

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

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

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

At 7:35 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

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated March 13, 2015 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Power point presentation this evening on budget
Status of State Budget and State Aid
Budget planning session scheduled for March 26
- Topic will be on Technology
Executive Session needed this evening
Equipment purchases included in budget
Update on the Seaford Avenue School property
Update on Anaphylaxis Policy Committee
- Plan to have Committee attend April 21st Board Meeting
- Goal is to have new policy in place for September 2015
- Updated review document will be given to Board
St. Patrick's Day Parade

Board and Administration had a brief discussion concerning the proposed purchase in the 2015/2016 budget of a new mower. Included in the discussion was the need for a mower, the mower suggested compared to other mowers, benefits of the new mower, current equipment and cost of a mower similar to the one the District currently has, aid, current Grounds staff, future plans for staffing and 5-year equipment plan.

Motion by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Ruona, to approve the budget transfers as detailed in the Board's documentation.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dissatisfied with Board nonchalant attitude last time
- Hoped Board would attend Common Core Forum to understand why parents are so upset
Audience was not allowed to ask Building Administrators questions or give input during their presentations to the Board
Lack of events/activities at the elementary level for students
- Examples of events that other school districts have for their students
Should have more than one opportunity for public to speak or if only one should be at the end of the meeting

Consider for the safety of students to reduce the mileage for students living south of Sunrise Highway and the other side of the Seaford Oyster Bay
- Know we have to be able to afford it but should consider it for our kids
- Maybe this is the time that people will vote for it
Do our coaches/club advisors have guidelines for their clubs concerning times, number of practices/meetings, etc. and how they speak to the children
- There are issues with coaches bullying students and in the way they speak to the students

Areas covered in the Power-Point presentation by Elisa Pellati – Budget Development:

**POWER-POINT PRESENTATION
2015/2016 REVENUE BUDGET**

Revenue = Expense
School Budget Revenues
School funding Profile
Current State Aide
Other Revenue Sources
Assigned Fund Balance
Preliminary Revenue Budget
Budget Formula
Reserves
Tax Cap
BANS
Debt Service
Efficiency Plan
No intention of piercing Cap; establish a 1% savings plan
Once adopted, line-by-line budget will be available on website
Preparation of the Budget Spotlight

Areas covered in the discussion on Kindergarten busing for 2015-2016:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
KINDERGARTEN BUSING
FOR 2015-2016**

This subject has come up previously to change transportation Kindergartners to same guidelines as Grades 1 to 5 from all-ride
Brought this up at a public board meeting and also spoke about it at a Manor and Harbor PTA meetings
- Many parents don't use the bus; no one seems to have an issue with changing the guidelines
Historically All-Ride for Kindergartners in this District; necessity lessened now that we have full-day Kindergarten
Would be interested in putting it up for a community vote
At this time reduction does not appear to create a savings to the District next year
Distance guidelines currently in place for High School and Middle School students
Precinct did traffic studies at three locations (Washington & Sunrise, Jackson & Sunrise and Seamans Neck & Sunrise) for crossing guards; none were deemed dangerous enough for a crossing guard
Did not qualify for child safety zone
Would like to see a survey done to see how many students would use the bus if there was a reduction in the distance for secondary students to include those students living south of Sunrise Highway and past the Seaford Oyster Bay
- Get a rough idea to see how many students would use the buses
Legal requirements for language of referendum and determining distances
Cost of additional buses needed if secondary transportation guidelines were reduced
- Effect on budget and fund balance
Three (3) past referendums reducing transportation guidelines for high school and middle school students failed
In agreement to put proposition on ballot for vote on the reduction of the Kindergarten transportation guidelines
- Attorneys to supply Kindergarten proposition language

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Congratulations the Art students – County Art Exhibit at Adelphi
- ◆ Congratulations to the Band - St. Patrick's Day Parade performance

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Ruona, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the UTS and the contract with the Athletic Director.

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP
MEETING**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

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

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Susan Ruona
Vice District Clerk