educated decision
- In Bloom
- Presentations last year on the Common Core
- More information we can get out to parents the better it will be; get the facts out to them
- Possible ways to get information to parents
- Go Math Night for parents this year
- APPR/Common Core/State Testing being all mashed up into one
- Creation of a document with all the facts listed
- What students who are not taking the test will do during the testing time
- Concerns over what kind of stop-gap solution the State will implement
- New York State can withhold aid from the District

Motion by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Ruona, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Application for Consideration of a Major Subdivision in connection with the approval process of the development of the land at the Seaford Avenue School; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in accordance with the contract between the Seaford School District and B.K at Seaford, the Board President is authorized to execute any additional applications and related documents needed in connection with the approval process with the Town of Hempstead associated with the Seaford Avenue School property.

No Discussion

Bruce Kahn - Aye  
Brian Fagan - Aye  
Susan Ruona - Aye  
Stacie Stark - Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Stark, to adopt the following resolution, as amended:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Administrative Regulation 4750-R, middle school students who fail two or more core educational courses are required to pass one or more courses at an approved summer school in order to be promoted; and

**WHEREAS**, strict adherence to the above regulation for affected students pertaining to the summer of 2014 is impractical given the shortage of summer school programs in the area;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that Administrative Regulation 4750-R is hereby suspended for the summer of 2014 for the reasons reflected herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that administration is directed to implement appropriate alternative criteria for promotion in middle school for the 2014/2015 school year.

No Discussion

Bruce Kahn - Aye  
Brian Fagan - Aye  
Susan Ruona - Aye  
Stacie Stark - Aye

Motion Carried.

Mr. Conboy advised that there is a specific motion that needs to be made concerning the BOCES contract rather than the language listed on the agenda.

Motion by Ms. Ruona, second by Mr. Fagan, to approve the agreement between Seaford School District and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Project #4-430918 dated) to find that:

**CONTRACT - NASSAU  
BOCES TECHNOLOGY  
PROGRAM  
PROJECT #4-430918**

1. The use of the Equipment and the District's participation in the Administrative project is essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its educational program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program; and that
2. The expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective an economic manner.

And to approve an assignment of Co-Ser Agreement between the Seaford School District and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County arising under the agreement for Technology Program Project #4-430918 to add computer equipment at:

<u>Destination Building Name:</u>	<u>Building Address:</u>
Seaford Senior High	1575 Seamans Neck Road Seaford, NY 11783
Seaford Harbor Elementary	3500 Bayview Street Seaford, NY 11783
Seaford Manor Elementary	1590 Washington Avenue Seaford, NY 11783
Seaford Middle School	3940 Sunset Avenue Seaford, NY 11783

AND to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate assignment and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to effect the transaction subject to legal counsel review.

No Discussion  
Bruce Kahn - Aye  
Brian Fagan - Aye  
Susan Ruona - Aye  
Stacie Stark - Aye  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Kahn verified that this contract would be on the BOCES August 14<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- ◆ Mr. Striffolino spoke about Ms. Pellati and the easy transition which has taken place since she has joined Seaford

At 8:12 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Mr. Fagan to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING**

- Contract negotiations with the Administrators, Teachers and Clerical bargaining units; and
- Individual Employment Contracts of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Personnel, Director of School Facilities & Operations and the Security Supervisor
- Evaluation of the Superintendent and the District Clerk

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Mr. Fagan, to adjourn Executive Session at 11:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette  
District Clerk

Susan Ruona  
Vice District Clerk