

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, 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. Stacie Stark – Trustee
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Patrick Rail – 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

Board President Bruce Kahn advised that this would be the first of the Budget Workshop Meetings.

OPENING REMARKS

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated February 22, 2016 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Private Meeting today with Commissioner Elia and 12 Nassau County Superintendents and Roger Tilles

- A lot of change coming to New York State
- Commissioner's Goals
- Proper Assessments
- No more rushing to put things in place; proper planning with input from all aspects of the community
- Changes on New York State Regents
 - 3 New Regents; New Chancellor

Meeting with Senators Venditto and Marcellino

- State Aid
- GEA

Next Board Meeting will be at the Harbor School

Mr. Kahn asked Mr. Conboy to give an update on the Harbor Roadway at the March 3rd Regular Meeting which will be held at the Harbor School

Mr. Conboy advised that he had been advised by Ken Schupner of the District's Architectural Firm, that the final plans were scheduled to be delivered to the County by February 26th.

Mr. Kahn reminded the Board that he would be going up to Albany Sunday and Monday and would be with Senators McDonough and Venditto on Monday.

A parent and two students asked the Board to add Varsity Bowling – Boys and Girls (and if required by student interest JV Bowling as well) at the High School for the 2016/2017 School Year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The resident explained the reasoning behind the request as well as the expected expense to add bowling.
- Ways of offsetting some of the expenses were also presented
- A petition with over 420 signatures in support was presented to the Board
- Transportation of students

Discussion Item: General Information/Setting Tax Levy. Areas covered:
2016-17 Budget

**DISCUSSION ITEM
GENERAL INFORMATION/
SETTING TAX LEVY**

- Goals
 - Balanced Budget and Maintain Program
- Revenue Expenses
- Maintain Program - 2015-2016 restorations

Budget Development Process

Budget Formula

- Before Tax Cap
- Revised for Tax Cap

Property Tax Cap

Items outside of District's Control

Seaford Allowable Tax Levy %

Lowest proposed tax levy increase in Seaford's history

Calculation of Levy Limit

Projected Tax Levy Limit %

PILOTS

Capital costs – work planned to be done during the 2016/17 school year

DISCUSSION ITEM: GENERAL INFORMATION/SETTING TAX LEVY

Options on Tax Levy Limit

- Stay within estimated levy limit; or
- Exceed levy limit requiring 60% super majority voter approval

State Aid

Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA)

Foundation Aid

Upcoming Meetings

Adopt budget on April 19th

Budget Hearing May 5th at Seaford High School

Mr. Kahn asked after we take out our exclusions how much are we allowed to increase our budget from last year. Mr. Kahn also spoke about the Tax Cap, TRS/ERS contributions this year and expected increases in the 2017/2018 school year and push for and ERS and TRS Reserve

At Mr. Kahn's request, school attorney Christopher Venator spoke about the temporary restraining order that was requested as part of the litigation that the District, along with other School Districts in Nassau County, has commenced against LIPA and Nassau County concerning pilots and LIPA properties being removed from the tax rolls.

Brief discussion continued concerning the best way for the District to plan going forward, list of LIPA properties in Seaford, dollar amount related to those properties, County's removal of properties off the rolls and the litigation process.

Mr. Kahn also spoke briefly about his meeting with Ms. Stark, Mr. Conboy, Mr. Strifolino and Ms. Pellati to briefly cover where we stand. He also advised that the Board wouldn't be going line by line. Mr. Fagan asked to again this year the summary/tracking sheet the Board was given last year. Mr. Conboy advised that right now it is a preservation budget.

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ There will be two seats up for the Board this year. Anyone interested in running should contact the District Clerk

At 8:20 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Wink, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts with the Clerical Unit and the Administrators Unit and a specific personnel matter.

ADJOURN REGULAR 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 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk