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SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President, Carol Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Chris Picini (*arrived at 7:40 pm*)

Lisa Di Santo

Rob Powell

Carol Herrmann

Danielle Skelly

Antoinette Huffine

Allison Stines

Julio Morales (*arrived at 6:36 pm*)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Stines / DeVito) to convene to Executive Session at 6:35 pm to discuss an IP charge with CSEA, an employee PERB application and a Due Process Complaint.

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

Public session reconvened at 8:00 pm. Board President Chris Picini presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Trustee Powell led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for a Brookhaven staff member who tragically lost their child.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

President 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 October 22, 2014

VOTE: *Motion carries. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell).*

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to approve the following items C2 and C3:

2. Minutes- Special Meeting of November 5, 2014
3. Treasurer's Report- October, 2014.

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

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to approve the following items C4:

4. PERB Application

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the firm, Guercio & Guercio, LLP, to initiate a proceeding before the Public Employment Relations Board in connection with the confidential designation of the employees named in the attached Schedule "A".

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

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D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- Special thanks to Mr. Hogan, HS staff and students involved in hosting the special dinner and musical performance for the Board of Education for Board Recognition week.
- Congratulations to Kerry Hogan, Kreamer St PhysEd teacher, who will be presenting at this year's Health and PhysEd (AAHPER) conference on using tablets in Phys Ed to motivate students.
- School will be closed Thursday, November 20th for Pre K-5 students and Friday, November 21st for all students for parent teacher conferences.
- Congratulations to our Varsity Football team and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams. They finished their season as Division and League Champions respectively.

Board Members

- The High School Musical, Gypsy, was a wonderful performance, showcasing the talents of our student. Appreciation and thanks to the dancers, musicians, performers and everyone involved.
- Two Board members reported on their visit to Middle Country to observe their Pre-K program.
- Special thanks to the staff, Culinary Arts and Music students who honored the Board with a delicious dinner and wonderful musical performance in recognition of School Board Appreciation Week. Special recognition for the Culinary Arts program.
- The High School Credit Recovery program is working nicely. Thanks to Mr. Hogan and staff.
- The change in date for the Parent / Teacher conferences seems to be well received. It would be nice to see more time scheduled at the Middle School and High School and realigning for elementary teachers.
- Thanks to our Cross Country Coaches for their quick response to an injury at a recent game.
- Middle School doing a lot of wonderful things. PTA, teachers and staff doing a wonderful job. Communication improved.
- Request for updates from Administration and staff on the Progressive Discipline, Reading 180, Alternative Program and other new policies and initiatives that have been implemented.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Concussion Policy 7522 Second Reading
A motion (Stines / DeVito) to approve Concussion Policy 7522

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

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Vatea/Perkins Grant Field Trips

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves field trips to be funded through the Vatea/Perkins grant during the 2014-2015 school year.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District agrees that participation of students in educational field trips which are funded through monies in the Perkins IV Basic Secondary Grant ("Grant") represent an educational opportunity for students of the School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the participation of students from the school district to participate in said educational field trips in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such field trips shall be hosted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in collaboration with the school district because the grant requires:

- A) "Members join a consortium to contribute to the improvement and innovation in CTE programs that they could not accomplish individually";
- B) "Funds allocated to a consortium ... shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District's customary policies, regulations and procedures for field trips shall be complied with insofar as applicable prior to the School District submitting documentation to Eastern Suffolk BOCES in conjunction with a field trip; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ESBOCES and the School District agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless each other, its officers, directors, agents, or employees against all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, costs, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, judgments, fines and amounts arising from any willful act, omission, error, recklessness or negligence of the other party, its officers, directors, agents or employees in connection with the participation of the students of the School District in educational field trips funded by the Perkins Grant through Eastern Suffolk BOCES in collaboration with the School District.

4. Bellport High School Field Trip- Virtual Enterprise Trade Show

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the field trip for Bellport High School Business Ownership Virtual Enterprise students to go to the Virtual enterprise trade Show on April 15, 2015 and return on April 16, 2015. This trip is funded through the CTEIA/Perkins Grant as written below:

Date(s) Location Name and Address of Field Trip

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| 4/15/15 | Virtual Enterprise Trade Show- 69th Regiment Armory, 68 Lexington Avenue, NYC
Hotel Accommodations- La Quinta Inn & Suites, 32nd Street, NYC (drop off) |
| 4/16/15 | 69th regiment Armory, Lexington Av, NYC (pick up). |

5. Bellport Middle School Field Trip- Frost Valley

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education approves Bellport Middle School 7th grade students to go to Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY on May 13, 2015 and return on May 15, 2015.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (DeVito / Skelly) to approve the following items H2 through H4 and H6 through H9 as amended:

- 2. Change in Tenure Date
- 3. Long Term Substitutes
- 4. Non-Instructional New Appointments

- 6. Extra Duty Assignments
- 7. Salary Schedule Changes/ Adjustments
- 8. Tenure Recommendations
- 9. Substitutes

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

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A motion (Morales / Stines) to approve the following items H5.1 through H5.4 and H5.6 through H5.26:

5. Additional Work.

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

A motion (Morales / Herrmann) to approve the following item, H5.5:

5. Additional Work.

VOTE: *Motion carries. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell).*

Trustee Powell disclosed that this item referred to his daughter.

A motion (Huffine / Herrmann) to approve the following item, H1:

1. Resignations / Leave of Absences

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to approve the following Items # I-1 through 11 and I 13 through 17:

1. Consultant Services Agreement with Manorville Speech
2. Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the State of Minnesota
3. Discards of Outdated Technology Equipment from Frank P Long, Kreamer Street & High School.
4. Medicare Part D Refund Resolution

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Medicare Part D refund in the amount of \$71,014.92 and earmarks that amount to be used to fund future Medicare expenses.

5. Town of Brookhaven Snow Plowing/Sanding Rates Resolution

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following vendors and the current snow plowing/ sanding rates as established by the Town of Brookhaven for the 2014-2015 school year. In the event that the listed vendors are unavailable to provide this service to the district, additional vendors may be used at the same rate.

- Lettieri Excavating, Inc.
- Last Minute Decision, Inc.
- Bay Area Excavation, Inc.

6. Budget Transfer

7. Extension of Contractor Services Agreement with Jason Crane Landscaping, Inc.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and awards a contract extension to Jason Crane Landscaping for the 2015 landscaping season.

8. Lease Agreement with LI Headstart.

9. Donation of a Swing Set to Brookhaven Elementary from the PTA

10. Education Services Contract with Sachem Central School District

11. ES BOCES & Xerox Carr Multiyear Lease Agreement and Resolution

WHEREAS, the South Country Central School District (District) and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (BOCES), desire, pursuant to §109-b and §119-o of the General Municipal Law, and Section 1950(4)(aa) of the Education Law, to undertake a Technology Project consisting of the acquisition and installation of networked copiers, and other services as indicated in said Technology Project, and

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WHEREAS, the cost of the Instruction Technology Project #Project #SC-42-0916614-2014-2019 to be paid in equal installments over a five-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the District as follows:

The President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement; the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the District to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-year Service Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the payments due thereunder, and deliver all additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, binding upon the District.

13. South Country Education Foundation Grant Award – Literacy Through Technology.
14. Donation of Encyclopedia Britannica Set to Frank P. Long School from the Geier Family.
15. MOA with CSEA – Employee A
16. MOA with CSEA – Employee B
17. Consultant Services Contract – Helping Hands Children Services.

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

A motion (Morales / DeVito) to approve the following

12. Bond Rating Increase Resolution
RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, RELATING TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE MATTERS APPLICABLE TO BONDS AND NOTES OF THE DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, in the County of Suffolk, State of New York (the “District”) has previously issued its bonds, bond anticipation notes and/or other debt obligations (collectively, the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of certain of the Bonds and for purposes of assisting underwriters/purchasers to comply with Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the District has covenanted and/or entered into one or more undertakings or agreements to provide continuing disclosure (the “Continuing Disclosure Obligation”) to the public marketplace; and

WHEREAS, in general the Continuing Disclosure Obligation requires the District to file certain financial information and notice of certain events in specified places and at specified times; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the sale of certain of the Bonds, the District issued one or more official statements that, among other things, described the District’s Continuing Disclosure Obligation and whether or not the District had previously complied with its Continuing Disclosure Obligation in all material respects; and

