

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 031 OCTOBER 1, 2014
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:33 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

Antoinette Huffine

Julio Morales (*arrived 6:35 pm*)

Chris Picini

Rob Powell

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

Cassidy Greco, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Board Members Absent: Carol Herrmann.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Kerry Carson, Tim Hogan, Stefanie Rucinski, Kathleen Munisteri, Sean Clark, School Attorney, Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Stines / DeVito) to convene to Executive Session at 6:34 pm to discuss a memorandum of agreement with SCAA, 6th grade reading and personnel.

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

Public session reconvened at 8:01 pm. Trustee Morales was not present.

Trustee Skelly 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.

Mr. Picini introduced Student Ex-Officio Board Member, Cassidy Greco.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVALS

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

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of September 10, 2014
2. Treasurer's Report- August, 2014
3. 2014-15 Audit Committee Members

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

Board Consent Agenda Item 4 will be voted on after Public Commentary.

Trustee Morales returned to the meeting at 8:07 pm.

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A motion (DiSanto / Skelly) to approve the following:

5. **Whereas**, Education Law §1709 authorizes the Board of Education to prescribe the course of study by which students shall be graded and classified; and

Whereas, §1709 further authorizes the Board of Education to prescribe the textbooks to be used in the schools of the District; and

Whereas, pursuant to Education Law §1709 the Board of Education has the power and duty to compel a uniformity in the use of such textbooks; and

Whereas pursuant to this authority, the Board of Education has and continues to authorize the use of all textbooks to be used in the schools of the District but for those otherwise excepted by a majority vote of said Board;

Therefore be it resolved, pursuant to the authority referenced herein, the Board of Education does not authorize the use of the book “Wonder” by E.J. Palacio until the 2016-2017 school year.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously* . 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann.)

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- The HS has been removed as a “Focus” School. Congratulations to Mrs. Evers, Mr. Hogan and the HS Team.
- Parents were contacted to resolve the 6th grade Reading and Music schedules and two classes have been scheduled for after school.
- Presentation on Regents / AP results is scheduled for October 22nd.

Board of Education

- Cassidy Greco reported on the exit poll results taken at the budget vote by the AP Government Class.
- Homecoming is next weekend, October 11th.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Carla Levin: Thanked the board on behalf of the DiMartino family for the book decision approved this evening.

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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

C.4 Superintendent's Contract Extension.

VOTE: *Motion carries*. 5-Yes, 2-No, (DiSanto, Huffine), 1-Abstain (Morales), Absent (Herrmann).

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. 2014 NYS Assessment Results-ELA and Math Grade 3-8

Mrs. Evers gave a presentation on the 2014 NYS Assessment Results for grades 3-8 in ELA and Math, followed by discussion with the Board.

2. Board of Education "Mini" Retreats, November 5th, February 25th & June 3rd

The Superintendent evaluation process and Board of Education's practice for responding to constituents will be discussed at the Board mini retreat on November 5th.

4. Board Member Liaison by Building

Kreamer St: Carol Herrmann

Brookhaven: Rocco DeVito

Verne Critz: Rob Powell

Frank P. Long: Lisa DiSanto and Toni Huffine

Bellport MS: Carol Herrmann and Danielle Skelly

Bellport HS: Chris Picini and Allison Stines

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G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Girls' Dance Club Competition- Orlando, Florida
4. Bellport Middle School Washington D.C. Trip

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann).*

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

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

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann).*

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (DeVito / Morales) to approve the following Business Agenda Items #I-1 to I-3 and #I-5 to I-9:

1. Discards from Bellport Middle School
2. Disposal of Refrigerator from High School
3. Education Services Agreement with Our Lady of Peace Academy
5. Affordable Care Act Resolution
6. Donation of school supplies from United Way of Long Island
7. SCAA MOA.
8. Consultant Services Agreement - Erica Pecorale.
9. Consultant Services Agreement – Diana Browning Wright.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously . 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann).*

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Ron Kinsella (resident): Commented on taxes, the Economic Development Zone and solar panels.

Barbara Schatzman (resident): Commented on the Superintendent's contract extension.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Security cameras at South Haven School.
- Class size, inclusion and enrollment reports.
- Assessment on South Haven School.
- Academic standards for student athletes.
- Update on solar panels.
- Thank you to United Way for their donation.
- Coordination between eSchool and IEP Direct.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Stines / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 pm.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously* . 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments