

**MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING – SMART SCHOOLS
PRELIMINARY SPENDING PLAN
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2016**

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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, August 18, 2016, in the Band Room located in Seaford High School, 1575 Seamans Neck Avenue, Seaford, New York.

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

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. John Striffolino
Ms. Elisa Pellati
Ms. Antonia Hamblin - 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

Public Hearing on the Smart Schools Preliminary Spending Plan concerning the Smart Schools Bond funds allocated for Seaford totaling \$1,103,841.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SMART
SCHOOLS PRELIMINARY
SPENDING PLAN**

Board President Bruce Kahn opened by advising that the Smart Schools Bond was approved by the voters of the State of New York several years ago. He also advised that these funds do not come out of the regular school budget. He then introduced Fred Kaden, Director of Technology and members of the Districts Advisory Committee for Technology – Tom Karounos, Chairman, Sean Urban, Rob Necco and Mike Conti

Mr. Kaden briefly spoke about the idea behind the Smart Schools Bond which was to increase school districts' infrastructure because there is going to be a tremendous push toward online testing. He also explained the process and criteria used in preparing the District's Preliminary Plan, and the posting of the Preliminary Plan on the District's website for community review and which also allowed for community comments on the Plan.

Superintendent Brian Conboy advised that the Plan was required to be posted on the District's website for at least thirty (30) days; the District posted it for three (3) months. There were no comments or questions from the community. The Public Hearing tonight is to adopt the Plan or adjust it in some way. Mr. Conboy advised that he and Mr. Kaden would be working on the online form that needs to be submitted to the State and which also must be approved by the Board. Once that form is approved it will be sent to the State. At the present time the State has been approving the Plans once a month in bulk

Mr. Kahn clarified with Mr. Kaden and the ACT Committee planned upgrades to the District's infrastructure and expected "life expectancy". He then opened the hearing up to questions from the Board and Community.

Board Vice President Brian Fagan asked about the Cloud, servers and need for upgrades. Mr. Fagan spoke about current servers, Microsoft Cloud, back-ups, security of servers, new internet pipe into the High School, load balance and future plans.

Mr. Kahn closed the Public Hearing and advised that it was expected to have the application documentation on the next Board Meeting agenda for approval

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Status of interviewing for Manor Elementary School Assistant Principal
Work being done over the summer in the District
2 ½ weeks till the opening of school

Workshop Discussion tonight – Bring Your Own Device

- Reached out to other School Districts for their policies
- Feel Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's Policy is the closest to what we want to achieve

Food Services Lunch Bid

- Had originally awarded bid to Whitsons
 - Due to paperwork errors made on Whitsons part, State kicked the bid back and required us to re-bid
 - Aramark out-bid Whitsons
- Board tonight will rescind awarding of bid to Whitsons; and then a second resolution to award the 2016/2017 bid to Aramark

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (cont'd)

Board will review/approve Professional Development Plan
Bid for Harbor Access Road Project was in Monday's Newsday

- Bid opening will be August 29th, 2016

High School Math Teacher Gen LaGattuta resigned to become an Administrator at Plainview-Old Bethpage School District

Policies that will need future attention:

- Public Use of Facilities Policy
- Field Trips Policy

Mr. Kahn spoke about the Open House at the Harbor School on August 26th between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. for parents/students to meet the new Principal, Tom Burke

- A letter will be going to all Harbor families

Mr. Kahn advised that the State had finished their audit but had not done their exit interview and our external auditors R. S. Abrams, have started their audit.

In response to Mr. Rail's question, Ms. Pellati advised that the new accounts were set up for the Seaford Avenue School funds

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A Harbor parent living on Neptune Avenue again expressed concerns about her Kindergarten daughter not receiving bussing in September She also spoke about the dangers of no sidewalks, 3 students hit by car day after last meeting, parked cars and the need to walk in the street
The resident stated that she contacted government agencies who advised that she needed to go the Board of Education Reached out to PTA and received no response; also contacted an attorney
She advised that she had started a petition and obtained 120 signatures from members of the community
She presented the Board with photographs of the street, emails, a list of typed names and postings from concerned individuals on this matter

Motion by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to appoint Mary-Ellen Montauderes-Kakalos as the Manor School Assistant Principal effective date August 30, 2016 at the prorated salary of \$105,000.

**PERSONNEL – APPOINTMENT
MANOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to rescind the food services contract with Whitson Food Service Corp. voted on at the July 7, 2016 Reorganization Meeting.

**RESCIND JULY 7, 2016
AWARD OF BID TO
WHITSONS**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to appoint the food services contract to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder within specifications, Aramark. Cost: \$2.5444 per meal.

**FOOD SERVICE BID
2016/2017 - ARAMARK**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to adopt the Professional Development Plan for the 2016-2017 school year and authorize the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Statement of Certification.

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN –
2016/2017**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

WORKSHOP TOPIC: Bring Your Own Device Policy

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BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE
POLICY**

Areas covered in the discussion on the draft proposed Bring Your Own Device Policy:

District went completely wireless last year
Some districts against Bring Your Own Device Policy

WORKSHOP TOPIC: Bring Your Own Device Policy (cont'd)

Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Policy

- Pretty extensive

What age level is appropriate
Start at High School Level – Transitioning students to college and career
Safety/Security issues
Some Districts have a 1:1 initiative - distributing iPads, laptops, tablets, etc. to students

- Districts that supply devices are able to outfit the devices the way they see fit

Program/Operating System compatibility
Outdated software/updating of software
No way for District to monitor what is on a personal device
Worse case scenarios
Consequences
Classroom management
Instructional vs. distraction
Teacher Network
When you log in you are filtered by the group you are in
Issues with mixed grade classes
Code of Conduct/Acceptable Use Policy
Options for setting up devices
Pros/Cons
Word/Excel/PowerPoint Free for Everyone
Software Issues
Tech Support
Responsibility for devices
Systems in Place
Do we have enough IPADs to supply to students
District has ability to shut the policy down
Build in right protocols
Number of devices district can handle
Draft of Policy – would like to have first reading at September 1 Board meeting; probably October
Timing of instituting policy
Bellmore-Merrick template will be used when making comments/suggestions
Thank you to the ACT Committee

Board to review Public Use of Facilities and Field Trip Policies; any comments/questions should be directed to Mr. Kahn

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Request to move September 15th Board and October 20th Board meetings due to conflicts
Possibly change start time for September 15th meeting
Change October 20th Board Meeting to Wednesday, October 19th
Board members to review calendars and get back to Mr. Kahn

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING

- Contract for Construction Manager for the Harbor Road Project
- 2016/2017 Contract of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rail, second by Ms. Baldwin, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:24 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk