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SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. The meeting took place at District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Lisa Di Santo	Chris Picini
Carol Herrmann	Danielle Skelly
Antoinette Huffine	Allison Stines
Julio Morales (<i>arrived approximately 6:45 pm</i>)	Cassidy Greco- <i>Student Ex-officio Board Member</i>

Board Members Absent: Rocco DeVito, Rob Powell.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Margaret Evers, Kenneth Aldrich, Brian Ginty, Sean Clark, Kathleen Munisteri, School Attorney, John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Stines / Herrmann) to convene to executive session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss negotiations with SCAA and a personnel matter.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Trustee Stines led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT /PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. 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. He also stated the Board's policy on public commentary.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVALS

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

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of March 4, 2015.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Picini), Absent (DeVito, Powell).

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

2. Legal Notices – Annual District Meeting and Election.
RESOLVED, that pursuant to law, notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election must be published four (4) times within the seven weeks preceding the date of the meeting and election, in two newspapers having “general circulation” with the first occurring 45 days before the date of the Annual Meeting and Election;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legal notice will appear in the South Shore Press on the following dates: April 1, 2015, April 15, 2015, April 29, 2015 and May 13, 2015.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legal notice will appear in the Long Island Advance on the following dates: April 2, 2015, April 16, 2015, April 30, 2015 and May 14, 2015.

3. Voter Proposition

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the petition, as amended, requesting the placement of a voter proposition on the ballot for the District's May 19, 2015 Annual Meeting regarding decreasing the number of Members of the Board of Education as follows:

“Shall the number of Members of the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District be decreased to 7 Members from its current 9 Members?”

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Commendations

Art Chairperson, Suzette Fandale, acknowledged students Dakota Haraden and Maureen McSherry who were honored at the Parrish Art Museum for excelling in the area of Fine Arts 1, painting and illustration respectively.

Superintendent

- Two contingency days and one day from spring recess were lost as a result of inclement weather closings. School will now be in session on Friday, April 10th, Friday, May 22nd and Tuesday, May 26th.

Trustees

- Board President Picini will be attending the NYSSBA Annual Capital Conference this weekend, along with School Board members from other Long Island districts. The Conference will address the upcoming budget issues, its impact on our schools and provide opportunities to meet with our local legislators.
- The High School is collecting prom dresses for the Prom Dress Boutique at the Boys and Girls Club. Flyers will be distributed throughout the schools and posted on our website.
- Proud to have South Country represented by Maryanne Brandi and Mrs. Dellarosa at the Suffolk ASSETT Conference.
- Dr. Giani and Mr. Picini recently attended a presentation sponsored by Eastern Suffolk BOCES, which heightened their concerns regarding the governor's proposal on the upcoming budget and school funding.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mrs. Evers and Dr. Giani gave a presentation on the following budget topics.

1. Budget Presentation- Pre-Kindergarten Education
2. Budget Presentation- Review of 2000 Codes – Instruction.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Bellport Middle School Great Adventure Field Trip

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education Approves the Bellport Middle School Student Council and student in grades 6th - 8th to go to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Leave of Absences and Resignations
2. Long-Term Substitutes
3. Extra Duty Assignment
4. Additional Work
5. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to approve the following items:

1. Health Services Contract - East Islip School District
2. Health Services Contract - Sayville Union Free School District
3. Health Services Contract - Hicksville School District
4. Health Services Contract - Sachem Central School District
5. Health Services Contract - Center Moriches Union Free School District
6. Donation of \$150.00 from National Honor Society to Julia Nofi Scholarship Fund
7. Special Education Services Contract with Eastport South Manor Central School District
8. South Country Education Foundation Grant Awards - Winter, 2015

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Question on buses for field trips vs charter trips.
- Administration is still investigating the issues at Frank P Long School to decide upon a course of action. This is a priority of Dr. Giani's.
- Dr. Giani was thanked for his support and for working together with the Frank P. Long staff regarding their concerns.
- Thank you to the National Honor Society for their donation to the Julia Nofi Scholarship fund and the South Country Education Foundation for their Winter Grants Awards.
- Thank you to the teachers and chairs who take the time to write the grants for the South Country Education Foundation.
- Principal Brian Ginty was recognized for his personally calling each student in his school on their birthday.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk Attachments