

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 096 JUNE 10, 2015**  
**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito  
Lisa Di Santo  
Carol Herrmann  
Antoinette Huffine  
Chris Picini

Rob Powell (*arrived 6:40 pm*)  
Danielle Skelly (*arrived 6:22 pm*)  
Allison Stines (*arrived 6:29 pm*)  
Cassidy Greco, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Board Members Absent: Julio Morales.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Margaret Evers, Dr. Cherie Pemberton, Principals Tim Hogan, Travis Davey, Stefanie Rucinski, Brian Ginty, Sean Clark, Dr. Kathleen Munisteri, and School Attorneys John Sheahan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (Herrmann / Huffine) to convene to executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss candidates for the position of Director of Elementary Education, Director of Humanities and Director of STEM.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 5-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Morales, Powell, Skelly, Stines).

Public session reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Board member Allison Stines led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Mr. Picini advised of 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 / Stines) to approve the following:**

1. Minutes – Budget Vote / Annual District Meeting of May 19, 2015.

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

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

2. Minutes – Business Meeting of May 20, 2015.

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

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

3. Claims Report – March & April, 2015.

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4. Board Attendance - NYSSBA Conferences

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Board member Carol Herrmann at NYSSBA's Summer Law Conference, Latham, NY, 7/17/15 and authorizes the associated costs of registration and related expenses, pursuant to District policy.

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Board members Chris Picini and Carol Herrmann at NYSSBA's Annual Convention & Educational Expo, NYC, 10/18/15 to 10/20/15 and authorizes the associated costs of registration and related expenses, pursuant to District policy.

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

**D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. 2014-2015 Retiree Recognition

Dr. Giani acknowledged the following retirees for the 2014-2015 school year, who were presented with plaques by Administration in recognition of their service to the District:

**Central Office - Dr. Giani**

Margaret Evers

David Gaska

Barbara Nagle

**Student Support Services**

Naomi Mann

**Bellport High School – Tim Hogan**

Frances Cannella

Carol Cole

Linda Conte

Joseph Desiderio

Michael Frabizio

Michael Hoermann

Marjorie Kryl

Linda Martens

Gail Williams\*

*\*Split Between Buildings*

**Bellport Middle School – Brian Ginty**

Virginia Ahem

Kim Farber

Alice McAleese

Peter Piraino

Donna Spradley

**Frank P. Long Intermediate School – Stefanie Rucinski**

Lillian Brugel

Linda Lysak

Alfred Nolan Jr.

Donna Warshaw

Gail Williams\*

*\*Split Between Buildings*

**Brookhaven Elementary School**

Barbara Blackford

Randy Hillman

**Kreamer St Elementary School – Sean Clark**

Eufemia Sokolowski

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2. Board of Education

Outgoing Board Members: Board President Chris Picini presented outgoing Board Member, Rob Powell and Student Ex-Officio Member Cassidy Greco, with plaques honoring them for their service to the students and South Country community.

3. Trustee Reports

- Thank you to Mr. Davey and the Middle School Staff for the wonderful National Junior Honor Society and Service League Induction ceremonies.
- Thank you to the community members who sponsored the Youth Leadership Weekend.
- Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors and retirees.
- Thank you to Mrs. Evers and Mr. Aldrich for their service to our District.

**BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A motion (Hermann / DeVito) to approve Personnel Agenda Items # 4.1 to 4.8:**

4. **Tenure Recommendations**

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

Dr. Giani announced that the following staff members were just granted tenure:

Tim	Hogan	Bellport High School	Principal
Brian	Dalpiaz	Bellport High School	School Psychologist
Kai	Watkins	Bellport Middle School	Mathematics
Jennifer	McNaughton	Frank P. Long Intermediate	Special Education
Donna	Cimino	Verne W. Critz Elementary	Elementary
Christine	Rignola	Bellport Middle School	Teaching Assistant
Loreen	Ribaud	Frank P. Long Intermediate	Teaching Assistant
Tracie	Climan	Kreamer St Elementary	Teaching Assistant

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Agenda Items)**

*None.*

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ ACTION**

1. Energy Performance Contracting Presentation: ECG Engineering , PC presented their preliminary energy assessment findings of our District for the Board's consideration.
2. Second Reading of Policies
  - Policy 1410: Policy and Administrative Regulations.
  - Policy 1650: Submission of Questions and Propositions at the Annual Meeting and Elections and Special District Meetings.
  - Policy 5220: District Investments.
  - Policy 5672: Information Security Breach and Notification.
  - Policy 7320: Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students).
  - Policy 7530: Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

**A motion (DeVito / Stines) to approve the above Policy #'s 1410, 1650, 5220, 5672, 7320 and 7530:**

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

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3. First Reading of Policy

- Policy 7132: Non-Resident Students

4. Elementary Trimester Presentation

Dr. Pemberton and Principals' Sean Clark and Stefanie Rucinski presented their research and findings on implementing a trimester grading system for elementary students.

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

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a change in program from quarterly reporting to trimester reporting for Grades K through 5, effective September, 2015:

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

5. Board of Education August Retreat
6. Additional Permanent Substitutes
7. Cost of Bus Monitors
8. Custodial Overtime
9. Principal Evaluations

Trustee Di Santo left the room.

**G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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

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

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

**H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following agenda item #s H. 1, 2, 3 & 7:**

1. Resignations and Leave of Absence.
2. Instructional New Appointments.
3. Non-Instructional New Appointments.
7. Substitutes.

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

**A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to approve the following agenda item #s H 5.1 to 5.8, 5.10 to 5.19:**

5. Additional Work.

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

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**A motion (Skelly / DeVito) to approve the following agenda item #s H 6.1 to 6.175 and 6.177 to 6.200:**

6. Extra Duty Assignments.

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

**A motion (Herrmann / Powell) to approve the following agenda item # H 6.176:**

6. Extra Duty Assignment.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries:* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (De Vito), Absent (Di Santo, Morales).

Dr. Giani announced that the following individuals were just approved this evening:

Amy Brennan	Director of Elementary Education
Maria Andreotti	Director of Humanities
Veronique Bailey	Director of STEM

Trustee Di Santo returned to the meeting.

**I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS**

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

Educational Services Contracts:

1. Little Flower Union Free School District
2. Eastport South Manor Central School District
3. AHRC Suffolk
4. Maryhaven Center of Hope
5. Cleary School for the Deaf

Consultant Services Contracts:

6. Reddy Consulting Services
7. The Institute for Children with Autism and Related Disorders
8. MKSA
9. Life's WORC
10. Career & Employment Options (CEO), Inc
11. Complete Rehabilitation PT, OT, SLP of the Hamptons
12. Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc
13. Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc
14. The Therapy Spot, PLLC
15. All About Kids
16. St. James Tutoring, Inc
17. New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc
18. Manorville Speech
19. Achieve Beyond
20. Da Vinci Education & Research, LLC
21. Serene Home Nursing Agency
22. Long Island Tutorial Services, Inc
23. Health Source Group
24. Tender Age PT, Inc
25. Richard W. Johnson, PT
26. Management and Advisory Group Special Services, Inc
27. Metro Therapy, Inc

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Health Services Contracts:

- 28. Three Village Central School District
- 29. Commack Union Free School District

- 30. Rider to Agreement with Wiedersum

- 31. SEQRA Resolution for Frank P. Long Steam Pipe Abatement

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District desires to embark upon a capital improvement project entitled **Frank P. Long I.S. – Steam Pipe Abatement and Pipe Repairs**.

**WHEREAS**, said capital improvement project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance and repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility” is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Sections 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under the SEQRA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that the capital improvement project entitled **Frank P. Long I.S Steam Pipe Abatement and Pipe Repairs** and is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) of the SEQR Regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby declares that the masonry sitework in the above-listed building of the **South Country School District** is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under the SEQRA; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the project from the New York State Education Department.

- 32. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment

- 33. Budget Transfers (3)

- 34. TAN's Resolution

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 10, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

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

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called “Notes”) of South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called “District”), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$21,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”).

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Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

35. ES BOCES

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Contract for Cooperative Educational Services with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2015-2016 school year at a total cost of \$8,850,206.67.

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

**J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items).**

Patricia Bragoli (*resident*): Commented on fireworks company use of district property for training drills.

**K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

- Safety plans in place for end of the year.
- Middle School Science classes not having a lab.
- Smart Schools bond.
- Thank you to Mrs. Evers, Mr. Powell and the retirees.
- Proactive approach - new programs.
- Timeliness of this year's school calendar.
- Importance of contacting our state and local legislators regarding unfunded mandates.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (Skelly / Herrmann) to convene to executive session at 10:05 p.m. to discuss negotiations and an employee investigation:

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

Public session reconvened at 10:47 pm.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Skelly / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

Nancy Poulos  
District Clerk

Attachments