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SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini 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
Lisa Di Santo
Carol Herrmann
Antoinette Huffine
Julio Morales

Chris Picini
Rob Powell
Danielle Skelly
Allison Stines
Cassidy Greco- *Student Ex-officio Board Member*

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Skelly / Herrmann) to convene to executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss a property encroachment issue, negotiations and a personnel matter.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Trustee Stines led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 (Skelly / Stines) to approve the following:

1. NYSSBA Capital Conference 2015

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

- The New York State School Boards Association has a *School Board U* Recognition Program designed to recognize the extensive time and effort school board members who strive to continually expand their governance knowledge and skills. South Country has two Board Members who were recognized by the NYS School Boards Association; Carol Herrmann and Chris Picini. Ms. Herrmann is being recognized with the Board Achievement Award for her leadership development training totaling 75 points. Mr. Picini is being recognized with the Board Excellence Award for his leadership development training totaling 150 points.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Our transportation safety team will review and report back on any needed recommendations concerning the traffic difficulty reported when parents drop students off during morning arrivals.
- Hanging a plaque in memory of former board trustee and faculty member does not need to go through the same procedure as naming a facility, however, would require a majority vote of the Board.

TRUSTEE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- In addition to 270 school leaders from the Eastern Suffolk BOCES region, the following individuals attended Longwood School District's 11th Regional Legislative Breakfast: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Giani, Board President Chris Picini, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Nelson Briggs, Bellport High School Principal Tim Hogan, SCAA President and Bellport Middle School Assistant Principal Tara Cataldo, PTA Council President Phyllis Virno, Student Ex-officio Board member Cassidy Greco and Student Council Officer Anthony Santana. The agenda included presentations by David Little of Rural School Association of NY and Dr. Julie Lutz of Eastern Suffolk BOCES.
- The public was encouraged to reach out to Senate and the Assembly concerning the State Budget /NYS Education Department's budget proposal.
- Residents are encouraged to join our letter writing campaign to repeal the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). The website will be updated to include the most current GEA sample letter and contact information for elected officials. A social media blast campaign will be organized and may involve students from our Government Class at Bellport High School.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

• Foreign Exchange Students

The Board discussed three requests from district residents to register foreign exchange students residing in district and attending non-public schools.

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the enrollment of foreign exchange students as noted on the attached confidential schedule.

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the enrollment of foreign exchange students as noted on the attached confidential schedule, provided there is no additional cost to the District.

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

• Landfill Liaison Committee

The Board discussed the Brookhaven Landfill Liaison Committee, a committee formed by Councilwoman Kepert in 2011 in an effort to bring together the Town, community leaders and environmentalists to discuss issues surrounding the Brookhaven Town Landfill.

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

Chris Picini- Board Representative for the Brookhaven Landfill Liaison Committee

Danielle Skelly- Alternate Board Representative for the Brookhaven Landfill Liaison Committee

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

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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 (Skelly / Herrmann) to approve the following items:

1. Resignations/Leaves of Absences
2. Non-Instructional Appointments
3. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Salary Schedule Changes/ Adjustments
5. Additional Work
6. Change in Tenure Date
7. Substitutes
8. Acting Assistant Superintendent for Business:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Ken Aldrich as Acting Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective February 17, 2015, at a rate of \$850 per day, not to exceed a total of 72 days.

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Scholarship Donation- Lifetouch School Portraits
2. Technology Items for Discard
3. Health Services Contract: Bay Shore Union Free School District
4. Memorandum of Agreement with BTA
5. Special Education Services Contract- Three Village Central School District
6. Settlement Agreement with CSEA

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Ron Kinsella (resident): Commented on transportation and the upcoming 50 year anniversary of Bellport High School.

Caroline Wilkinson (resident): Expressed concern regarding substitute coverage for classes and AIS services.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Follow-up requested regarding Mrs. Wilkinson's concerns noted during public participation.
- Inquiry regarding the custodial and maintenance department reporting to the Business office as opposed to Human Resources. Dr. Giani and Counsel reported that it is common in most school districts for these departments to fall under Business.

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- Inquiry regarding UPK. Dr. Giani reported that UPK will be included on the March 11th budget presentation on curriculum.
- Thank you to Lifetouch School Portraits for their generous scholarship donation of \$1,000.00.
- Bellport High School Student Council has organized a “Prom Boutique” for students in need of clothing and accessories for this year’s Prom. A flyer regarding the same will follow shortly. Students are currently advertising solely through Social Media.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Stines /Herrmann) to convene to executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Public session reconvened at 9:31 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Skelly / Herrmann) to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 pm. A Board mini-retreat is scheduled immediately following

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Cioffaletti

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District Clerk Pro-tem

Attachments