

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 040 NOVEMBER 18, 2015
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini, called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Chris Picini

Lisa Di Santo

Danielle Skelly

Antoinette Huffine

Allison Stines

Regina Hunt

Natalie Maida, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Board Members Absent: Carol Herrmann, Julio Morales

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Sam Gergis, Dr. Cheriese Pemberton, Tim Hogan, School Attorney John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (DeVito / Skelly) to convene to executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a settlement agreement with the BTA, negotiations with the BTAA and the Superintendent's contract.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Picini led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in memory of community resident and volunteer, Rose Ventiere.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. 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 (Stines / Hunt) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of October 28, 2015.
2. Treasurer's Report - October, 2015.
3. Claims Report - September, 2015
4. Independent Auditor's Report - 2015.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Recognition

Principal Tim Hogan, introduced Bellport High School Responder, Bob Edwards, who was presented with a certificate in recognition of his swift response to save a student who was choking.

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2. Superintendent's Report

- The first Pride Cup event was a great success. Held at the High School gym, faculty and staff competed against each other in friendly games of Volleyball. Plans are being made for the next event.
- Great attendance at the Suffolk County Police Department's parent presentation, "The Ugly Truth".
- Grading issues with Parent Portal and Eschool have been resolved.
- In light of the recent community incidents, an additional guard has been assigned to Frank P Long School, as well as SCPD patrol cars during arrival and dismissal. Beginning in January, we will be sharing an SRO with Patchogue and the SCPD will be establishing a new call protocol to notify the district of community incidents.

2. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- The High School play was wonderful, showcasing the amazing talent of our students. Thanks to all involved.
- Thank you to Mrs. Masem, Ms Glasshagel and the culinary arts student for catering the College Fair.
- The High School Student Council is continuing their food drive for the holidays and will be holding a clothes drive as well.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Melissa Aruda (*resident*): Commented on recent community incident.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

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

1. ES BOCES Special Election Vote

The Board of Education casts one vote for Eastern Suffolk BOCES candidate, Arlene Barressi.

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

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

2. Local Assistance Plan for Verne W. Critz

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Huffine), Absent (Herrmann, Morales).

3. Greater Bellport Land Use Plan

Mr. John Rogers gave a presentation to the Board on the Greater Bellport Land Use Plan.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. BHS Dance Team Field Trip- National Dance Competition in Orlando, FL.
4. ES BOCES Field Trip Approvals, Vatea/Perkins Grant

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves field trips to be funded through the Vatea/Perkins grant during the 2015-2016 school year.

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District agrees that participation of students in educational field trips which are funded through monies in the Perkins IV Basic Secondary Grant ("Grant") represent an educational opportunity for students of the School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the participation of students from the school district to participate in said educational field trips in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such field trips shall be hosted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in collaboration with the school district because the grant requires:

- A) "Members join a consortium to contribute to the improvement and innovation in CTE programs that they could not accomplish individually";
- B) "Funds allocated to a consortium ... shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District's customary policies, regulations and procedures for field trips shall be complied with insofar as applicable prior to the School District submitting documentation to Eastern Suffolk BOCES in conjunction with a field trip; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ESBOCES and the School District agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless each other, its officers, directors, agents, or employees against all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, costs, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, judgments, fines and amounts arising from any willful act, omission, error, recklessness or negligence of the other party, its officers, directors, agents or employees in connection with the participation of the students of the School District in educational field trips funded by the Perkins Grant through Eastern Suffolk BOCES in collaboration with the School District.

- 5. BHS Virtual Enterprise Student Field Trip- International Virtual Enterprise Youth Business Summit
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the field trip for Bellport High School Business Ownership /Virtual Enterprise students to go to the Virtual Enterprise Trade Show on April 18, 2016 and return on April 19, 2016. This trip is funded through the CTEIA/Perkins Grant as written below:

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location Name and Address of Field Trip</u>
4/18/16	Virtual Enterprise Trade Show-69 th Regiment Armory 68 Lexington Avenue, NYC Hotel Accommodations – TBD
4/19/16	69 th Regiment Armory, Lexington Av, NYC (pick up)

- 6. BHS Culinary Arts Field Trip- Walt Disney World.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (DeVito / Hunt) to approve personnel agenda items # H1 – 7 and H9:

- 1. Resignations and Leave of Absences
- 2. Instructional New Appointments
- 3. Non-Instructional New Appointments

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4. Long-Term Substitutes
5. Tenure Recommendation
6. Salary Schedule
7. Additional Work
9. Substitutes

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

Trustee DeVito disclosed that his relative is included on the agenda.

A motion (DeVito / Stines) to approve personnel agenda items # H8.1-3 and H8.5-12:

8. Extra Duty Assignment

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

A motion (Skelly / Stines) to approve personnel agenda item # H8.4:

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VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 2-No, (Di Santo, Huffine), Absent (Herrmann, Morales).

Trustee Di Santo noted her disappointment that the previous ethics policy was softened.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Budget Transfer
2. Agreement with Utility Check, Ltd.
3. Consultant Services Contract- Gregory Singer, LMSW
4. Consultant Service Contract- Creative Tutoring, Inc.
5. Education Services Contract- Patchogue Medford UFSD
6. Education Services Contract- South Huntington UFSD
7. School Services Contract- Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial Inc. d.b.a. Andrus Children Center
8. MOA with BTA- Autism Extended Year Program

10. Items for discard

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Board protocol regarding communication with public.
- Congratulations for a successful Parent University workshop.
- Expansion of Culinary Arts program.
- Need to start planning for the upcoming budget.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Stines / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

Nancy Poulos
District Clerk

Attachments