

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, November 17, 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 (arrived 7:36 p.m.)
Ms. Jeanmarie Wink - Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy
Mr. John Strifflino
Ms. Elisa Pellati
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney (arrived 7:49 p.m.)

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

None

OPENING REMARKS

None

**PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITIONS**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Discussion items for this evening
Effect on education/common core/school vouchers with the new Presidency
NY State Senator race still undecided
Update on Harbor Roadway Project
- Architects now vetting the bidder who came in under our budget
New purchases of AEDs will primarily be used in Athletic Department
Congratulations to two athletic teams
- Girls Volleyball – Nassau County Champions
- Vikings Varsity Football team plays this weekend in the Conference IV Championship
Happy Thanksgiving

Mr. Kahn spoke about the Board tour of the High School which will take place after the Top 25 Breakfast on November 23rd

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns raised by the Public:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident spoke about her email to the Board regarding transportation for the Bowling team

- Originally thought team would be going to Levittown lanes and parents would drive the students to Levittown for competition and Wantagh for practice
Instead of Levittown they now have to go to Baldwin which now creates an issue for parents to drive
She advised that she was trying to get donations for the funds but she asked the Board/Administration if they could find money to pay for the transportation of the team
- She also asked when the Board would be available for a bowl-off with the team

Elementary Curriculum Discussion - Harbor Principal Tom Burke, Manor Principal Debra Emmerich, Harbor Assistant Principal Caroline Schozer and Manor Assistant Principal Maryellen Kakalos spoke about their forward vision for what they would like to see and why for the Elementary Schools. Areas covered included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM**

ELA Committee has met several times to discuss and look at exams, how students are doing, administration, exams, how to assess students, what we use to assess them, what to use in the classroom, etc.

- Whatever is decided will involve resources for the classrooms, professional development and libraries, etc.

Remediation

Curriculum

Focus has been on assessments; methods of determining students abilities

ELA Curriculum Support

WORKSHOP TOPIC: ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

Full Time Integrated Co-Teacher

Full Time Aides

- Description of work done by aides, issues created because aides are only part-time and benefits of having full-time aides,

STEAM Teacher (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

- Explanation of what STEAM is and how it incorporates into the curriculum
- Visits to other schools who have a STEAM teacher
- Have a teacher split between two buildings; incorporate into classroom
- Coding, dash & dot, squishy circuits, etc.
- Would like to get it into all areas of the curriculum
- Background/certification for STEAM teachers
- Maker Space
- Clubs that would go along with this

Permanent Substitute Teacher in both Elementary buildings

Technology – iPads

- Using iPads in all areas of the curriculum
- Would love to have 1 or 2 more iPad Carts
- iPad cart vs. Computer Lab

Clubs & Advisors

Library Renovations

- Move wall in Manor library; would give additional space

Cold War Veterans' Exemption Discussion:

Mr. Kahn gave a brief history of the Veterans' tax exemptions passed 2 years ago. He also advised that a public hearing would need to be held on this matter

Assistant Superintendent for Business Elisa Pellati explained the choices open to school districts. She explained that there is no impact to the school district. She also advised that there were 48 Cold War Veterans and the impact on the other homes in Seaford would be approximately \$1.83 to \$2.74 per year per home. Ms. Pellati stated that if we adopted it before January 2017 then it would be applicable for the 2017/2018 tax bill.

It was decided that the public hearing would take place right before the December 1, 2016 Regular meeting.

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

- ◆ Happy Thanksgiving

At 8:19 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 a negotiations matter involving the United Teachers of Seaford and a grievance matter involving the Seaford Association of Educational Office Personnel.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kahn, second by Ms. Stark, to adjourn Executive Session at 9:41p.m.

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Stacie Stark
Vice District Clerk

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
COLD WAR VETERANS'
EXEMPTION**

CLOSING REMARKS

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP
MEETING**

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**