

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 083 MAY 18, 2016
SOUTH 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 the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo

Carol Herrmann

Antoinette Huffine

Regina Hunt (*arrived 6:37 pm*)

Julio Morales (*arrived 7:10 pm*)

Chris Picini

Danielle Skelly

Natalie Maida (*Student Ex-Officio Member*)

Board Members Absent: Allison Stines.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Dr. Cherie Pemberton, Mr. Tim Hogan, Sara Cioffaletti, School Attorney Gregory Guercio.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to convene to executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, legal matters and negotiations with the CSEA and SCAA.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Hunt, Morales, Stines).

Public session reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Trustee Danielle Skelly led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 school grounds. He also stated the District's policy on public commentary.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVALS

A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to approve the following items, C1, C3 and C6:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of April 20, 2016.

3. Treasurer's Report- April, 2016

6. Due Process Complaint Withdrawal

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firm of Guercio & Guercio, LLP, to withdraw the District's due process complaint / demand for an impartial hearing against the parent of the student named in Schedule "A" on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

A motion (Herrmann / Hunt) to approve the following item C2:

2. Minutes – Budget Hearing of May 4, 2016.

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

A motion (DeVito/ Herrmann) to approve the following items, C4 and C5:

4. Claims Report – February, 2016
5. Claims Report – April, 2016.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent's Report

- Frank P. Long student, Christopher Ford, was recognized by the Board for writing and publishing his first book, titled, "Mr. Mustache Goes to the Circus".
- The Bellport HS Student Council won the Optimum Charity of Champions Regional Grand Prize in Suffolk County. Principal Hogan introduced and acknowledged the Student Council members and Advisor, Ms. Hoffman.
- Congratulations to Frank P. Long teacher, Ms. Teri Palermo, who was named 2016 Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by the Suffolk County Section of the Science Teachers Association of NY State.
- As a precautionary measure, we are scheduling water testing in each of our schools due to drinking water concerns in some Long Island school districts.
- Grucci Fireworks will be conducting training at the South Haven School this Saturday, not at the High School as previously indicated by the company.
- Thank you to Ms Fandale, Mr. Uzzi and all staff and students from our Art and Music Departments who participated in the Districtwide Fine and Performing Art Show.

Trustee Reports

- The Fine and Performing Arts Show was wonderful. Thank you to our Art and Music Departments. Reminder that concert season is upon us and to please take the opportunity to attend some of the performances.
- Appreciation and thanks to Dr. Giani, Dr. Gergis, and administration for a successful budget, and to the community for passing it. Over 75% voted in favor.
- Congratulations to Cheryl Felice and Dr. Anthony Griffin for their election to the Board of Education.
- Thank you to our outgoing Board members, Rocco DeVito and Julio Morales.
- Seats are available in our Pre-K program and we now have busing thanks to the budget being passed.
- Congratulations to Student Council for their Optimum Charity Win.
- We recently hosted a Lacrosse Jamboree with 129 teams participating, a testament to how we join together as a community.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Budget Vote

Dr. Giani announced the following results from yesterday's Budget Vote and Trustee Election:

- a) Proposition 1 – Budget
Passed 1260 – 484 or a 72.25% margin.
- b) Proposition 2 – Capitol Reserve
Passed 1205 – 480

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c) Proposition 3 – Decrease Number of Trustees

Passed 893 – 794, which means that one Trustee seat will be available in the 2017 election.

d) Candidates

Congratulations to Carol Herrmann, who was re-elected and newly elected candidates Cheryl Felice and Dr. Anthony Griffin.

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

B. 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 3-No, (DiSanto, Huffine, Hunt), Absent (Stines).

C. First Reading: Policy 5720, Transportation of Students.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Resignations, Leave of Absences & Return from Leave of Absence
2. Recalls
3. Instructional New Appointments
4. Non-Instructional New Appointments
5. Salary Schedule
6. Additional Work
7. Extra Duties Assignment
8. Substitutes
9. APPR Lead Evaluators Training and Certification
10. Long Term Substitutes

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

Dr. Giani announced the Board just approved new teachers, Lori Dougherty and Erica DeVito, and Kerry Carson, as Director of Student Support Services.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Huffine / DeVito) to approve the following items # I 1-20 and 22-29:

1. Consultant Services Contract with Health Source Group, Inc.
2. Consultant Services Contract with Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, P.C.
3. Consultant Services Contract with Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc.
4. Consultant Services Contract with Joan Tschopp
5. Consultant Services Contract with Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc.
6. Consultant Services Contract with Islip Tutoring
7. Consultant Services Contract with Dr. Vicki L. Mingin
8. Consultant Services Contract with MKSA
9. Consultant Services Contract with Long Island Tutorial Services, Inc.
10. Consultant Services Contract with Life's WORC
11. Consultant Services Contract with Serene Home Nursing Agency
12. Consultant Services Contract with Reddy Consulting Services, Inc.
13. Consultant Services Contract with Career and Employment Options
14. Health Services Contracts with Westbury Union Free School District
15. Health Services Contracts with Riverhead Central School District
16. Budget Transfer to Equipment B & G
17. Budget Transfer to Contract Services
18. Budget Transfer to Custodial Supplies & Contract Services
19. Budget Transfer to Auto Parts B & G and Custodial Supplies
20. Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release with Questar III

22. Consultant Services Contract with Yolanda Santiago, Ed.S.
23. Consultant Services Contract with Kathleen Sokolowski and Darshna Katwala, Nassau Community College
24. Donation from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Suckow of \$105 for the Marilyn Portman Scholarship
25. Consultant Services Contract with Keany Associates (A)
26. Consultant Services Contract with Keany Associates (B)
27. Consultant Services Contract with All Suffolk Contract
28. Donation from Faculty & Staff for the Julia Nofi Scholarship Fund
29. MOA with BTA- Lead Teachers

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

A motion (DeVito / Hunt) to approve the following item # I-21:

21. SEORA Resolution for Security Vestibule at Bellport H.S.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Country CSD desires to embark upon a capital improvement project entitled Installation of Security Vestibule at Bellport High School;

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 SEQRA 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 SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA 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

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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 “Installation of Security Vestibule at Bellport High School” is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) of the SEQRA 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 scope of work in the above-listed building of the South Country Central 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.

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

Rocco DeVito	<u>Yes</u>
Lisa Di Santo	<u>Yes</u>
Carol Herrmann	<u>Yes</u>
Antoinette Huffine	<u>Yes</u>
Regina Hunt	<u>Yes</u>
Julio Morales	<u>Yes</u>
Chris Picini	<u>Yes</u>
Danielle Skelly	<u>Yes</u>
Allison Stines	<u>Absent</u>

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Reminder that this Sunday, the Special Olympics is being hosted at Bellport High School.
- Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Suckow, Mr. Pastore, Ms. Lynch and Mrs. Menikos for their generous donations.
- Request for report on effectiveness of Directors.
- Appropriate use of social media for Board of Education members.
- Request that future budget brochures only highlight students and not include photos of politicians.
- District needs to do a better job with public relations / publicity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Hunt/ Skelly) to convene to executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and employee salaries.

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

Public session reconvened at 9:45 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Morales / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments