

**WORKSHOP MEETING PAGE 077 APRIL 9, 2014
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Chris Picini called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:07 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa	Jeannette Mistler
Rocco DeVito	Julio Morales
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Chris Picini
Carol Herrmann	Barbara Schatzman (<i>arrived 7:11pm</i>)

Board Members Absent: Vanessa Vaughan, *Student Ex-Officio*.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Robert McIntyre, Principals Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Dr. Kathy Munisteri, Sean Clark, BTA President Wayne White, BTAA President Debbie Jones, CSEA President Jorge Jimenez.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to enter Executive Session at 7:08 pm to discuss capital project legal negotiations and a request for a leave of absence for an employee.

VOTE: *Motion carried unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Schatzman).

Public session reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Herrmann led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE / SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board President 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 (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of March 26, 2014.

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

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

2. Minutes- Budget Workshop Meeting of April 2, 2014.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Abstain (Powell).

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- The Harlem Wizards PTA Fundraiser at the Middle School was a tremendous success. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Trustee Mistler for bringing the community together for such a positive event.

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- Thank you to all involved with the Harlem Wizards Night, among them, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Ginty, Mr. Kinigson, Trustee Grossman, Mr. Grossi, Security Guards Buster and Gabe, and those security who volunteered their time, making this a true community event.
- Thanks to all those who chaperoned the Middle School Washington DC trip. This was the first time where our 8th grade students had the opportunity to place a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery and to participate in the Holocaust conference. It was an overall positive experience for the students.
- Thanks to Trustee Mistler for the Harlem Wizards fundraiser .
- Thanks to the staff at Brookhaven and Frank P. Long Schools for their successful 5k Run. They had over 150 runners.

Elementary School Science Fair Winners

The Elementary School Science Fairs had a record number of participants this year, with Frank P. Long having over 540 projects. Dr. Giani acknowledged the following winners, who were presented with certificates by Board President Picini, Dr. Giani and their building principals.

School	Name	Grade	Project
Frank P. Long	Marc Promutico	4	“Reaction Distraction”
	Emma Butler	4	“Using Your Noodle”
	Jack Armann	5	“If You Can’t Beet ‘Em, Join ‘Em”
	Ashley Steedman	5	“Under the Sea”
Brookhaven	Megan Hollman	Pre-K	“Egg Drop”
	Meaghan DeLillo	K	“Testing Sunscreen Brands”
	Sean Glynn	1	“Which Type of Loom Bands are the Strongest?”
	Christopher Ford	2	“Buoyancy of Beverages”
	Kaitlyn Foley	3	“Making Electricity by Using a Lemon & Different Metals”
Kreamer St.	Julius Radino	K	“Growing Flowers”
	Brenna Porter	1	“Put the Diaper to the Test”
	Diana Malchiodi	2	“How to Make the Best Cookies”
	Leah Groh	3	“Which Brand of Marker is the Best?”
Verne W. Critz	Madison Aruta	K	“Stuck on You”
	Lily Seif	1	“Dirty Pennies”
	Jacob Aruta	2	“Crazy Driver”
	Teagen Fitzgerald	3	“Extreme Friction”

E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Giani and Mr. Delargy presented a revised budget proposal, based upon the Board’s directive to include excessed instructional positions, with decreasing class sizes at the elementary level. It was noted that this would pierce the tax cap and Board members discussed the budget items at length, expressing their many concerns with preserving our quality of education while balancing our fiscal responsibility to the community. It was also noted that a petition for universal busing was received, which would further impact the budget. The Board then invited the community to speak.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

BTA President Wayne White and resident Anne Hayes commented.

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BOARD DISCUSSION

After much discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to see a budget proposed using the numbers in column D of the presentation, which reflects a decrease of \$641,000 in expenses. It was also suggested to renegotiate stipends for all staff members. Residents were again encouraged to use the suggestion box to give their input on the budget.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Penn Relays – Varsity Boys Track

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Additional Work
2. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Renewal of Transportation Contracts

VOTE: *Motion fails.* 3-Yes (Herrmann, Morales, Picini), 2-No (DeVito, Mistler),
4- Abstain (Correa, Grossman, Powell, Schatzman).

J. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- A suggestion was made to go back and reduce \$800,000 to meet the 1.85% tax cap.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Mistler) to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments