

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015, in the Band Room located in Seaford High School, 1575 Seamans Neck Road, Seaford, New York.

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

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

At 7:32 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the Workshop Meeting. As the first order of business, Board 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 April 14, 2015 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Discussion items on this evening's Agenda:

Athletic Placement Process Policy
Budget Transfer Policy
Workshop Meeting Topic Schedule for 2015/2016
Use of Bullet Aid

- Second estimate for Varsity Softball Field was approximately \$20,000 less than first (\$36,00) estimate
- Mr. Cavassa checking to see what the differences are in the estimates
- If the \$16,500 estimate is correct and they can do the work we want done then maybe we can use the balance of the money to purchase a scoreboard to be placed on the building during the softball season

Results of NY State ELA and Math exams

- Refusal numbers were also listed with the scores in the newspaper
- Opt-outs in Seaford
- Important for SED to take a stand on Opt-Outs
- Superintendents' Meeting with Commissioner

Need for Executive Session this evening to discuss contract negotiations with UTS

Update on status of Harbor Access Road

- Funding of Road
- State approvals

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns raised by the Public:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Feel there should be consequences for opting out of tests

- Not an accurate picture of how our students are doing
- Is there any ability to decrease the opt-outs

Areas covered in the discussion on Athletic Placement Process for Interscholastic Athletic Programs:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
ATHLETIC PLACEMENT
PROCESS FOR
INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

Revisions made based on discussion at last meeting
Students awareness of what they need to achieve
Currently 14 Middle School students interested in moving up
What defines an exceptional student

Importance of having a policy

Language concerning 7th and 8th graders related to cutting of High School students

- Reasons for not letting them play
- Additional language added to allow the Athletic Director to bring it up to the Superintendent to make an exception
- Scenarios as to when it would go to Superintendent

Concerns over High School students being cut to allow Middle School student to play

- Students know when someone is better than them

Number of roster spots on a team

- How is that determined

Policy can be adjusted or updated as needed

Athletic Director recommends June 1st as application deadline for fall sports

Areas covered in the discussion on the Budget Transfer Policy:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
BUDGET TRANSFER POLICY**

History on why policy was originally set up to \$5,000 in the aggregate

- Board approval was required
- Sometimes waiting for Board Meeting causes delays

Suggest changing amount to \$10,000 and remove aggregate

Ms. Pellati to do an analysis of previous year's transfers to determine if \$10,000 is the appropriate amount

- Should revisit each year to determine if amount should be changed

Current checks/balances in WinCap

Areas covered in the discussion on the Workshop Topic Schedule for 2015-2016; suggested Topics:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
WORKSHOP TOPIC SCHEDULE
FOR 2015-2016**

September 2015 Workshop Meeting – Test Scores

October 2015 Workshop Meeting – Smart Schools Bond

School Presentations

Discussion on what other schools have implemented to get them in the Top 500 in the Country

Board Building Tour – Mr. Kahn and Mr. Rail

- Hope to complete before start of school

Information covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report

**WORKSHOP TOPIC: BULLET
AID – USE OF THE \$25,000**

Next Board Meeting on September 3rd at the Manor School

CLOSING REMARKS

At 8:27 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with the UTS.

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP
MEETING**

No Discussion.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:53 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

No Discussion.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk