

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 045 DECEMBER 9, 2015
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 6:34 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo- Arrived at 6:40 pm	Danielle Skelly
Regina Hunt	Allison Stines
Julio Morales- Arrived at 6:45 pm	Natalie Maida, Student Ex-Officio Member

Board Members Absent: Carol Herrmann, Antoinette Huffine

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Hunt /Skelly) to convene to executive session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss legal guidance on a community development issue, a Due Process Complaint concerning a student, a Stipulation of Settlement concerning a student, BTAA Negotiations & the Superintendent's contract.

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 5-Yes, 0-No, Absent (DiSanto, Herrmann, Huffine, Morales).

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Morales led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency, noting 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 November 18, 2015

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Board of Education Recognition

Assemblyman Dean Murray acknowledged the Board of Education for their service to the community and presented each Trustee with a certificate of recognition.

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2. Student Recognition

Bellport High School Principal, Tim Hogan, introduced the following students and presented each with a certificate of recognition for their selection to All-County/All-State Music Festival as noted below:

Edward Adler	Clarinet	Symphonic Band
Ashley Berrell	Trombone	Symphonic Band
Deanna DiMartino	Alto II	Women's Chorus
Shannon Gibbons	Alto II	Women's Chorus
Natalie Maida	Alto II	Mixed Chorus
Rachel Milia	French Horn	Symphony Orchestra
Lili Salcedo-Watson	Cello	Symphony Orchestra
Laurel Zimlinghaus	Clarinet	Symphony Orchestra

3. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Giani reported that our high school Culinary Arts Program was recently approved by New York State Education Department as a Career and Technical Education program. Students who enroll and successfully complete all requirements earn a technical endorsement to be affixed to their high school diploma.

2. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- Bellport High School's food, clothing and toy drive was a big success.
- Bellport High School's Student Corps School through Optimum is raising money for HELP Suffolk. Other fundraisers will/may include a Chinese Auction, a 5K and a Stay-Awake-A-Thon.
- A lip-synch battle will be held at Bellport High School. Teachers, in addition to students, are welcome to participate.
- The All-State/County Music Festival was a great experience for students.
- The upcoming concerts & the high school musical at Bellport High School will feature talented students and staff. All are encouraged to attend.
- Congratulations to staff for their performance and professionalism at the last high school play.
- Kudo's to Bellport Middle School Student Council and Mr. DiPuma.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- *No comments*

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Board of Education Mini-Retreat- A tentative date of January 11th was set for the Board of Education mini-retreat, pending the availability of Trustees Herrmann & Huffine.
2. Transportation Mileage Limits- The need for additional crossing guards and/or the distance student walkers at Frank P. Long must walk was discussed in addition to the district's mileage limits for students in grades 4 and 5, which is greater than students in grades K-3. Our current limits are as

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follows: K-3 – ½ miles, 4-8 - 1 mile, and 9-12 – 1 ½ miles. The Board can reduce the number of walkers by about 86 students if mileage limits for grades 4 and 5 were changed to ½ mile, as is for grades K-3. The new limits, however, would need to be approved by the voters. A majority of the Board support budgeting for the mileage reduction for grades 4 & 5, which with our current numbers would mean the addition of 2 buses at \$141,000.

3. Board of Education Communication Protocol- The Board agreed that emails sent to the Board and not cc:ed to Dr. Giani would be forwarded to him for the follow-up. As per Board Policy #3230 “Complaints by citizens regarding any facet of the school operation often can be handled more satisfactorily by the administrative officer in charge of the unit closest to the source of the complaint. In most instances, therefore, complaints will be made to the Building Principal and/or his/her assistant if the matter cannot be resolved by the teacher, coach, or other school employee.” Once resolved, the Board requested to be notified of the outcome. If a Board member does respond to an email, all Board members would be cc:ed on the response.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Bellport Middle School Field Trip Application- Frost Valley
4. BHS New Course Proposal- Food Preparation & Nutrition
5. BHS New Course Proposal- Introduction to Law
6. BHS New Course Proposal- Shakespeare/Drama
7. BHS New Course Proposal- ENL/Home Language Literacy Support
8. BHS New Course Proposal- Advanced Placement Art History

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (DeVito / Stines) to approve personnel agenda items # H1 – H8:

1. Instructional New Appointments
2. Non-Instructional New Appointments
3. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Salary Schedule
5. Additional Work
6. Extra Duty Assignment
7. Responders & Guards
8. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Agreement with Town of Brookhaven- Salt and Sand
2. Items for Discard- Kreamer Street Elementary
3. Budget Transfer Request
4. Education Services Contract with Harmony Heights
5. Education Services Contract with Three Village Central School District
6. Designation of Lead Agency for State Environmental Quality Review Act
7. Adoption of Negative Declaration
8. Donation Resolution- Rempell Corporation, Alexander DeRosa
9. Stipulation of Student Settlement

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items)

No Comments.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- High School Holiday Sing Along scheduled for Friday, December 11th.
- LI Pre-K Initiative Workshop with Joy Connolly
- Update requested on Free & Reduced Lunch/Community Eligibility Option & a food quality survey
- Research requested for food service/contracts
- Update on new tablets requested
- Outdoor lighting at schools needs to be reviewed. Some areas are too dark, some lampposts are not working.
- Amount of security/chaperones assigned to district events needs to be reviewed.
- Town of Brookhaven Salutes- May 19, 2016

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Morales / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Cioffaletti

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District Clerk Pro-tem

Attachments