

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016, in the All Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brian W. Fagan – Vice President

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

At 7:33 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 Mr. Fagan was not present this evening because he was attending a Nassau/Suffolk School Boards Association Meeting. He also advised that they felt it was important that Mr. Fagan attend because the LIPA situation was on their agenda this evening.

OPENING REMARKS

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated January 15, 2016 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Main focus of tonight's Workshop Meeting is to go over the most recent Building Condition Survey

- Building Condition Surveys must be done by districts every five years
- Upkeep of buildings is extremely important
- Important to stay on top of any capital improvements which need to be made
- Will look at things that are emphasized in the survey and which will need immediate attention

One action item on tonight's agenda

- Issue related to Nassau County and LIPA and the assessment of LIPA properties within each school district
- Resolution for District to have opportunity to join with most other school districts in Nassau for a lawsuit which is directed toward Nassau County and LIPA to ensure that all of the monies that are supposed to be coming to us through PILOTS related to LIPA properties within the Seaford School District will be coming to us in full
 - There are some behind the scenes dealings which seems to indicate that the County is not going to be fully reimbursed by LIPA for those properties
 - The amount in question for Seaford is between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address

- Seaford's State aid run is conservative
- Seaford will never get a windfall of State Aid money
- Allowable tax levy increase for 2016/2017 is about 1/10th of 1%
Still in the era of conservative spending; conservative planning

Budget planning for 2016/2017 will begin with our February Workshop Meeting

2016/2017 Calendar Conflict between Middle School Graduation and High School Prom

- High School Senior Prom will remain on Wednesday, June 22nd, 2017
- Middle School Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 23rd, 2017

Financial Forum hosted by Nassau County Superintendents and the Nassau PTA will be held on Thursday, February 4th in the Leon Campo Building in the East Meadow School District from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- Mr. Conboy, Mr. Striffolino and Ms. Pellati will attend along with any available Board members

Meeting with Legislator Rhodes concerning 7th Precinct

- Moving Precinct to location in Cedar Creek Park currently off the table
- Looking to more than triple size of Precinct

Athletic and Extra-Curricular Participation Policy

- Looking at policies from other Long Island school districts to see what they have their students signing to assure proper behavior on and off the courts and in and out of school

Mr. Conboy presented to Board President Bruce Kahn a Certificate of Achievement from the New York State School Boards Association. Mr. Kahn has a total of 75 points in the training as a School Board Member.

Update on status of Harbor Roadway

- Mr. Kahn asked if we had touched base with our contact at Town of Hempstead

Mr. Kahn asked about the current State Aid run and that the State lowered what we were expecting to receive

- Mr. Conboy stated that the estimate has never been this far off
- Will be doing some investigation to find out why
- Second run could change some of this

Suggestion that parents be able to purchase snacks through the cafeterias for celebrations

- Parents could use the Nutrikids System to purchase snacks through their students accounts
 - Celebration could be held in the cafeteria in the lunch room; during their normal snack time
 - All products are allergen free
 - Parents would give cafeteria staff 2 weeks-notice
 - Parents could be given a list of snacks that could be purchased
- Food Service Director was consulted

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Ms. Wink, second by Mr. Rail, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to commence legal action against the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Treasurer, the Nassau County Legislature, the Nassau County Executive and the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”), and other proper parties as deemed necessary by counsel in connection with Nassau County’s implementation of the LIPA Reform Act and LIPA’s payments-in-lieu-of-taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the payment of a maximum of \$250 per hour as compensation to its attorneys, subject to a separate letter of engagement with the Firm.

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| | No Discussion |
| Bruce Kahn - | Aye |
| Jeanmarie Wink - | Aye |
| Patrick Rail - | Aye |
| Stacie Stark - | Aye |
| | Motion Carried. |

School attorney Christopher Venator advised that there are different law firms representing different school districts in this lawsuit. Ingerman Smith, the School District’s legal counsel, is representing approximately 15 school districts which will share in the expense for this lawsuit.

Mr. Kahn asked about the County, taking properties off the tax rolls and their ability to put properties back on, specifically the Seaford Avenue School Property. Mr. Venator advised that he would look into it but that this could not be added into this lawsuit as it does not affect the other school districts sharing into the cost of the law suit

Presentation of the Building Condition Surveys by Saverio Belfiore and Lance McCallister of H2M Architects. Areas covered in the presentation:

**DISCUSSION ITEM
BUILDING CONDITION
SURVEY**

2015 Building Condition Survey & 5 Year Capital Plan

State Education Department code of Public School Building Inspections
Comprehensive Public School Safety Program Components

- Building Condition Survey (Required for all student occupied buildings every five years)
Building Condition Survey Instrument – 110 information items
Individual System Rating System
Individual System Ratings: Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Non-Functioning or Critical Failure
Building Ratings: Excellent, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, Non-Functioning or Failing
Report has more weight now that Annual Visual Inspection is no longer required
All buildings received a Satisfactory rating
- Annual Visual Inspection (No longer required)
- Five-Year Capital Plan (Required for each school district to develop and keep on file – comprehensive long-range plan – tool for capital improvements and budgeting appropriately)

PRESENTATION - BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY (cont'd)

Two teams went out to look at the buildings – Architectural Team and Engineering Team

Areas of concern

- Site Work
- Building Envelope
- Interior Finishes
- Plumbing Fixtures/Casework & Finishes
- Boilers/HVAC & Electrical

Findings – Building Totals/Building System Costs

Impressed by the condition of the buildings

Recommendations

Estimated Repair/Replacement Costs

Potential Funding Sources

State Education procedures for approvals

Professional Costs

Inflation

Mr. Kahn spoke about work previously done in the buildings through the bond. He also spoke about using monies from the sale of the Seaford Avenue School to fund some of the non-recurring projects and wanting to put some work in the 2016/2017 budget.

Director of Buildings and Grounds Peter Cavassa advised that they would come up with a plan sometime in the near future, to maximize cost and aid. Brief discussion concerning priorities and protecting the infrastructure.

Mr. Conboy spoke about the budget workshop meetings starting in February through March and topics to be discussed at those meetings. First priority and goal is to preserve what we have. Mr. Kahn asked Ms. Pellati about the time-line for the first roll-up of the budget. Brief discussion concerning the State budget and receipt of State Aid runs

CLOSING REMARKS

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Wink, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk