

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, September 17, 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  
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 7:30 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**

Mr. Kahn advised that there was Audit Committee Meeting just before this meeting and asked Mr. Fagan to report on that meeting

**OPENING REMARKS**

Mr. Fagan advised that he, Patrick Rail, Nick DiMola and Kathleen Mitterway interviewed a prospective member for the Audit Committee, Seaford resident Anthony Troiano. Mr. Troiano is extremely interested in joining the Audit Committee. Mr. Fagan stated that Mr. DiMola will be sending to the Board a recommendation for appointing Mr. Troiano to the Audit Committee. Mr. Kahn advised the public that Audit Committee Meetings are open to the public.

Mr. Kahn advised that he, Mr. Conboy and Ms. Pellati were at the closing for the sale of the Seaford Avenue School from 12:00 to after 5:00 p.m. Everything is in escrow; funds are to be transferred tomorrow morning. He explained that wire transfers cannot be made after 4:30 p.m. Money should be deposited in our accounts tomorrow, finalizing the sale.

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated September 11, 2015 included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Workshop discussion tonight: 2014/2015 Assessment results and 2015/2016 Goals

Acme/Baumann Bus Company possible labor strike

- Federal mediator monitoring situation
- Status of our contracts with Acme

Update on Harbor Access Road

9-11 Ceremony

- US Senator Charles Schumer and Congressman Peter King in attendance

Two former Seaford Athletes

- 2013 graduate James O'Hagan started at center for the University of Buffalo against Penn State
- 2008 graduate Sean Nolin pitched for the Oakland A's and had his first major league win

Mr. Kahn gave an update on the work on the walkway to the athletic field which was paid for by money from the County

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Assessment Results from 2014/2015 School Year: Areas covered:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:  
2014/2015 ASSESSMENT  
RESULTS**

2014/2015 by the numbers

Common Core Exams

NYS Regents Exam Passing Percentages – June 2015

NYS Regents Exam Mastery Percentages – June 2015

Advanced Placement Exams

Advanced Placement Exam Results – May 2014

Need for State to address Opt-Out Movement

Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Testing

NYS ELA Passing Percentages – Spring 2015

NYS ELA Mastery Percentages – Spring 2015

NYS Math Passing Percentages – Spring 2015

NYS Math Mastery Percentages – Spring 2015

Mr. Fagan expressed concerns over the percentages

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WORKSHOP DISCUSSION (cont'd)

Seaford District Assessment Data Points

- 22 Data Points which we can target as goals
- Now at 19 Data Points
- With opt-out movement 22 points ambitious; goal for 15/16 should be at least 19 but will strive for 22
- Comparison with Nassau County - 2015
  - Algebra II/Trig, Chemistry & Earth Science Regents did not measure up to County
  - Should be another focus of ours

NYS Science Program Assessment

- Grades 4 & 8 Passing Percentages – 2015

NY State Accountability – 2015

- All 4 in good standing with New York State
- Seaford High School – Rewards School for high performance - 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row
  - Two types of Rewards School – one is for progress and one is for high performance

Curriculum

- Continuing to look at and refresh as needed

District Priorities for 2015-2016

- 19 of 22 data points (or more)
- Continue to Preserve, Restore and Advance
- Increase Revenues wherever possible
  - Finalize the sale of the Seaford Avenue School building and property
- Lobby for a fair portion of State Aide Revenue
- Work toward achieving all Common Core Curriculum initiatives
- Maintain our district and community spirit
- Maintain our curricular and instructional integrity

Making all of our students college and/or career ready

Complete the Harbor Access Road

Mr. Kahn thanked all of the teachers, building administrators and Central Administrators. He also spoke about the opt-out movement which is something that needs to be worked out at the State level. He also spoke about encouraging our students to take the assessments.

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- ◆ Congratulations to Seaford High School
- ◆ Next meeting will be our Regular Meeting - October 1<sup>st</sup> presentation from our Auditors

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette  
District Clerk

Stacie Stark  
Vice District Clerk