

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 092 MAY 20, 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 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E Patchogue.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo

Carol Herrmann

Antoinette Huffine

Julio Morales

Chris Picini

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

Cassidy Greco, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Board Members Absent: Rob Powell.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to convene to executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the candidate for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services, a legal matter regarding a former employee, CSEA negotiations, employee confidential designations, a notice of petition, an alleged property encroachment issue at Bellport High School and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Board member Toni Huffine led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Picini advised of the exits to be used in the event of an emergency, the policy for public commentary at Board meetings 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 / Herrmann) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of April 22, 2015.
3. Treasurer's Report – April 2015
4. Claims Report – February, 2015.

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

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

2. Minutes – Budget Hearing of May 6, 2015.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Di Santo), Absent (Powell).

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Student Commendations

• Athletics

The following students were recognized for their exceptional accomplishments by Mr. Bob McIntyre, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics:

Suffolk Zone Winners: Frank P. Long students Jack Halpin, Angela Nadeau, and Middle School students, Valentina Banellis and Joseph Durham.

All State Player of the Year: Arella Guirantes

Special Olympics: High School students Nana Amankwah, Deanna Boylan, Jimmy Garcia, Jillian Kelvas, Joseph Maddalone and Middle School students, Taishawn Augustin, Gina Di Martino, Jason Olsen, Thomas Spiotta, and Ethan Wilson.

• Bellport Middle School Washington DC Trip

Principal Travis Davey introduced Mr. Frankie and Mr. Kinigson, who gave a video presentation highlighting the annual Washington DC Trip. Middle School student representatives, Angelina Caroli, Thomas Wilson IV, Grace Arman and Kyle Climan, were given the honor of laying the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

2. Superintendent's Report

• Budget Vote

Dr. Giani expressed his gratitude and thanked residents, faculty and staff for their overwhelming support. The budget passed by 75%, with a 3 to 1 approval. The proposition to reduce the number of Board members from 9 to 7 failed. Incumbents Chris Picini and Lisa Di Santo were re-elected, as well as newcomer Regina Hunt.

• Air Monitoring at Frank P. Long School

In cooperation with the Town of Brookhaven, the District is participating in the Odor and Dust Monitoring Program for the Brookhaven Landfill. Frank P. Long School has been selected as one of the off-site locations and representatives will be visiting and performing an initial site inspection of Frank P. Long.

• National Letter of Intent

The following student athletes signed a "National Letter of Intent" to play sports in college:

Mariah Jno-Charles: Cross Country, Pace University.

James Watkins: Football, Southern Connecticut.

Justin Keiser: Golf, Felician College.

3. Trustee Reports

- The Fine and Performing Arts Show was a most comprehensive and wonderful display of our district's fine and performing arts program. Hats off to our Art and Music departments.
- The Middle School students had a wonderful experience at Frost Valley. Thanks to all involved.
- Thank you to Cassidy Greco for coordinating the prom dress program.
- Congratulations for a successful budget vote.
- The High School Variety Show was a great showcase of our students' talent.
- Special thanks to Lynette Murphy for the Compass Unity workshop, "Healthy Relationships".

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Agenda Items)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ ACTION

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

1. 2015-2016 Board Meeting Calendar

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

2. Future Facility Use

Dr. Giani advised on administration's recommendations to the Board on the proposed use for the Annex, South Haven and the Trailer across from Central Office. A draft of the Universal Pre-K RFP will be forwarded to Board members.

3. First Reading of Policies

- a. Policy 1410: Policy and Administrative Regulations.
- b. Policy 1650: Submission of Questions and Propositions at the Annual Meeting and Elections and Special District Meetings.
- c. Policy 5220: District Investments.
- d. Policy 5672: Information Security Breach and Notification.
- e. Policy 7320: Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students).
- f. Policy 7530: Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Skelly / De Vito) to approve the following:

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes.
2. CPSE Minutes.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Resignations, Terminations and Return from Leave of Absence.
2. Instructional New Appointments.
3. Non-Instructional New Appointments.
4. Recalls.
5. Additional Work.
6. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments.
7. Substitutes.
8. Lead Evaluators Training and Certification.

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

Dr. Giani announced two new teachers who were approved this evening, Natalie Restrepo and Robert Cuffie, and introduced Sammy Gergis, who was just approved as the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Health Services Contract – Riverhead Central School District.

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2. Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement- Diana Browning Wright.
3. Donation from DonorsChoose.org.
4. Budget Transfer.
5. Items for Discard- Kreamer Street Elementary School.
6. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment.
7. Consultant Services Agreement- Little Angels Center.
8. Employee Benefits Agreements.
9. Historical Book Declaration.

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items).

None.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Issue with buses coming home from Frost Valley.
- Request to look at costs for custodial overtime.
- Using teaching assistants as substitutes.
- Thanks to DonorsChoose.org for their generosity to our District.
- Request for update on the success of the Alternative Ed program.
- Update on Academic Study Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to convene to executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss an alleged property encroachment issue at Bellport High School and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Public session reconvened at 10:30 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments