

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, June 16, 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  
Mr. Patrick Rail – Trustee  
Ms. Stacie Stark – Trustee

ABSENT Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy  
Mr. John Strifflino  
Ms. Elisa Pellati  
Ms. Antonia Hamblin – Attorney

At 7:31p.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**

Annual Fire Inspection Report – Mr. Kevin Herbst

**ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION**

Mr. Herbst advised that he did the fire inspection in September and found only one minor violation in the District (personal belongings in the hallway at the Manor School.) He advised that the violation was fixed on site. He stated that everything was good in the District and he had no complaints. He also complimented Director of Facilities Peter Cavassa and his staff for the building maintenance.

Board President Bruce Kahn congratulated all of the retirees and wished them good luck in their retirement. He stated that the retirees - teachers, nurse, custodians, clerical, aides – all have two things in common; their love for the children of Seaford and their love for our community. Mr. Kahn also thanked all of the retirees on behalf of the Board and the whole community.

**PRESENTATION OF  
PLAQUES**

Superintendent of Schools Brian Conboy briefly spoke about the following retirees and presented each with a plaque:

Donna DeLucia-Troisi	Harbor Elementary School Principal
Maria Dudutis	Elementary Teacher
Dianne Fox	Special Education Teacher
Lynn Gerrie	Registered Nurse/Nurse Coordinator
Rodolfo Gonzalez	Foreign Language Teacher
Linda Grieco	Music Teacher
Colleen Hass	Science Teacher
Candice Mahoney	Foreign Language Teacher
Donna Manning	Art Teacher
Cynthia Marconi-Accarino	Elementary Teacher
Pamela Nagy	Special Education Teacher
Joanne Python	Special Education Teacher
Marc Saperstein	Manor Elementary School Head Custodian
Eileen Toohar	Special Education Teacher

Mr. Kahn also congratulated the retirees who were not present this evening: Aides Rose Briante, Marjorie Mandell and Noreen Poretti, Cleaner Michael Diasparra, High School Head Custodian Frank Tagariello and Senior Stenographer Kathy Blanco.

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated June 10, 2016 included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Discussion topics on tonight's Agenda  
Discussions in Albany concerning lead testing in schools  
- Plans for testing in our District  
Update on State Audit  
Issue with local vendor using District images/logos on folders  
- Has been advised to cease and desist  
Issue of "therapy" dogs on campus  
- Policy does not allow for "therapy" dogs of any kind  
- Counsel has not found any legal basis for which a therapy dog could be brought on to a school campus - Therapy dogs are not trained the same way as service/guide dogs

Middle School Teacher Eric Lichtwar has been chosen as the next recipient of the Viking Helmet

Board President Bruce Kahn gave an update on the Harbor Roadway Project.

Elisa Pellati, Assistant Superintendent for Business updated the Board on options open to the District to obtain more interest on the funds received from the sale of the Seaford Avenue School property. She also spoke about the plan which appears to be the best. A presentation will be made to the Board concerning this.

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns Raised by the Public included:

- A student read a letter she wrote about her former teacher – retiring Cynthia Marconi-Accarino
- Is anyone in the District trained to administer the drug Narcan in case of an overdose

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Middle School Principal Dan Smith briefly spoke about the changes recommended and why he is recommending them. Areas where there will be changes include:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC: MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULAR CHANGES**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language  
Exploratory for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading and Math  
Health  
“Flipped” schedule eliminated

Mr. Kahn asked that the Board be given an update in about 6 months concerning the changes

Mr. Conboy advised that there have been recent legislative changes in school safety response planning for all schools in the State. He also advised that BOCES will be setting up workshops this summer.

**WORKSHOP TOPIC: CHANGES FOR SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS 2016/2017**

Mr. Conboy also spoke about:

New legislation calls for Emergency lockdown/lockout drills  
Nassau County POP Officers  
Summer meetings with Administrators  
Safe School Website  
Staff training re: students who express suicidal ideation  
District-Wide Safety Team  
New legislation makes Safety Plans confidential; no longer made public

Ms. Stark asked if a line could be added under additional costs for “an online text”

**WORKSHOP TOPIC: DRAFT TEXTBOOK SELECTION FORM**

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

**CLOSING REMARKS**

- ◆ Congratulations to the retirees
- ◆ Different perspective at student awards ceremonies when you don't have a student receiving an award but you watch how proud the teachers are at seeing their students receive awards
- ◆ Thank you to the teachers
- ◆ Thank you to the Board. This is last meeting of the 2015/2016 school year – a very good year.
- ◆ Congratulations to Nick Kocienda who won the State Championship in Discus

At 8:34 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

**ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

- Individual employment Contracts for 16-17
  - Asst. Supt for Business
  - Director of Facilities
  - Director of Security
  - District Treasurer
  - PT Athletic Director
- Two specific personnel issues
- Aides/Security negotiations

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ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont'd)

- Three legal matters involving:
  - A specific vendor
  - The LIPA lawsuit
  - A real estate matter

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette  
District Clerk

Stacie Stark  
Vice District Clerk