

A Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Seaford Union Free School District, was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, in Auditorium of Seaford High School, located at 1575 Seamans Neck Road in Seaford, New York.

PRESENT: Ms. Trisha Matulewicz - Vice President
Mr. Jimmy Chwe – Trustee
Ms. Melissa Whidden – Trustee
Matthew Kind, Ex-Officio Student Member

ABSENT: Ms. Lisa Herbert – President
Ms. Heather Umhafer – Trustee
Michael Kofod, Alternate Ex-Officio Student Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Adele V. Pecora
Dr. Sheena Jacob
Ms. Rhonda L. Meserole, CPA
Mr. John Striffolino

At 6:37 p.m., the Vice President of the Board of Education opened the Regular Meeting. Ms. Matulewicz then advised that she needed a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee, legal matters and particular student matters.

OPEN MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to adopt the following resolution:

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Seaford Union Free School District enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular employee, legal matters and particular student matters and upon completion of discussion respecting the foregoing to return to open session.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Executive Session concluded at 7:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS

At 7:38 p.m., the Vice President of the Board of Education re-opened the Public Session. As the first order of business, Board Vice President Trisha Matulewicz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Matulewicz then asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026/2027 budget.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026/2027 budget.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Areas covered during the Public Hearing:

BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET

Superintendent Dr. Adele V. Pecora

- Strengthening Achievement Through Seaford Scholar Work and Program Innovation
- Inspiring Growth and Academic Success For All Students
- Measuring Excellence Across Student Outcomes
- Empowering our Exceptional Elementary Programs: Developing our Leaders of Tomorrow
- Empowering our Exceptional Middle School Programs: Inspiring and Developing our Leaders of Tomorrow
- Empowering our Exceptional High School Programs: All In on Developing our Leaders of Tomorrow

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Rhonda L. Meserole, CPA:

- Proposed Budget 2026-2027: \$86,302,965
- Budget to Budget Increase: \$1,210,214 1.42%
- Projected tax levy increase: \$1,390,943 2.26%
- Budget within the Tax Cap
- Five Year History of Seaford's Tax Levy
- 2026/2027 Revenue Sources & Tax Cap
- Budget Expenditures 2026/2027
- 2026/2027 Transfer to Capital
- Middle School Bathroom Renovations
- Middle School Gym Windows
- High School Access To Outdoor Learning Space

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET (cont'd)

- Budget Components 2026-2027
 - Administrative (10.0%)
 - Program (79.7%)
 - Capital (10.3%)
- Voter Registration Information
- Absentee Ballot Request
- May 19, 2026 Trustee Election and 2026/2027 Budget Vote
 - Locations: Manor & Harbor Elementary Schools
 - Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Questions regarding the budget?

Ms. Matulewicz thanked Dr. Pecora, Ms. Meserole and the Administrative team for their work on the budget and briefly touched on the work involved in creating this budget.

At 7:56 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to close the Public Hearing on the proposed 2026/2027 Budget and re-open the Regular Meeting.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

At 7:57 p.m., Board Vice President Trisha Matulewicz, re-opened public session of the Regular Meeting.

RE-OPEN REGULAR MEETING

High School Principal Nicole Schnabel thanked community members, family members and students for being present this evening. She went on to thank the Board of Education and Central Administration team because without their support, they would not be able to take advantage of any of the opportunities that our students are about to present.

RECOGNITION

Ms. Schnabel spoke about an initiative that began at Seaford High School and has been in the works for a couple of years. She advised that the Student Council worked very hard to put together an amazing event with the support of the classes and the Shared Decision-Making Committee. It was an amazing event with 280 students participating. As a result of putting together the 1st Annual Battle of the Classes-Battle for a Cause event, the Student Council raised \$1,720 which will be donated to Angela's House

**PRESENTATIONS
SEAL OF BI-LITERACY**

- Seal of Bi-Literacy Presentation – Ms. Foley
- Ms. Foley advised the District was in its 5th year of the Seal of Bi-Literacy and explained what is required to receive this Seal
 - This year languages represented are Spanish and French and two students pursuing their home language – one in Russian and one in Turkish (also receiving the Seal of Tri-Literacy)
 - Two students then presented – one in French; one in Turkish
 - Ms. Foley announced that this year 39 students received the Seal of Bi-Literacy

SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

- Seal of Civic Readiness Presentation - Ms. Greenberg and Mr. Sheedy
- Ms. Greenberg and Mr. Sheedy explained in what is required to receive this Seal which is not a graduation requirement
 - Over 80 seniors have received this Seal this year
 - Two students then presented their work

AP RESEARCH

- AP Research Presentation – Ms. Cintorino and Mr. Sheedy
- Ms. Cintorino explained the program and what is involved in completing their research and presentation
 - Two students gave brief two-minute presentations on their research
 - 48 Students completed the year-long program and research projects