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WHEREAS, the Division of Enforcement (the “Enforcement Division”) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) announced its Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative (the “Initiative”), to address potentially materially inaccurate descriptions in official statements (made innocently, inadvertently or otherwise) of prior compliance with continuing disclosure obligations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Initiative, the Enforcement Division will recommend “favorable settlement terms” for issuers and underwriters that self-report by 5:00 p.m., eastern standard time, on December 1, possible materially inaccurate statements in official statements in the last five years relating to prior compliance with continuing disclosure obligations by submitting a specified questionnaire (the “Questionnaire”) to the Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, the District has been provided with a copy of the Initiative, a copy of an advisory and memorandum prepared by bond counsel to the District describing the Initiative, and a copy of the Questionnaire released by the Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, if an issuer takes advantage of the Initiative by self-reporting possible materially inaccurate statements and if any of such statements are determined to be materially inaccurate by the Enforcement Division, the Enforcement Division will recommend to the SEC a settlement in which (i) the issuer consents to a cease-and-desist order, (ii) the issuer neither admits nor denies the findings of the SEC and (iii) there is no payment of any civil penalty by the issuer; and

WHEREAS, any such settlement will require the issuer to (i) establish appropriate policies and procedures and training regarding continuing disclosure obligations within 180 days, (ii) comply with existing continuing disclosure undertakings, including updating past delinquent filings within 180 days, (iii) cooperate with any subsequent investigation by the Enforcement Division regarding the false statement(s), including the roles of individuals and/or other parties involved, (iv) disclose in a clear and conspicuous fashion the settlement terms in any final official statement for an offering by the issuer for five years and (v) provide the SEC staff with a compliance certification regarding the applicable undertakings by the issuer in one year; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative cautions that if an issuer does not take advantage of the Initiative by submitting a Questionnaire identifying any possible materially inaccurate statement with respect to prior compliance with a continuing disclosure obligation and the Enforcement Division later determines that such a materially inaccurate statement was made, then the Enforcement Division will likely recommend and seek financial sanctions against the issuer; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the District has requested its financial advisor to examine and review the District’s Continuing Disclosure Obligation and previous continuing disclosure filings and to report to the District any noncompliance with its Continuing Disclosure Obligation; and

WHEREAS, the District has received such report, and such report has been reviewed with its bond counsel; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such review, it may be desirable for the District to take advantage of the Initiative by submitting one or more Questionnaires to the Enforcement Division identifying a statement with respect to prior compliance with its Continuing Disclosure Obligation that is potentially materially inaccurate; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with its financial advisor and bond counsel, the District is desirous of authorizing the submission of one or more Questionnaires to the Enforcement Division;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Authorization to Submit Questionnaire. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President of the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent for Business are each hereby authorized to take advantage of the Initiative by executing and submitting on behalf of the District one or more Questionnaires to the Enforcement Division by the December 1, 2014, deadline established by the Initiative.

Various Incidental Actions. The President of the Board of Education, Vice President of the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent for Business are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents and instruments and to do all matters and things as may be necessary, useful, convenient or desirable in connection with the foregoing.

Prior Action. All action heretofore taken by the District relating to the foregoing is hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved, including without limitation requesting the financial advisor to undertake the continuing disclosure review described in this resolution and seeking advice and assistance of bond counsel in respect thereto.

Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Rocco DeVito	Yes
Lisa Di Santo	Yes
Carol Herrmann	Yes
Toni Huffine	Yes
Julio Morales	Yes
Chris Picini	Yes
Rob Powell	Yes
Danielle Skelly	Yes
Allison Stines	Yes

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Ron Kinsella (resident): Commented on suggestion box, security during election day, labor unions.

Rob Groenthal (resident): As President of South Country Little League, thanked board for addressing issues with Verne Critz field.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Parent meeting for 8th grade trip was very informative.
- Feasibility of coaches monitoring student grades during non-seasons.
- Land survey of district property.
- 180 Reading program.
- Status of Substitute problems.
- Discipline issues and current policy.

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- NYSSBA Online classes and conferences.
- Congratulations to Mr. Tortora for work with Camp Sunshine and running in the NYC Marathon.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Stines / Herrmann) to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

Nancy Poulos
District Clerk

Attachments