

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 071 MARCH 26, 2014  
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Chris Picini called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa	Julio Morales ( <i>arrived 6:45 pm</i> )
Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Rob Powell ( <i>arrived 6:45 pm</i> )
Carol Herrmann	Barbara Schatzman
Jeannette Mistler ( <i>arrived 6:40 pm</i> )	Vanessa Vaughan, <i>Student Ex-Officio</i> .

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Bob McIntyre, Dr. Vicki Mingin, Kerri Carson, Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Sean Clark, Travis Davey, Dr. Kathy Munisteri, School Attorneys, Gregory Guercio, Douglas Spencer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to enter Executive Session at 6:36 pm to discuss negotiations with the BTA and CSEA, a land encroachment issue, an employee disciplinary matter, a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA and the midyear evaluation of the Superintendent.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:48 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Powell 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 (Correa / Herrmann) to approve the following:**

1. Minutes- Workshop meeting of March 12, 2014
2. Legal Notices- Annual District Meeting and Election
3. Treasurer's Report- February, 2014

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

**D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dr. Giani**

- Math Day was a success. Thanks to the committee, teachers Joe Tortora and Connie Havens .
- A fight occurred on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the High School involving 12 students. This developed from an incident in the community that spilled over to the High School. Administration is working with the Community Leadership Committee and the Suffolk County Police for strategies to address this. The Board will be kept apprised.

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- The High School had a number of successful events, including Women's History Month Panel Discussion and March Madness Food Drive. A "Pennies Wars" is scheduled as well.
- Congratulations to Tim Hogan and Diane Poulos for the High School Honor Society event. This was the largest number of inductees.
- Thanks to all involved with the Yankee Doodle Circus and Family Math Day events.
- Thanks to Dr. Munisteri and staff for the outstanding Science Fair at Verne W. Critz School.
- Thanks to Mr. Budris for the series of Panel Discussion events.
- Over \$8,000 was raised by the community in response to a family whose mother was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. This is a wonderful reflection of our community.
- Residents are encouraged to contact their legislators in Albany regarding monies being allotted to NYC Schools, which hurts Long Island districts.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Resident Toni Huffine commented.

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. Assistant Superintendent for Business, Charles Delargy and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Giani, gave a Budget Presentation on Curriculum and Instruction and Staffing Analysis, respectively. This was followed by discussion with the Board.

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

2. Second Reading- Policy #3180- Naming of School Facilities, Signage and Memorials/Public Dedication.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 2-No (Correa, Schatzman).

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

3. 2014-2015 School Year Calendar.

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

**G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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

1. CSE / SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

**H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following personnel items # H1, H2 and H4, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:**

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Terminations/Leave of Absence/ Return from Leave of Absence
2. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Extra Duty Assignment

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Morales).

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**A motion (DeVito / Correa) to approve the following personnel items # H5.4 to H5.19, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:**

5. Substitutes

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

**A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following personnel items # H5.1 to H5.3, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:**

5. Substitutes.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 2-No (Correa, Schatzman), 1-Abstain (Morales).

**A motion (Powell / Herrmann) to approve the following personnel items # H3.2 to H3.4 as noted on the attached personnel agenda:**

3. Additional Work.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Morales).

**A motion (Powell / Herrmann) to approve the following personnel item # H3.1 as noted on the attached personnel agenda:**

3. Additional Work.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Morales, Picini).

Dr. Giani announced that the Board tonight approved a merit pay award to three employees who went above and beyond in redoing the floor at the Bellport Middle School Auditorium over the summer.

**I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS**

**A motion (Powell / Mistler) to approve the following Business Items, # I-1to I-12.:**

1. Health Service Contract with Smithtown CSD
2. School Services Contract with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc.
3. Education Services Contracts
  - a. UCP of Greater Suffolk, Inc.
  - b. Eastport-South Manor Central School District

4. Scholarship Donations from:
  - a. Kenneth Beckman- \$500 for Katie Kokis

5. Kitchen Equipment Bid 2013-05 awarded to Sam Tell and Son, Inc.

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a contract to Sam Tell and Son, the lowest responsible bidder of the large items in the Kitchen Equipment Bid #2013-05.

6. Extension of contract with Jason Crane Landscaping

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and awards a contract extension to Jason Crane Landscaping for the 2014 landscaping season.

7. Eastern Suffolk BOCES Cooperative Bids Agreement

**WHEREAS**, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Country Central School District an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-0 and Education Law Section 1950; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

**WHEREAS**, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

**WHEREAS**, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law § 119-o.2.j.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

8. MOA with CSEA
9. Baseball Booster Club Donation (pending proof of insurance)
10. Softball Booster Club Donation (pending proof of insurance)
11. Eastern Suffolk BOCES Transportation Contract
12. Consultant Services Contract with Diana Browning Wright, Inc.

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

### J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

BTA President Wayne White, and residents Toni Huffine and Phyllis Virno commented.

### K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Concerns regarding issues at the High School; fights, decisions made without Board approval, disciplinary matters and suspension reports. Dr. Giani will investigate and report back to the Board.
- Concerns regarding proposed budget.
  - Reduction of teaching staff, increase in class sizes.
  - Budget process is increasingly difficult. Choices must be made. Important that the Board make suggestions.
- Appreciation for Dr. Giani and Mr. Delargy for detailed budget documents.
- ESL Classes being held at Verne W. Critz School.

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- Reports of inappropriate behavior on the recent 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington, DC. Dr. Giani will investigate.
- Community is encouraged to use suggestion box on District website.
- Duties of Student Board member.
- Thanks to Kenneth Beckmann, Baseball and Softball Booster Clubs for their donations and support.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 11:10 pm to discuss the midyear evaluation of the Superintendent.**

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

Public session reconvened at 11:50 pm.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Herrmann / Morales ) to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

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District Clerk

Attachments