SCIENCE RESEARCH

- Science Research Presentation – Ms. Alaimo and Ms. Charles
- Ms. Alaimo and Ms. Charles explained the Science Research Program
 - Two students gave brief presentations of their research project – one student a three-year researcher; one a first-year

AP ART

- AP Art Presentation – Dr. Patrick Kenedy, Coordinator of Fine and Applied Arts and High School Assistant Principal Alex Mantay
- Dr. Kennedy spoke about the students conducting a sustained investigation of their topic which guides their portfolio development. The students put together 15 works that speak to their topic or their question
 - Two students spoke about the course and showed pieces from their portfolio

Students participating in these programs received a certificate and group photos were taken

Topics covered in Matthew Kind's Report dated May 6, 2026, included:

**EX-OFFICIO STUDENT
BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

This week marks the start of AP exams so everyone should be studying
Encourage everyone to attend the AP review academies
This past Friday was College Decision Day at the High school; students wore their college shirts, and everyone celebrated where they'll be continuing their academic journeys for the next 4 years
Seaford High School has implemented a brand new and enhanced recognition program starting this year – the Seaford Scholar Laureate Program
- This distinction highlights students who successfully completed AP Seminar, AP Research or Science Research and any additional four (4) AP Courses throughout their high school careers
This new initiative provides a great opportunity for students to continue to work towards a common goal and to continue to push each other to the best of their abilities.
Incredible accomplishments for those students receiving the Seal of Bi-Literacy, Seal of Civic Readiness and those students in AP Research, Science Research and AP Art

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, that the consent agenda be approved as a whole with action recorded as if it had been taken severally.

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS 5.A-D.
(detailed below)**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Meeting, and the April 28, 2026 Special Meeting.

MINUTES

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2026.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Extracurricular Fund Activity Report dated March 31, 2026.

**EXTRACURRICULAR
FUND ACTIVITY REPORT**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Revenue Status Report dated March 31, 2026.

**REVENUE STATUS
REPORT**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Budget Status Report dated March 31, 2026.

**BUDGET STATUS
REPORT**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to acknowledge acceptance for audit of the Budgetary Transfer Report dated March 31, 2026.

**BUDGETARY TRANSFER
REPORT**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report – Instructional:

**PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT
INSTRUCTIONAL**

A. Instructional (dated May 6, 2026):

- P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions
- P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions
- P-3: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-4: LEAVES: No Recommended Actions

- 1. LISA DORIS
 - Position: Elementary Teacher
 - Assignment: Seaford Manor School
 - Effective Date: April 13, 2026
 - Sick Leave: April 13, 2026 - May 1, 2026
 - Leave without Pay: N/A
 - Expiration Date: May 1, 2026
 - FMLA: April 13, 2026 - September 3, 2026
 - Reason: Medical Leave

PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT – INSTRUCTIONAL (cont'd)

2. CHELSEA CORCHIA

Position: Elementary Teacher
Assignment: Seaford Harbor School
Effective Date: September 18, 2026
Sick Leave: September 18, 2026 - November 3, 2026
Leave without Pay: November 4, 2026 - December 21, 2026
Expiration Date: December 21, 2026
FMLA: September 18, 2026 - December 10, 2026
Reason: Child Care Leave

3. ELIZABETH WATERBURY

Position: Special Education Teacher Elementary
Assignment: Seaford Middle School
Effective Date: June 22, 2026
Sick Leave: June 22, 2026 - October 5, 2026
Leave without Pay: N/A
Expiration Date: October 5, 2026
FMLA: June 22, 2026 - November 12, 2026
Reason: Child Care Leave

P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions

P-6: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions

P-7: APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions

P-8: OTHER:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Jennifer Rosenberg from Seaford Harbor/Seaford Manor School to the Seaford Middle School effective August 26, 2026.
- b) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Samantha Riebling from Seaford Middle School to the Seaford Manor/Harbor School effective August 26, 2026.
- c) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Sarah Lavini from Seaford High School to the Seaford Middle School effective August 26, 2026.
- d) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Savannah Weilert from Seaford High School to the Seaford Middle School effective August 26, 2026.
- e) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Marisa Mortimer from Seaford Manor School to the Seaford School District, effective August 26, 2026.
- f) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Susan Steinberg from Seaford Middle School to the Seaford High School effective August 26, 2026.
- g) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Jenna Ammon from Seaford High School to the Seaford Middle School effective August 26, 2026.
- h) Recommend the Board of Education approve the transfer of Taryn Ohlmiller from Seaford Middle School to the Seaford Manor School effective August 26, 2026.
- i) Recommend the Board of Education end the following teacher for Cafeteria Duty for the Seaford High School for the 2025-2026 school year as of May 20, 2026.

Erica Nagy

- j) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following teachers for Seaford High School Regents Academies. The hourly stipend as per UTS contract.

Chemistry	Rosalie Franz	2.5 hours
Chemistry	Lilly Alaimo	2.5 hours

- k) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following teachers for Seaford Middle School Regents Academies. The hourly stipend as per UTS contract.

Biology	Frank Maniscalco	3 hours
Biology	Adam Cohen	2 hours

- l) Recommend the Board of Education approve the following appointments for special education services including evaluations, provision of services and attendance at CSE/CPSE meetings as of March 4, 2026. Rate as per UTS contract.

Mary Travers

PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT – INSTRUCTIONAL (cont'd)

- m) Recommend the Board of Education amend the dates of Jenna Ammon's Child Care Leave of absence as approved at the March 25, 2026, Board of Education Meeting:

<u>JENNA AMMON</u>	<u>ORIGINAL DATES</u>	<u>REVISED DATES</u>
Position:	Secondary Teacher	Secondary Teacher
Assignment:	Seaford High School	Seaford High School
Effective Date:	June 24, 2026	June 24, 2026
Sick Leave:	June 24, 2026 - September 16, 2026 (using remaining 16 days)	June 24, 2026 - September 16, 2026 (using remaining 16 days)
Leave without Pay:	September 17, 2026 - January 22, 2027	September 17, 2026 - June 25, 2027
Expiration Date:	January 22, 2027	June 25, 2027
FMLA:	June 24, 2026 - November 16, 2026	June 24, 2026 - November 16, 2026
Reason:	Child Care Leave	Child Care Leave No Discussion All Ayes Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to accept the recommendation to approve the Personnel Action Report – Non-Instructional:

**PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT
NON- INSTRUCTIONAL**

B. Non-Instructional (dated May 6, 2026):

- P-1: POSITION ABOLITION: No Recommended Actions
- P-2: POSITION CREATION: No Recommended Actions
- P-3: RETIREMENTS: No Recommended Actions
- P-4: RESIGNATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-5: TERMINATIONS: No Recommended Actions
- P-6: APPOINTMENTS: No Recommended Actions
- P-7: LEAVES:

1. MICHAEL KUSKO

Position: Custodian
Assignment: Custodian
Effective Date: March 23, 2026
Expiration Date: May 4, 2026
Reason: Medical Leave (paid March 23, 2026 - April 15, 2026)

2. KATHLEEN MECABE

Position: Teacher Aide - Full Time
Assignment: Teacher Aide - Full Time
Effective Date: May 7, 2026
Expiration Date: May 22, 2026
Reason: Medical Leave (unpaid)

P-8: OTHER:

- a) Recommend the Board of Education amend the expiration date for Kim D'Onofrio-Ruden's medical leave of absence from April 14, 2026, to May 26, 2026, as approved at the March 25, 2026, Board of Education meeting.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Special Education Committee Meetings of:

CSE

School Year 2025-2026:
3/10/26, 3/27/26.

School Year 2026-2027:
2/27/26, 3/2/26, 3/11/26, 3/13/26, 3/17/26, 3/18/26, 3/20/26, 3/23/26, 3/30/26, 4/27/26.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve acceptance of the determinations of the Pre-School Special Education Committee Meetings of:

CPSE

School Year 2025-2026:
3/10/26, 3/18/26, 3/25/26, 3/27/26, 4/17/26.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

None

RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

All correspondence has received a response

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACT 2026/2027
NASSAU SUFFOLK
SERVICES FOR THE
AUTISTIC**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and APEX Therapeutic Services, LLC for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
APEX THERAPEUTIC
SERVICES
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, Education approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Da Vinci Education and Research, d/b/a Da Vinci Collaborative for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
DAVINCI EDUCATIONAL
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and White Glove Community Care for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
WHITE GLOVE
COMMUNITY CARE
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Behavior Change Success Corp. for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
BEHAVIOR CHANGE
SUCCESS
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Health Source Group, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
HEALTH SOURCE GROUP
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Denise Wright Licensed Behavior Analyst, PLLC for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
DENISE WRIGHT
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Da Vinci Education & Research d/b/a Da Vinci Collaborative for the 2025-2026 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2025/2026
DAVINCI EDUCATION
SPECIAL ED – RELATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a skilled nursing staffing contract between Seaford UFSD and Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
ALWAYS COMPASSIONATE
SPECIAL ED – SKILLED
NURSING**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve a related services contract between Seaford UFSD and Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year and authorize the Board President to sign this agreement.

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

**CONTRACT 2026/2027
ALWAYS COMPASSIONATE
SPECIAL ED – RELEATED
SERVICES**

Motion by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to approve the disposal request on April 27, 2026, of two broken Barisax instruments.

**OBSOLETE ITEMS
MUSIC INSTRUMENTS**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Closing remarks by the Administration and Board

CLOSING REMARKS

- Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Chwe, second by Ms. Whidden, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN REGULAR
MEETING**

No Discussion
All Ayes
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen T. Ouellette
District Clerk