

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 035 OCTOBER 28, 2015
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President, Carol Herrmann, called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:56 p.m. The meeting took place at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Carol Herrmann

Antoinette Huffine

Regina Hunt

Lisa Di Santo

Julio Morales

Chris Picini (*arrived 7:15 pm*)

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

Natalie Maida, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Sam Gergis, Cheriese Pemberton, Sara Cioffaletti, Maria Andreotti, Amy Brennan, Sabrina Meehan, Tim Hogan, Travis Davey, Stefanie Rucinski, Kathy Munisteri, Sean Clark, Brian Ginty, School Attorney John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (DeVito / Huffine) to convene to executive session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss CSEA negotiations.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:48 pm.

Student Board member, Natalie Maida, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency, noting that we are 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- Business Meeting of October 7, 2015.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Picini, Skelly).

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

2. Treasurer's Report- September, 2015.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent's Report

- Thank you to the South Country Retired Teachers Association for their donation of a plaque at the Middle School Auditorium, honoring former teacher, administrator and Board Trustee, Ellie Mahoney. A dedication ceremony was held just prior to tonight's meeting.

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- Thank you to High School Responder, Bob Edwards, for saving a student who was choking by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

2. Board Recognition- School Board Appreciation Week

- In recognition of School Board Appreciation Week, Board members were treated to a performance by the Bellport Middle School Jazz Ensemble and South Country Singers. Middle School Student reporters Myriam Ibarra, Katherine Vignona, Helena Gifford and Kanya Shah spoke about their interviews with Board members and presented each with a personalized coffee mug and a special edition copy of the Middle School Barge Newspaper, where their interviews were published.

3. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- Bellport Homecoming was a great success. Our Football team won. Thanks to all involved with the parade and beautiful floats. Board members asked that Homecoming Day be revamped, particularly regarding a dress code for the Homecoming Dance.
- The Middle School Harvest Festival drew a great crowd and was a wonderful community event. Thanks to all involved.
- It was great to see the Future Business Leaders of America and Student Government at the High School PTA meeting. The Virtual Enterprise project in particular was awe-inspiring.
- Many thanks to the Bellport Middle School faculty and students for their wonderful performances and presentations for Board Appreciation Week.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

(none)

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1 & 2. Presentations- School Action/Improvement Plans Pre-K – 8 , DCIP AND SCEP

Dr. Pemberton, along with the Directors and Principals, gave presentations on the school action and improvement plans for grades Pre-K through 8, the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) and the School Comprehensive Educational Plan (SCEP).

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

3. Board of Education Priorities 2015-2016

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

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

4. APPR Hardship Waiver Application

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the submission of an APPR Hardship Waiver application to the State Education Department and hereby ratifies the execution and submission of such application on October 23, 2015 by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President.

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

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5. Board Policy 6110-Code of Ethics Board Members and All District Personnel -Second Reading *

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve Board Policy 6110, Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel:

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 4-No (Di Santo, Huffine, Morales, Stines).

*Trustee Di Santo wanted it noted for the record that she is absolutely opposed to this.

6. Later School Day

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. NYSSMA Field Trip

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Skelly / DeVito) to approve the following Personnel Agenda Items, # H1 to H5 and #H7 to H9:

1. Resignations and Leave of Absences
2. Instructional New Appointments
3. Non-Instructional New Appointments
4. Long-Term Substitutes
5. Tenure Recommendation
7. Additional Work
8. Extra Duty Assignment
9. Substitutes

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

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following Personnel Agenda Items, # H6.1 to H6.4:

6. Salary Schedule

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

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following Personnel Agenda Item, # H6.5:

6. Salary Schedule

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 2-No (Di Santo, Huffine), 1-Abstain (Morales).

*Trustee Di Santo wanted it noted for the record that she does not believe a raise of 12% is being fiscally responsible in this climate, a point concurred by Trustee Huffine.

Superintendent Giani introduced Mr. Anthony Clement, who was just approved as the Supervisor of Operations and Maintenance.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Memorandum of Agreement with Bellport Teachers' Association
2. Tax Levy Resolution
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2015-2016 tax levy in the amount of \$57,381,312 before STAR reimbursement reduction and predicated on an estimated valuation of \$25,982,597 that would result in an estimated tax rate of \$220.85 per \$100 assessed value.
3. Budget Transfer – Robotics
4. Budget Transfer – Technology
5. Donation from DonorsChoose.Org for Mrs. Zaffarano's Class
6. Discard of Obsolete Books at High School
7. Educational Services Agreement with Out East Therapy of New York
8. Educational Services Agreement with Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation
9. Educational Services Agreement with Three Village School District
10. Educational Services Agreement with UCP of Suffolk
11. Educational Services Agreement with Developmental Disabilities Institute
12. Educational Services Agreement with Positive Behavior Support Consulting
13. Educational Services Agreement with Joan Tschopp
14. Educational Services Agreement with Henry Viscardi School
15. Addendum to the Educational Services Agreement with Cleary School for the Deaf
16. Resolution for 2014-2015 Reserve Contribution Amounts

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the increase / (decrease) funding of the following reserves for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This resolution replaces the previous October 7, 2015 resolution regarding funding of the Retirement Contribution Reserve:

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| a. Unemployment Reserve | \$ 84, 402. |
| b. Workers Compensation Reserve | \$400,000. |
| c. Employment Benefit Reserve | \$267,585. |
| d. Retirement Contribution Reserve | \$814,381. |
| e. Property Loss Reserve | \$ (17,585.) |

17. Dental Agreement with Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine
18. South Country Education Foundation Fall 2015 Grant Awards

Board President Picini thanked Mr. White and the BTA.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items)

Alyssa Peterson: (*resident*): Commented on the presentations given tonight.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Thank you to Mrs. Zaffarano and teachers for their efforts to secure funding for projects.
- Thank you to DonorsChoose and the South Country Education Foundation for their donations.
- The Greater Bellport Brownfield Committee Meeting is focused on abandoned properties.
- Concerns expressed about the importance of Board members working together.
- Thank you to Mr. Davey for the Middle School Student Council video.
- Thank you to the Building Principals for their efforts to improve the District.

Trustee Huffine left the meeting at approximately 10:30 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly)) to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments