

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 058 FEBRUARY 10, 2016
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 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Regina Hunt
Lisa Di Santo	Julio Morales
Carol Herrmann	Chris Picini
Antoinette Huffine	Danielle Skelly
	Allison Stines

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to convene to executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Trustee 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 / Skelly) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of January 27, 2016.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Herrmann).

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

2. 2016-2017 South Country Library Vote

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a Special Meeting of the voters of the District to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for the purpose of considering and voting upon the adoption of the **South Country Library** budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and to elect three (3) Trustees of the South Country Library to fill three-year terms commencing May 19, 2016 and ending May 16, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is authorized to publish the “Notice of Special District Meeting” as provided for in Education Law 2004.

3. 2016-2017 Brookhaven Free Library Vote

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a Special Meeting of the voters of the District to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 for the purpose of considering and voting upon the adoption of the **Brookhaven Free Library** budget for the 2016-2017

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fiscal year and to elect one (1) Trustee of the Library to fill a five year term commencing May 17, 2016 and ending April 20, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is authorized to publish the “Notice of Special District Meeting” as provided for in Education Law 2004.

4. 2015-2016 Election Inspectors

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following persons to serve as Chief Election Inspector and Election Inspector for the 2015-2016 school year at the hourly rates set forth below:

Chief Election Inspector \$14.50 per hour

Alison Neumann

Election Inspectors \$12.50 per hour

Joan Blum

Patricia Bragoli

Joanne Colosa

Frances Cornacchiulo

Mary Dunbar

LaNel Kavander

Kathleen Kocher

Joyce Kinney

Kathleen Leone

Dawn Moore

Michael Risolo

Toni Risolo

Jimmie Webb

Nita Webb

Eileen White

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

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Superintendent’s Report

- Congratulations to Trustee Carol Herrmann, who was awarded the New York State School Board Association’s Board Excellence Award.
- Dr Giani sampled school lunch with students from Bellport Middle School last week and will be having lunch at the High School tomorrow. . Whitson’s will be scheduling parent / student meetings in April to get feedback on the school lunch program.
- As a result of using two snow days so far this winter, May 31st is now a school day. Should another snow day be used, May 27th will become a school day.
- The High School production of Legally Blonde has been moved to Thursday as a result of the snow day.
- The Middle School Valentine Dance has been rescheduled to Friday, 2/26/16.

2. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- Both the Middle School and High School plays were amazing and were among one of the best seen in a very long time.
- Thank you to Ms. Stiriz, Ms Pfister and Mr. Austin for their work with the Willy Wonka play at the Middle School.
- Request to open the High School Auditorium doors earlier for events / plays so as not to congest the lobby area, which could pose a fire hazard.
- Request to revisit alleviating traffic issues at Head of Neck Rd and the High School entrance.
- Both the High School and Brookhaven Elementary are having a Run4Fun on April 9th. Visit [Go to www.justregister.net](http://www.justregister.net) for registration information.
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E. Public Commentary (Agenda Items Only)

None.

F. Items for Discussion/Action

1. Budget Presentation: Tax Cap and Revenues

Dr. Giani discussed and answered questions on the tax cap and our revenues.

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

2. Capital Reserve Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Education of the South Country Central School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 17, 2016, and for said proposition to be included in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

Shall the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law to be known as the South Country 2016 Capital Reserve Fund for a probable term of eight (8) years in an ultimate amount of ten million (\$10,000,000) Dollars, whose purpose shall be to fund, in whole or in part, capital improvements to the facilities of the District, including but not limited to, reconstruction and renovation of current facilities, pavements and grounds, asbestos abatement, heating/ventilation, plumbing, masonry work, structural repairs and replacements of doors, windows, floors and roofs, site work, and other related work, with such funds to be obtained from end of year budget surplus funds and and/or other funds that may be legally appropriated; and the interest accrued on such funds over the term of the capital reserve fund.

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

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Resignations and Leaves of Absences
2. Non-Instructional New Assignments
3. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Additional Work
5. Salary Schedule & Position Changes
6. Extra Duties Assignment
7. Responders & Guards
8. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Consultant Services Contract- Miriam Flynn.

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

None.

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K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Happy that calls were made earlier for weather related school closings. Thank you to Dr. Giani.
- Regarding the snow removal issues near the Frank P. Long School, it was determined that sidewalk clearing is the homeowner's responsibility. Dr. Giani will ask the Town to do a wider clearing in the streets.
- Frank P Long walkers – mileage limits – transportation.
- Thank you to Kerry Carson and Laurie O'Hara.
- Question on article from OnBoard News re \$25 million grant pool.
- Suggestion to have facilitator present for future Board retreats.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

Nancy Poulos
District Clerk

Attachments