

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 031 OCTOBER 7, 2015
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President, Carol Herrmann, called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:43 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Carol Herrmann

Antoinette Huffine

Regina Hunt

Lisa Di Santo (*arrived 8pm*)

Julio Morales (*arrived 6:45 pm*)

Allison Stines

Board Members Absent: Chris Picini, Danielle Skelly.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Sam Gergis, Cheriese Pemberton, Tim Hogan, Sara Cioffaletti, School Attorney John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Stines / DeVito) to convene to executive session at 6:43 p.m. to discuss negotiations with the BTA and an employee disciplinary matter.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 5-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Di Santo, Morales, Picini, Skelly).

Public session reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Board member Allison Stines led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Frank P. Long teacher, Donna Warshaw, who recently passed away.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Herrmann discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency and noted that we are a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA –APPROVALS

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

1. Minutes - Business Meeting of September 9, 2015.
2. Treasurer's Report – August, 2015
3. Claims Report – July & August, 2015.
4. 2015-2016 Audit Committee

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Owen Durney, Jim Jankowski, Chris Picini, Larry Ryder and James Vaughan to serve on the 2015-2016 District Audit Committee, to perform the duties required by law and such duties as may be required by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to regulation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Di Santo, Picini, Skelly).

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D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent's Report

- Due to the unusual amount of Middle School team tryouts, two extra intramural teams were created.
- Congratulations to Bellport High School students Deanna DeMartino, Natalie Maida and Lili Salcedo-Wilson, who were selected by the 2015 New York State School Music Association to perform at this year's NYSSMA All-State Music Festival.
- Bellport High School's Virtual Enterprise students will be featured on Long Island News Radio (103.9) this Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 10:30am. It is also viewable online <http://linewsradio.com/>
- October 17th is Homecoming Day. The parade begins at 11am in Bellport Village, with a game start at 2pm followed by the Homecoming Dance at 8pm.
- Our next Board of Education meeting, October 28th, will be held at Bellport Middle School.

2. Trustees Report

- Thank you to Mr. Hogan and Mr. Davey for their wonderful "Meet the Teacher" night. It was nicely put together.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. The Board unanimously agreed to go forward with the Secondary Grading Protocol plan.

A motion (Huffine / Hunt) to approve the following:

2. Lead Teachers

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Di Santo, Picini, Skelly).

3. Dr. Pemberton gave a presentation on Assessment Results and Adequate Yearly Progress.
4. Board Priorities for 2015-2016 was discussed with some changes recommended.
5. Board Policy 6110-First Reading
6. South Haven Rental

Trustee Di Santo arrived at 8:00 pm.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes.
2. CPSE Minutes.

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

3. Washington DC Field Trip- Bellport Middle School

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Bellport Middle School 8th Grade Students to attend a field trip to Washington DC, March 16, 2016 - March 18, 2016.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Resignations and Leave of Absences
2. Instructional New Appointments
3. Non-Instructional New Appointments
4. Contractual & Long-Term Substitutes
5. Salary Schedule
6. Additional Work *
7. Extra Duty Assignment
8. Responders & Guards
9. Substitutes
10. Stipulation of Settlement & Release
11. Changes in Position/Title

(* Trustee DeVito disclosed that Personnel Agenda Item # H6.74 referred to his relative.)

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (DeVito / Di Santo) to approve the following:

1. Donation of school supplies from United Way of L.I.
2. Donation of Backpacks from Big Brothers Big Sisters of L.I.
3. Donation of \$20,000 from Knapp/Swezey Foundation, Inc. for Dancing Classrooms.
4. Budget Transfer.
5. South Country Library Multi-Year Agreement (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019).

6. Retirement Contribution Reserve

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the independent auditor, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a transfer of unrestricted fund balance to the Retirement Contribution Reserve in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

7. Hennessey Grant

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District hereby authorizes a budget amendment to increase the 2014-2015 budget from \$122,033,676 to \$122,383,676, for a total increase of \$350,000, as a result of the Hennessey Grant received by the District from the New York State Education Department, and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Hennessey Grant from the New York State Education Department and appropriates the total amount of \$350,000 to the 2014-2015 general fund.

8. Unrestricted State Aid

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District approves the budget amendment to increase the 2015-2016 budget from \$123,565,275 to \$123,600,275 for a total of \$35,000 as a result of New York State unrestricted state aid.

9. Three Village Central School District- Education Services Contract

10. Appropriation from Fund Balance

WHEREAS, the District has incurred unanticipated expenditures as a result of the following events:

- (1) additional asbestos removal that was unanticipated at the start of the Family Engagement Center restoration project and at the South Haven School;
- (2) the collapse of the Family Engagement Center building structure as a result of an unforeseen accident;

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- (3) The repair of leaking windows; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing expenditures are necessary to maintain the District's structures and the health and safety of staff and students;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education classifies the following expenditures as unanticipated, ordinary contingent expenditures; asbestos testing and potential abatements districtwide, window repairs districtwide, restoration and renovation of the Family Engagement Center and South Haven School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$225,000 from the unappropriated, unassigned fund balance of the 2015-2016 school year for such expenditures and the transfer of such funds for such purpose.

11. Memorandum of Understanding with Boys & Girls Club of Bellport.

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items)

Ron Kinsella: (*resident*): Commented on J-6 Zoning changes and concerns regarding the impact on our district.

Darlene Mercurio (*resident*): Commented regarding "opting-out" and thanked the Board for granting her the opportunity to serve on the Finance and Facilities Committee.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Thank you to United Way, Big Brothers / Big Sisters of LI and the Knapp Swezey Foundation for their generous donations.
- Enrollment Report – Concerns with Kindergarten and 4th grade class size.
- Smart School Bond.
- Concerns with blight on garage we lease.
- Request to invite John Rogers to update Board on the Bellport Land Use Plan.
- Board protocol for responding to questions and emails.
- Wonderful turnout at the High School Meet the Teacher night.
- Future Business Leaders Club – Virtual Enterprise great group of students. Thank you to advisor, Ms. Smith.
- Thursday, October 22nd at 7pm, John Rogers will be speaking at the Boys and Girls Club.
- COPE officers for Frank P. Long School walkers – crossing guards.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Hunt / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments