

SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
189 No. Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772
MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER (7:05 p.m.)**

Call to Order

Board of Education President Victor Correa, called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Victor Correa	Kevin Kirk
Michelle Cavaleri	Rob Powell
Owen Durney	Barbara Schatzman
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	

Roll Call

Board Members Absent: Marian McKenna, Julio Morales

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Asst Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Asst Superintendent of Educational Services, Stanley Pelech, Assistant Superintendent for Business Alan Phillips, Assistant to the Superintendent of Business Charles Delargy, Building Services Administrator, Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Principals Kevin O'Connell, Brian Ginty, Linda Rozzi, Stefanie Rucinski, School Attorneys Douglas Spencer and Christopher Guercio, CSEA President Peter Maddalone, BTA President Spencer Stickley, other guests and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **COMMENDATIONS**

Commendations

Brookhaven Elementary School Principal Linda Rozzi spoke of the wonderful learning experience had by the students in Mrs. Suarez and Ms. Maffei's second grade classes using state of the art technology to video conference with a partner school located in London, England. The following students and staff members were acknowledged and presented with certificates in recognition of their innovative use of technology

Victoria Suarez (Teacher)	Rachel M Hernandez
Stephanie Maffei (Teacher)	Nicholas Johonnett
Kathy Junnelli (Teaching Asst)	Kyle Kruse
Nadine Meyer (Teaching Asst)	Michaela Lyons
Ismael Abdelbasset	Aiden Masem
Lindsey Belmonte	Mary Milonas
Evan Bland	Jada Morales
Kaylee Braun	Michael Reiss
Alan Cherry	Andrew Rinfret
Jake D'Esposito	Francelys Rosa
Alexander Galatioto	Isabella Taccetta
Christian Graf	

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Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Nelson Briggs, acknowledged and presented certificates to the following South Country employees who received merit pay awards in recognition of their outstanding and exemplary service rendered to the District:

Dottie Bonventre

Rene Moran

Sara Cioffaletti

Barbara Nagle

Randy Hillman

Pete Piraino

John Milano

3. PRESENTATION

Bellport High School Principal Kevin O'Connell spoke about the Comprehensive Education Plan, to outline strategies and objectives to improve performance at the High School level.

Presentation
Comprehensive
Education Plan
- HS

MEETING RECESSED: The fire alarm sounded at 7:20 pm and the building was evacuated. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Recess

Reconvene

Trustee Schatzman absent when meeting reconvened.

Public
Participation

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Toni Huffine (Resident): Requested Board to fire Business Services Administrator, Gregory Miglino.
Matthew Kinigson (Teacher, resident): Request to keep refrigerator in his classroom due to medical necessity.

Jeffrey Jensen (Resident): Expressed his views on the Athletic Field Lighting on behalf of the Brookhaven Village Association.

Jim Datri (Resident): Spoke regarding lights at the High School.

John Beitel (Resident): Voiced his concerns regarding lights at the High School.

Ali Blumenthal (Student and VP of Outdoors Club): Request to allow club ski trips.

Regina Seltzer (Resident): Spoke of lawsuit filed against the district. (Board President Correa advised district could not respond due to litigation).

Steve Long (Contractor): Spoke of issues regarding the construction projects at Bellport HS & MS. (Assistant Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips read statement from school's attorney in response).

Joanne Long-Merrill (Resident): Spoke against Building Services Administrator, Gregory Miglino.

5. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Kirk / Durney) to approve the following:

A. Approval of Minutes, Workshop Meeting of December 8, 2010.

VOTE: Motion carries. 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain, (Powell), Absent (McKenna, Morales, Schatzman).

Approves
Minutes BOE
Mtg 12-8-10

6. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Kirk / Cavaleri) to approve the following:

A. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Treasurer's Report for November, 2010

VOTE: Motion carries. 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Grossman), Absent (McKenna, Morales, Schatzman).

Approves
Treasurer's
Report

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A motion (Durney / Cavaleri) to approve the following:

- B. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Service Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year with Comsewogue School District at the rate of \$490.48 per student.

Approves
Health / Welfare
Agreement
Comsewogue
School District

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

Trustee Schatzman returned to the meeting. 8:05 pm.

A motion (Durney / Cavaleri) to approve the following:

- C. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE) & Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE).

Approves CSE,
SCSE & CPSE
recommendations.

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

The following resolution was pulled from the agenda:

- D. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Girls Winter Track Team to attend the Yale University Track Classic in New Haven, Connecticut for a total cost of \$85.00 per student. There is no cost to the District.

A motion (Kirk / Cavaleri) to approve the following:

- E. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the title of Supervising Nurse effective December 22, 2010.

Authorizes Title
Supervising
Nurse

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

F. PERSONNEL

A motion (Durney / Schatzman)to approve the following, removing Items 1095 and 1104 from the personnel agenda :

- I. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resignations, terminations, leaves of absence, position abolitions, employment appointments, tenure appointments, and salary changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

Approves
Personnel
Agenda,
removing Items
1095 & 1104

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

A motion (Schatzman / Kirk) to approve the following:

- G. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the South Country Administrators' Association to amend the terms of the existing collective bargaining agreement, expiring on June 30, 2010, with regard to the ability to decline health insurance and receive payment for health declination.

Approves MOA
with SCAA –
Health Ins.

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

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to approve the following:

H. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the annual financial disclosure, as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Approves
Annual
Financial
Disclosure -
SEC

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

7. **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

BOE / Supt
Discussion
Items

- Congratulations to students and music teacher, Mrs. Stiriz, for Kreamer St Winter Concert.
- Congratulations to students and music teacher, Mr. Finnegan, for Brookhaven Elementary School Winter Concert.
- Thanks to Principal Rozzi and Brookhaven staff for positive atmosphere at Brookhaven.
- Thanks to all principals and administrators for attending Board meetings.
- Request for criteria and process for selecting staff for merit awards.
- Concerns over labeling of students by staff, BOE and Administration.
- Thanks to Technology Director for Brookhaven video conferencing project and desire to see more teleconferencing in the future – especially with foreign language.
- Positive feedback from High School on new Principal O’Connell.
- Appreciation for Building Services Administrator, Gregory Miglino.
- Importance of everyone working as a team together to improve district and community.
- Holiday greetings and appreciation for all staff members.

A motion (Kirk/Durney) to convene to Executive Session for personnel matters (9:00 pm).

Convene
Executive
Session

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

Reconvene Public Session 12:00 am.

Reconvene
Public Session

Trustee Lisa DiSanto Grossman not present for the public session.

SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (McKenna / Kirk)to approve the following Item D from the Superintendent’s Consent Agenda:

Approves
Item D
Supt Consent
Agenda –
Girls Winter
Track Team to
attend Yale
Track Classic

D. **RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Girls Winter Track Team to attend the Yale University Track Classic in New Haven, Connecticut for a total cost of \$85.00 per student. There is no cost to the District.

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the following:

6I. **RESOLVED**, upon consideration of an appeal of the Parents/ Guardians of ---, the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal in its entirety and affirms the decision of the Superintendent of Schools, and further directs that the District Clerk notify the Parents/ Guardians of this determination.

Denies Appeal
Affirms Supt.
Decision

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve Personnel Agenda Item # 1104 :

Approves
Personnel
Agenda Item
1104

6J. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Personnel Agenda Item #1104.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the following:

6K. WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

3020-A
Suspends
With Pay
Pending
Hearing

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that the employee named in Executive Session is hereby suspended with pay pending a hearing on the charges and the final determination thereof.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve the following:

6L. WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

3020-A
Seeks
Termination
pending
Hearing
Charge A

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that should the employee named in Executive Session either waive his right to a hearing, or be found guilty of Charge I (A): Misconduct – Conduct Unbecoming an Administrator, after a hearing, the Board of Education shall seek his termination from service in the South Country Central School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve the following:

6M. WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

3020-A
Seeks
Termination
pending
Hearing
Charge B

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that should the employee named in Executive Session either waive his right to a hearing, or be found guilty of Charge I (B): Misconduct – Insubordination, after a hearing, the Board of Education shall seek his termination from service in the South Country Central School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

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A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve the following:

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that should the employee named in Executive Session either waive his right to a hearing, or be found guilty of Charge I (C): Neglect of Duty – Conduct Unbecoming an Administrator, after a hearing, the Board of Education shall seek his termination from service in the South Country Central School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Morales).

A motion (Kirk/Durney) to adjourn (12:15 am).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk
Attachments

**3020-A
Seeks
Termination
pending
Hearing
Charge C**

**Meeting
Adjourned**