

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 035 OCTOBER 22, 2014
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting took place at District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Chris Picini

Lisa Di Santo

Danielle Skelly

Carol Herrmann

Allison Stines

Antoinette Huffine

Cassidy Greco, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Julio Morales

Board Members Absent: Rob Powell

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Robert McIntyre, Dr. Donna Martuge, Kerry Carson, Tim Hogan, School Attorney, Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to convene to Executive Session at 6:31 pm to discuss a settlement agreement with CSEA , a student settlement agreement and the Superintendent's contract.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:41 pm.

Trustee Stines led all 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 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 (Skelly / Stines) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of October 1, 2014.

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

A motion (DiSanto / Skelly) to approve the following items C3, C7, C8 and C10:

3. NYSSBA Policy Workshop

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Trustee Chris Picini to attend NYSSBA's 2014 Policy Workshop on November 20, 2014 at the Islandia Marriott Long Island, at a cost to the District of \$160.

7. Request for Indemnification

RESOLVED the Board hereby approves requests for defense and indemnification submitted by current and former Board members, officers, and employees in connection with a matter before the US District Court, to wit: Eddie Bryant v. Board of Education, et al. and the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Section 3811, 3028 and 3023 of the

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Education Law as applicable, are hereby conferred upon the aforementioned persons; and it is further resolved that the District shall accordingly, indemnify and save harmless such persons, for any costs, attorneys' fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while such persons were acting within the scope of their public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

8. Claims Reports- July & August, 2014
10. Student Settlement Agreement

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

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

4. 2013-14 Internal Audit Report
5. 2013-14 External Audit Report

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

A motion (Huffine / Skelly) to approve the following item C6:

6. Concussion CMO

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the following Chief School Medical Officers for concussion management program appointments with St. Charles Hospital for the 2014-2015 school year, at no cost to the District:

Hayley Queller, MD	Mark Haray, MD
Jennifer Gray, DO	Kristen Stoner, MD
Jennifer Semel, MD	Philip L. Schrank, MD
Anuja Korlipara, MD	

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

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

2. Treasurer's Report- September, 2014

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- Varsity Football won their Homecoming Game vs Copiague, 69-0. Seniors Nick Fountis and Cassidy Greco were crowned Homecoming King and Queen and the Senior Class float, Candy Land, won first place.
- Administration is not in support of the request to move the veteran's monument. The senior courtyard was selected to erect the monument because it was a place of solitude. The monument will remain where it is.
- The district was given a good price for the transportation cost for the 8th Grade Washington Trip. The Board asked to check further with other vendors
- The South Country Community Leadership Network will be holding a Spring Front Yard Clean Up. Flyers will be available soon.
- A survey was given to determine interest in Parent University topics. The survey will close this Friday. Our next Parent University meeting will be held on December 5th.

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- We've made two consecutive years of progress with our graduation rates and have now met the criteria to petition for removal of Focus District / School status. Congratulation to Mr. Hogan and the HS staff.
- In honor of School Board Appreciation week, the Board is invited to a dinner given by the HS Culinary Arts Program on Wed 11/5, 6pm in the East Commons. This is the same night as the Board retreat, which will follow at 7pm.

Board Members

- Thanks to Dr. Giani for solving the parking light issue at South Haven.
- Suggestion for having future Homecoming Dances as an event with formal attire.
- Accolades to Brookhaven Elementary School for their successful food drive and autumn gym obstacle course.
- Kreamer St Elementary School held a wonderful welcome dinner home school connection.
- A Board member had an opportunity to observe the 6th and 7th grade cafeterias during lunch time and noted it was very pleasant.
- Compliments to Mr. DiPuma at BMS for a successful food drive.
- The Frank P. Long PTA meeting was very well attended. Rita Banales from the Brookhaven Free library spoke about online resources available to all residents.
- Thank you to the Bellport MS PTA for their wonderful work.
- Bellport Idol at displayed the wonderful talent in the District.. Thanks to BMS PTA.
- Hispanic Heritage Evening was a wonderful event. Thanks to our great staff
- BHS "Trick or Treat Street" Safe Halloween program will take place on Halloween from 5-7pm.
- Volleyball clinched the League Championship.
- Mr. McIntyre's presentation to the PTSA on NCAA regulations scholar athletes was very well received.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Barbara Schatzman (resident): Commented on class size issues.

Wayne White (BTA President): Thanked BOE, Administration and parents for Hispanic Heritage Month at Boys and Girls Club. Commented on staffing concerns, subs.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

• Elementary Class Sizes

Board members discussed class size concerns. Dr. Giani was directed to come up with solutions at the next meeting after conferring with building staff.

• 2014 Regents Results

Mrs. Evers gave a presentation on the District's 2014 Regents Results, followed by discussion with the Board.

• First Reading of Concussion Policy 7522

• Website Issues

Design format, usability and news items were among the concerns expressed regarding the district website.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. Resignations/Leaves of Absences
2. Recalls
3. Long Term Substitutes
4. Instructional New Appointments
5. Non-Instructional New Appointments

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6. Change in Assignments
7. Additional Work
8. Extra Duty Assignments
9. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments
10. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Donation from Donorschoose.org
2. Discards from Kreamer Street Library
3. MOA with CSEA
4. Consultant Services Agreement with Crystal Investigations, Inc.
5. South Country Education Foundation Fall Grant Awards
6. Donation of Tree to Brookhaven Elementary School

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Jennifer Monte (resident): Commented on lack of TAs, discipline.

Darlene Mercurio (resident): Commented on Common Core.

Jill Porter (resident): Commented on security.

Barbara Schatzman (resident): Commented on class size.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Importance of communication from Administration.
- Cleanliness of HS classrooms.
- Timer for public participation.
- Concern with scheduling 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony same evening as HS Prom.
- Plan for dealing with enterovirus.
- Class size.
- Feasibility of full day UPK next year with transportation.
- Thanks to Mrs. Messina for literacy, Brook VA donation and SCEF fall cycle donations.
- Contact legislators for GEA, mandate relief and NYS lawsuit.
- Working with PTA - Social media blasts / email.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk
Attachments