

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bruce A. Kahn - President
Ms. Susan Ruona - Trustee
Ms. Stacie Stark - Trustee
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan – Vice President

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

At 7:38 p.m., Bruce Kahn, President of the Board of Education, opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Mr. Kahn led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Kahn opened by advising that tonight's meeting was the start of the budget meetings which will go on for the next several weeks. He reminded everyone that the March 5 Regular Meeting will be at the Harbor School and the Workshops would be back at the Manor School. Mr. Kahn also announced that if anyone was interested in running for the one Board seat open this year they should see the District Clerk for a packet. He also advised that if anyone was interested in registering to vote they should see the District Clerk or call her office.

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Kahn also congratulated the National Art Honor Society inductees and their teachers

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated February 23, 2015 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Update on State Aid

- State Budget supposed to be passed by April 1st
Using 2014/2015 State Aid number for budget planning
- District needs to submit to the Comptroller's website by March 1st the District's allowable Tax Cap

This is not a year we are needing to look at cuts

- In a position to start restoring some things

Will need to have an Executive Session this evening to discuss contract negotiations with the UTS and the Custodial group

Congratulations to Cheerleaders for their 9th place finish in the National competition in Florida

Congratulations to band for a successful trip

Comments, questions and/or concerns raised by the public:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Who makes/how is the decision made as to school closings and delayed openings

Areas covered in the PowerPoint presentation given by Assistant Superintendent for Business Elisa Pellati on the Budget Proposal for 2015/2016:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
2015/2016 PROPOSAL
BUDGET**

Demographics

The Budget Formula

Tax Levy Limit Legislation

Tax Levy Limit

Calculation of Levy Limit

Projected Tax Levy Limit %

Tax Levy Limit Options – Stay within; exceed the Cap

Key factors in making a balanced budget

Program and other reductions made since 2009

Proposed Restorations for the 2015/2016 Budget

Mr. Kahn briefly spoke about foundation aid district has not received for Full Day Kindergarten. He also spoke about the bond which was voted on in 2007 and the manner in which funds are paid back.

Discussion on enrollment, restoration of teaching positions, sustainability of restored items, state aid cuts, reserve funds and restorations in priority order going forward

Mr. Conboy advised that the budget needed to be established prior to the end of March. He advised that the specific parts of the budget would be discussed at each of the upcoming meetings starting with the Regular Meeting of March 5th when Elementary program will be discussed.

Mr. Kahn advised that the tentative schedule for discussions would be Secondary at the March 12th meeting, Facilities and Technology at the March 19th meeting and Revenue at the March 26th meeting

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ All excited that we can do these restorations
- ◆ Congratulations to the Art Honor Society

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the Teachers and Custodians.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Ruona, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Susan Ruona
Vice District Clerk