

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018, in the All-Purpose Room of the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. Bruce A. Kahn - President
Ms. Stacie Stark - Vice President (arrived at 8:17 p.m.)
Ms. Janice Baldwin - Trustee
Ms. Natalie Pedisich – Trustee
Mr. Patrick Rail - Trustee

Dr. Adele V. Pecora
Mr. John A. Striffolino
Ms. Elisa Pellati
Mr. Christopher Venator – Attorney

At 7:39 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

Topics covered in Dr. Pecora's Administrative Report dated January 12, 2018 included:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

NYSSBA Policy Compliance Review
RFP (Request for Proposals) for Legal Services
Update on acceleration selection process specifically related to Science
Gerbino Night

Repair Reserve Fund - Areas covered in Assistant Superintendent for Business Elisa Pellati's PowerPoint presentation included:

PRESENTATIONS RECOGNITIONS

Repair Reserve Fund (GML Section 6-d)

- Purpose
- Established by
- Funding Source
- Expenditures

Use of Repair Reserve – 2016/2017

Proposed Use of Repair Reserve – 2017/2018

- Photos of areas to be repaired/painted
- Harbor School - fence repair, repair of basketball court and hoops
- Middle School - painting of interior and exterior of main entrance, side portico and science hallway
- High School - interior and exterior of gym entrance
- Manor School - painting of front exterior sign

Recommendation – Dollar amount to be used

Questions:

- Mr. Rail asked if there were lights on the Harbor Courts and if it was something that could be looked into for the future. He also asked about what type of basketball hoops were being put in – what was previously there or adjustable basketball hoops. Ms. Pellati stated she would find out about the hoops
- Mr. Kahn asked about bids for painting and the fence repair.
- Ms. Stark also asked about lights for the courts in the future

Public Hearing on the proposed use of funds will be on March 1, 2018 prior to the Regular Board Meeting

Comments, Questions and/or Concerns from the public:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ◆ Has there been any conversation about updating the water foundations; adding a water filtration system on the fountains
Concerns about the quality of the water and contaminants that are contained in the water
Consider putting filtration system in at least 1 water fountain in each building
- ◆ If they consider adjustable hoops for the Harbor will they consider them for the Manor; When were Manor school's basketball courts updated
- ◆ Is there a budget line that could cover the painting instead of reserve fund
Any renovation planned soon for the Manor bathrooms
- ◆ When do we know when bonds are retiring
Lived here for 8 years; nothing has been done
Behind other school districts; seems we are being left behind
What have we improved for technology for K-5
Are there any enrichment classes for students who are a little bit ahead of the curve; or planned for in the future

Areas covered in the discussion on the Legal RFP

WORKSHOP TOPIC:

Mr. Kahn asked Mr. Venator if the Board chose to do hold interviews with only the Board of Education present, would additional language needed to be added to the RFP where it states, "At the sole discretion of the Board, selected law firms responding to this RFP may be interviewed by a committee selected by the Board of Education". Mr. Venator advised that no additional language would be needed. Return date for proposals will be March 9, 2018.

Areas covered in the discussion of the NYSSBA Policy Review:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
NYSSBA POLICY
REVIEW**

5 Policies which was decided to look at
Memorandum of Guidance from Chris Venator
NYSSBA Compliance Review

Policy No. 2160

- Discussion related to private tutoring, teachers not allowed to privately tutor their own students and private tutoring should not take place on school grounds. Mr. Venator suggested additional language which would be added as No. 9 in Policy 2160.
- Mr. Venator will work on revising the language on this policy and he policy revisions will be reviewed at the next Board meeting

Policy No. 2330

- Mr. Venator stated there were only very minor changes and should be approved as is

Policy No. 6240

- Policy good as is; not discussion needed
- Mr. Venator recommending both policy and regulation

Policy No. 4321.12

- Currently do not have policy on time-out rooms
- Not required to have policy unless use time-out rooms; Seaford does not use them
- Recommend putting in policy should program change; very specific regulations for using time-out rooms
- No expectation to use them in the future
- Implementing time-out rooms would take a lot of planning and would also need to be on the child's IEP

Policy No. 9300

Taking policy as recommended by NYSSBA with the exception of altering two delivery dates

NYSSBA recommended policies 2330, 6240, 4321.12 and 9300 will be placed on the next agenda for a first reading; Policy 2160 will be revised and reviewed

NYSSBA Compliance Review – 3 Sections to the Review

- First – List of Required Policies Missing by NYSSBA Number
Chris Venator will do the first round of red-lining on the first 10 policies in the first section and make recommendations
- Second – List of Non-Required Policies Recommended for Adoption by NYSSBA Number
- Third – NYSSBA Recommendations for Existing Seaford Policies
- Chris Venator, Elisa Pellati and Dr. Pecora will try to prioritize which policies to look at first
- Chris Venator will review/red line them first and then give the Board recommendations related to those policies.

Ms. Pellati briefly spoke about bonds, capital reserves, transfer to capital and ways to fund work in the buildings. She also spoke about work done recently through the transfer to capital line.

CLOSING REMARKS

- ◆ Thank you to Dr. Pecora, Mr. Strifolino and the Middle School administration for looking into the accelerated program and for giving our students a leg up going into High School and going forward
- ◆ 8th Grade Orientation at the High School – many changes just in the last few years

At 8:35 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Stark, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the UTS and Aides, SASA contract issue, one specific personnel matter and contracts for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum.

**ADJOURN WORKSHOP
MEETING**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Stark, second by Mr. Rail, to adjourn Executive Session at 10:39 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

No Discussion.
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Patrick Rail
Vice District Clerk