

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 027 SEPTEMBER 10, 2014
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo Grossman (*arrived 6:33 pm*)

Carol Herrmann

Antoinette Huffine

Julio Morales (*arrived 6:35 pm*)

Chris Picini

Rob Powell

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Tim Hogan, Sean Clark, School Attorney, Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to convene to Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss employee benefit agreements, a CSEA Improper Practice charge, CSEA negotiations and the Superintendent's contract.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously* . 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, Morales).

Public session reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Trustee Stines led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency and reminded all present that the South Country School District is a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVALS

A motion (Stines / DeVito) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of August 27, 2014

VOTE: *Motion carries*. 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Herrmann, Picini).

A motion (Morales / Powell) to approve the following:

2. Student Ex-officio Board Member- Cassidy Greco.
3. Claims Report- June, 2014.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously* . 9-Yes, 0-No.

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- Brookhaven Elementary School parking lot lights.
- New registrants – elementary class size seem to remain the same.

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- Bellport Middle School 6th Grade program.
- 9th and 10th grade AIS program
- Credit Recovery program – 16 students enrolled.
- Career and Tech Ed program (CTE) – 10 students enrolled.
- School opening went smoothly.
- Dedicated lines for principals and staff as well as an email routing system are being implemented to improve transportation issues.
- Presentations on the Grade 3-8 Testing and Regents AP Results are scheduled for the 10/1 and 10/22 board meetings, respectively.

Board of Education

- Transportation concerns.
- Cell phone policy.
- Data on ELL learners – legislation introduced for aid to school districts.
- New eligibility program – study center.
- Trustees asked to email Board President Picini with topics they'd like to have addressed at a NYSSBA panel discussion and School Board President meeting he will be attending.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

A motion (Herrmann / Huffine) to approve the following:

1. Board Priorities 2014-2015

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 9-Yes, 0-No.*

2. Reading Intervention / Music Conflict

Discussion ensued regarding possible solutions to address a scheduling conflict with the reading intervention and music programs.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following:

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 9-Yes, 0-No.*

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following personnel agenda items, H1 to H6 and H8 to H9:

1. Retirements/Leaves of Absences
2. Recalls
3. Long Term Substitutes
4. Non-Instructional New Appointments
5. Additional Work
6. Extra Duty Assignments
8. Substitutes
9. New Instructional Appointments

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 9-Yes, 0-No.*

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A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to approve the following personnel agenda items, H7.1 through H7.4:

7. Salary Schedule Changes/ Adjustments

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 9-Yes, 0-No.*

A motion (DeVito / Grossman) to approve the following personnel agenda items H7.5 through H7.6:

7. Salary Schedule Changes/ Adjustments

VOTE: *Motion carries. 8-Yes, 1-No (Grossman).*

Trustee Grossman noted the reason she cast her vote the way she did was in light of the fact that we had cuts in the district and did not feel it was fiscally sound to vote yes.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to approve the following Business Agenda Items #I 1 to #I3 and #I5:

1. Consultant Service Agreement:

a. Home Care Therapies, LLC, dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing

b. St. James Tutoring, Inc.

2. Business Associate Agreement with Brown & Brown of NY, Inc. d. b. a. Fitzharris & Co.

3. Donation from DonorsChoose.org for Frank P. Long.

5. Instructional Services Contract – William Floyd School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to approve the following Business Agenda Item # I 4, A,B & D:

4. Central Office Employee Benefits Agreements.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

A motion (Powell / DeVito) to approve the following Business Agenda Item # I 4 C:

4. Central Office Employee Benefits Agreement.

VOTE: *Motion carries. 6-Yes, 0-No 3-Abstain (Grossman, Huffine, Morales).*

Item for Discussion #2

A motion (Grossman / Skelly) to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the addition of .5 additional full time teacher equivalent in the area of music, staffing to be determined based on need and enrollment.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Ron Kinsella (resident): Asked that the Veteran's monument be moved to the front of the building by the flag.

Jim O'Neil (resident): Commented on the reading intervention and music program scheduling conflict at the Middle School.

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David Reich (resident): Commented on former South Haven program, Homecoming, and the reading and music program schedules.

Diana Walsh (resident): Expressed her concerns with music auditions.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Policy on Board communication protocol.
- Coaches keeping track of players' attendance.
- Thank you to donorchoose.org for their donation to Frank P. Long School.
- District Pre-K program.
- Thank you to Girls HS Cross Country Team for volunteering with the Miracle League of Long Island.
- Response to Intervention Program.
- New Alternative Program at Bellport High School.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Skelly / DeVito) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 9-Yes, 0-No.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments