

Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for the 2022/2023 School Year for the Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, in the All-Purpose Room located in the Manor Elementary School, 1590 Washington Avenue, Seaford, NY 11783.

PRESENT: Ms. Stacie Stark - President
Mr. Kevin Devlin - Vice President
Ms. Andrea Parisi - Trustee
Ms. Natalie Pedisich – Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:
Dr. Adele V. Pecora
Mr. John A. Striffolino
Ms. Rhonda L. Meserole
Ms. Mary Anne Sadowski – Attorney

At 8:04 p.m., the President of the Board of Education opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2022/2023 School Year. As the first order of business, Board President Stacie Stark led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN BUDGET
HEARING**

Areas covered in the 2022/2023 Budget Presentation by Rhonda L. Meserole, and John Striffolino included:

**PRESENTATION BY
JOHN STRIFFOLINO &
RHONDA MESEROLE**

This budget has something for all students

With the supplement of Federal Funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Coronavirus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) grants (which includes GEER and ESSER funding), we have been able to keep the tax cap low and include many wonderful enhancements for our students. This budget is a numeric expression of the instructional vision we have for our District

John Striffolino:

Instruction & Extracurricular Activities
The Arts
High School Athletics
Middle School Athletics
Special Education Enhancements in the 2022 – 2023 Budget that go above and beyond
- Robust Curriculum

Rhonda L. Meserole

Proposed Budget 2022 - 2023
- \$77,396,951
Budget to Budget Increase
- \$2,679,139 or 3.586%
Projected tax levy increase
- \$1,368,861 or 2.450%
Budget still under Tax Cap
Five Year History of Seaford's Tax Levy
Budget Revenues 2022-2023
Budget Expenditures 2022-2023
Budget Components 2022-2023
Transportation Expenditure
Capital Projects and Funding Sources
- Proposition #1 Operating Budget
- Proposition #2 – Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure
- Federally Funded Projects
What happens if the budget fails?
Ramifications of a Contingency Budget
Other Key Dates to Remember
Voter Registration Information
Absentee Ballot Request
Voting Locations

Manor Elementary Student Presentation on Teacher's College

**PRESENTATION MANOR
ELEMENTARY**

Several First Grade Manor Elementary students read a few chapters from each of their writing projects from the Teachers College Writing Program. Topics included: whales, rabbits and a short biography of the student and the Manor School. The First-Grade teachers then presented a short video showing the writing process and the hard work that all the First-Grade students have done.

2 Harbor Elementary Second Grade Students were selected by PSEG as poster winners which was related to their safety unit learning about electrical safety.

**HARBOR PSEG
POSTER WINNERS**

Harbor Elementary Student Presentation on Persuasive Writing

**PRESENTATION HARBOR
ELEMENTARY**

Several Third Grade Harbor Elementary students read their persuasive writing pieces. Subjects covered in these pieces included:

- Decorating the Harbor School
- No homework at the Harbor School (2 students)
- Why we should have a week field trip to Disney
- Zoos
- Popcorn machine in the Harbor Cafeteria

Mr. Burke spoke about it being Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked all the teachers who came out this evening.

Areas covered in the presentation on the Science Room Renovation by Executive Director for Instructional Technology and STEM Thomas Lynch:

**SCIENCE ROOM
RENOVATION
PRESENTATION BY
THOMAS LYNCH**

Background
Current Rooms
Room 204 - Chemistry
Rom 205 - Physics
Photos of the rooms as they exist now
Architect renderings of what the rooms would look like after renovation
Reasons for the need to renovate
Furniture
Timeline for completion

Comments/Questions by the Public:

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

- A resident questioned the validity of information related to the last 5 years tax levy, the tax cap and the tax levy to homeowners which is the only thing residents care about
- How much extra money came to Seaford after the actual State Budget was approved
- Other District's did much better than Seaford
- How much money is in our reserves
Funding of maintenance and cost for repairs on fields going forward

Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations Rhonda Meserole briefly spoke about what the District gets, the tax levy, County tax assessments and the County's five-year plan to reassess

Superintendent Dr. Adele Pecora explained the two funds related to the State Budget – Executive Run and the Legislative Run and how sometimes there are large differences in the aid estimates. She went on to explain about the shortfalls in past years, budgeting conservatively and the \$100,000 difference this year.

Dr. Pecora spoke about large capital projects, the planning going forward and the ways to fund them going out to bond; fund through reserves

At 9:20 p.m., Board President Stacie Stark closed the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for the 2022/2023 School Year.

**CLOSE OF 2022/2023
BUDGET HEARING**

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk

Andrea Parisi
Vice District Clerk