

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, 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. Janice Baldwin - Trustee  
Ms. Stacie Stark - Trustee

ABSENT: Mr. Patrick Rail – Trustee

Mr. Brian L. Conboy (left at 8:37 p.m.)  
Mr. John A. Striffolino (left at 8:37 p.m.)  
Ms. Elisa Pellati (left at 8:37 p.m.)  
Ms. Antonia Hamblin - Attorney

At 7:31 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 this evening's Workshop Meeting would be about the tax levy

**OPENING REMARKS**

Topics covered in Mr. Conboy's Administrative Report dated February 13, 2017, included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

First public planning session for the 2017/2018 budget  
Mr. Kahn met with Senator Brooks today  
Many things being discussed in Albany concerning additional aid  
Want to bring to the Board as balanced a budget as we can get  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting will be at the Harbor School

- Each of our subsequent meetings will be discussing different pieces of the budget
- Hope to come to adoption of the budget at either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in April
- Our goal is to preserve our current program, remain under the tax cap and develop a spending plan that our voters can confidently support when they vote in May

Anything we put in the budget we do with the mindset of sustainability  
We had one snow day and one delayed opening

- Decisions are made on site when determining to delay
- Building/parking lot conditions are looked at
- Confer with Board President
- Town of Hempstead contacted for road conditions/sanders

May 26<sup>th</sup> is now a regular school day  
Congratulations to Mike Spreckles (Athletic Trainer and Harbor Physical Education teacher) on receiving Distinguished Service Award from the Nassau County Chapter of New York State Athletic Administrators Association  
Legislator Steven Rhoads will be at our next Board meeting

- Will be honoring our 2 Nassau County Championship Football and Volleyball Teams

Mr. Kahn briefly spoke about his meeting earlier today with Senator John Brooks. He advised that Senator Brooks is trying to get Seaford and the other Long Island School Districts their fair share of the State Aid. Mr. Kahn also spoke about Senator Brooks' proposal/formula concerning the County Guaranty. It is expected that Senator Brooks will be doing a presentation at a future Board meeting

Mr. Kahn gave an update on the search for a new Superintendent of Schools

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Areas covered in Assistant Superintendent for Business Elisa Pellati's Power Point Presentation – Budget 2017-2018 included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:  
POWER POINT PRESENTATION  
BUDGET 2017/2018**

2017-2018 Budget Goals

- Balanced Budget
- Preserve
- Advance

Budget Development Process/Timeline  
The Budget Formula  
The Property Tax Cap  
Methods used before Tax Cap Legislation  
Property Tax Cap Formula  
Projected Tax Levy Limit %

POWER POINT PRESENTATION (cont'd)

Tax Assessments  
Direction on Tax Levy Limit  
Pilots  
Transportation Proposition  
Transportation costs/changes in rules related to ridership  
Budget Pressures  
Options related to transportation proposition/budget  
Piercing the Cap  
State Aid  
Workshop discussion items for upcoming Budget Workshop Meetings  
Timeline for adoption of budget and required mailings

Questions/Comments from the Board:

Capital projects aidable percentages  
Cost for transportation related to resident's petition for reduced mileage is significantly lower  
- If \$148,000 added for transportation; what would this impact  
- Transportation/ridership changes from year to year  
Increase in health care premiums  
- Would like to know why increasing to that extent when know fees are going down  
Harbor Road Update  
- Contract with Construction company awarded bid being reviewed by Ingerman Smith

None

At 8:06 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Stark, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel matter and the employment of our next Superintendent of Schools.

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fagan, second by Ms. Stark, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:18 p.m.

No Discussion.  
All Ayes  
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette  
District Clerk

Stacie Stark  
Vice District Clerk

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING**

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**