

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 085 APRIL 22, 2015
S OUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. The meeting took place at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Chris Picini

Lisa Di Santo

Rob Powell

Carol Herrmann

Danielle Skelly

Antoinette Huffine

Allison Stines

Julio Morales

Cassidy Greco, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Margaret Evers, Kenney Aldrich, School Attorney John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to convene to executive session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss an alleged property encroachment issue at Bellport High School and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Bellport Middle School student, Ella Rauch, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT /PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. 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 (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Special Meeting of April 15, 2015.

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

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

2. Treasurer's Report- March, 2015

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

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

3. Universal Busing Petition

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby rejects the petition requesting the South Country School District reduce its current minimum mileage of ½ to 1 ½ miles (depending on grade) to 0.

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

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D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Student Commendations

Music: Mr. Jim Uzzi, Music Chairperson, honored student Lindsey Smith as the Suffolk County Music Educators Associations' Music Advocacy Video Winner.

Art: Mrs. Suzette Fandale, Art Chairperson, acknowledged the following students for their accomplishments in Art.

Steven Molina Contreras – 2015 White House Student Film Festival Honorable Mention
Amanda Cioffi – LI Best Young Artists @ The Hecksher Museum

Long Island Museum of Color Honorees

Jillian Lento (Bellport High School)	Andy Pedatella (Verne Critz)
Gabrielle Desposito (Bellport Middle School)	Madeline Fox (Verne Critz)
Ella Rauch (Bellport Middle School)	
Trinity Brown (Frank P. Long School)	Mikaela Lozano (Kreamer)
Ryann Christie (Frank P. Long School)	Alivia Torres (Kreamer)

Mrs. Michelle Procida, Brookhaven Art Teacher, acknowledged students Joshua Terry and Lauren Valentin.

Superintendent

- Dr. Giani advised that the refusal rate for the NYS Math tests grades 3 through 8 increased from 64% to 79% this week.
- Congratulations to “Bellport’s Finest”, Valedictorian Hailey Wagner, Salutatorian Daniel Smith and Essayist, Sabrina Hernandez.

Board Members

- Student Cassidy Greco announced that the Bellport HS Variety Show is this Friday and Saturday, April 24th and April 25th . The prom dress drive was a great success.
- Congratulations to our music and art teachers for doing such a wonderful job.
- Mr. Picini announced that Assemblyman Murray is actively seeking additional aid for South Country.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Agenda Items)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ ACTION

1. Budget Presentation / Budget Adoption

Dr. Giani gave a final budget presentation, followed by discussion with the Board.

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts an expenditure appropriation of \$123,565,274 to operate the schools for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and presents such appropriation to the district residents for approval on May 19, 2015.

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

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Rocco DeVito	<u>Yes</u>
Lisa Di Santo	<u>Yes</u>
Carol Herrmann	<u>Yes</u>
Antoinette Huffine	<u>No</u>
Julio Morales	<u>Yes</u>
Chris Picini	<u>Yes</u>
Rob Powell	<u>Yes</u>
Danielle Skelly	<u>Yes</u>
Allison Stines	<u>Yes</u>

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

2. Eastern Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget & Board Election

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Education casts one vote to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES 2015-2016 Administrative budget.

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

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Education casts one vote for each of the following Eastern Suffolk BOCES candidates (*5 vacant seats / 5 candidates*).

1. Stephen Dewey (Eastport-South Manor CSD)
2. Stephen Gessner (Shelter Island UFSD)
3. Theodore Imbasciani (Connetquot CSD)
4. Joseph LoSchiavo (Patchogue-Medford UFSD)
5. Jeffrey Smith (Mattituck -Cutchogue UFSD)

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

3. 2015-2016 Pre-K Plan

In follow up to the Pre-K presentation at the March 11th Board meeting, Dr. Giani presented options for the Board to consider for the 2015-2016 Universal Pre-K program.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Skelly / Di Santo) 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 / Skelly) to approve the following:

1. Instructional New Appointments
2. Non-Instructional New Appointments
3. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments
5. Substitutes
6. Creation of Positions
7. Abolishment of Position

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

Dr. Giani introduced Dr. Cheriese Pemberton, who was just approved as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability Districtwide, effective June 1, 2015.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Health Services Contract – Smithtown School District
2. Budget Transfers
3. Consultant Services Contract- Dr. Vicki Mingin
4. ES BOCES Multi Year Xerox Networked Copier Project

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

WHEREAS, the cost of the Instruction Technology Project #Project #SC-42-032315-2015-2020//Xerox Networked Copiers is \$130,444.53 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 Multiyear 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.

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

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Mr. Picini read the Board's policy on public commentary, as noted in the "Guide to Board Meeting" pamphlet which is posted on the website and available at all board meetings.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items).

Catherine Nappi (resident): Commented on the universal busing petition and building handicap accessibility.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- The traffic issues at the High School due to drop off has greatly improved. Thank you to Dr. Giani.
- Issues at the South Country Library vote.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments