

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, February 15, 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
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 (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)

At 7:35 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. Mr. Kahn asked that everyone remain standing after the Pledge for a moment of silence in remembrance of those killed yesterday in the Florida school shooting.

OPEN MEETING

None

OPENING REMARKS

Topics covered in Dr. Pecora’s Administrative Report dated February 9, 2018 included:

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Two Shoutpoint messages related to the High School went out today
- Early this morning we were advised that a pole went down so electricity was out at the High School
- At approximately 7:00 a.m. we were advised that the electricity was back on
Letter went out to everyone related to the Florida shootings and security here at Seaford

Security is now in place at the front doors at the High School between 6:30 am and 7:30 am every morning; after that all the doors are locked

Scope Awards

- Pleased to announce that we have 4 honorees from our District – Board President Bruce Kahn, Assistant Superintendent John Striffolino, Ann Barodin, High School Principal’s secretary and Tena Chaffee, one of our teacher Aides, Also pleased to announce that Dan Smith, Middle School Principal, will be honored by the Council of Administrators and Supervisors for the 2017-2018 Administrator of the Year.

Update on curriculum development

First ever Curriculum Night at the High School

Informational Night on Capstone

Dr. Kantor had a visitation for some of the Directors from the pre-schools

- In the future teachers from the Manor and the Harbor will visit the pre-schools to view their instruction

Congratulations to Manor School for their Community Service fundraiser for the Jambo Jipya School and Children’s Home in Kenya

Update on Harbor Boiler replacement bids

Mr. Kahn briefly explained to the audience the Budget meeting schedule, how things can change from week to week and timeline for adoption of the budget

Topics covered in the 2018-19 Budget Development Presentation by Elisa Pellati, Assistant Superintendent for Business included:

**2018/2019 BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT
PRESENTATION**

2018-2019 Budget Goals

1. Balanced Budget
2. Maintain student programs and services while staying within the Tax Cap
3. Continue to improve financial condition
4. Enhancements

Budget Development Process

The Budget Formula

Tax Cap Legislation

Allowable Tax Levy

Tax Cap Formula

Projected Tax Levy Limit %

Direction on Tax Levy Limit

- Option 1: Stay with the estimated tax levy limit
- Option 2: Exceed levy limit

Capital Reserve Proposition

Budget Challenges

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Stark asked about the Nissan Pilot going on to the tax rolls

Ms. Baldwin asked how much the Seasons added to the tax levy. Ms. Pellati advised she would need to check on that amount,

After a brief discussion the Board advised Ms. Pellati that they wanted to stay within the estimated tax levy

Mr. Kahn asked if anyone could make the event honoring Mr. Smith on March 8th at 4:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Thank you for listening to the concerns from the last meeting related to Security at the High School front door
Received information that there is no longer a roaming Security Guard at the High School
Need to know what District is doing about security; need to know what is happening when it is happening
Would like to see roaming security guard at each building
How to get communication to those that need the information
Video cameras are good as long as they are being monitored at all times
- Some teachers do not have keys to their classrooms so they cannot lock doors
A lot of chatter; hard to distinguish what is real and what is not
Perhaps someone from Nassau County Police could come in and talk to the students
- Is the District considering plans for splitting the classes to reduce class sizes for next year in 2nd Grade and incoming Kindergarten

Mr. Kahn congratulated the District's Girls' and Boys' Bowling teams going to the State Championships in March in Syracuse

Mr. Kahn briefly spoke about the request to next year hold the Board Meetings on Wednesday evenings rather than Thursday evenings. The formal setting of the meetings will be done at the Reorganization Meeting. It was decided to move the meetings to Wednesdays starting with the 2018/2019 school year.

Policy 4770 – Graduation Requirements - Areas covered in the discussion included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
POLICY 4770**

Differences between our existing policy and NYSSBA's recommendations
Attorney Chris Venator recommended the addition of language related to a student who so close to graduation and provisions to allow that student to walk on graduation day
Discussion related to allowing students who have just one course to complete to participate in the graduation ceremonies; the student would not receive their diploma until they complete the course. Continued discussion on students who are at risk of not graduating.
He also recommended language concerning students who commit a gross break in the code of conduct, their participation in the graduation ceremonies and who would make that decision
Keep language that states "In addition the Board of Education may establish diploma requirements that surpass the requirements set by the New York State Education Department, Board of Regents and Regulations of the Commission of Education.

Policy 4773 – Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities - Areas covered in the discussion included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
POLICY 4773**

District did not have this policy before.
- Adopt the policy as is
- Did not have it before because it is new

Policy 6700 – Purchasing - Areas covered in the discussion included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
POLICY 6700**

Change of the word will to may in two locations
Make items listed in number 4 under Exceptions to Competitive Bidding separate items

Policy 6700-R – Purchasing Regulation - Areas covered in the discussion included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
POLICY 6700-R**

Suggested NYSSBA recommendations

Policy 8414.5 – Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers - Areas covered in the discussion included:

**WORKSHOP TOPIC:
POLICY 8414.5**

- Discussion related to drug testing/alcohol of bus drivers
- Testing is done through the bus contracting company
 - We do not test bus drivers
 - In incidents where we are concerned the bus company will send a replacement driver and the driver of concern will be immediately tested by the bus company

Policy 8414.5-R – Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation - Areas covered in the discussion included:

WORKSHOP TOPIC:

Just updates to language

First reading of these policies to take place in March

Update on successes of school teams

Upcoming sports events

We will be looking into matters parents expressed concern over this evening

CLOSING REMARKS

At 8:34 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 update on negotiations with the UTS, Aides and Custodians, 3 specific personnel matters and 2 specific student matters.

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 9:47 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion.

All Ayes

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Patrick Rail
Vice District Clerk