

**SPECIAL MEETING PAGE 096 JUNE 22, 2016
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at South Country Central School District Office, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Lisa Di Santo	Julio Morales
Carol Herrmann	Chris Picini
Antoinette Huffine (arrived 7:05 pm)	Danielle Skelly
Regina Hunt (arrived 7:05 pm)	Allison Stines.

Board Members Absent: Rocco DeVito

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, newly elected Trustees Cheryl A. Felice and Dr. Anthony Griffin and School Attorney John Sheahan.

Board President Chris Picini 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 school grounds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to convene to executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss employee harassment complaints and personnel matters.

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (DeVito, Huffine, Hunt).

Public session reconvened at 8:48 pm.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVALS

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

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of education approves non-disclosure agreements discussed in executive session and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements.

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (DeVito).

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

2. **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby appoints Joady Benjamin Feiner, Esq. to serve as special investigator regarding pending employee harassment complaints, as more fully discussed in executive session, at a rate of \$225.00 per hour, and to thereafter render a report of the findings of such investigations to the Board of Education.

Trustee Huffine stated for the record that the complaints should not be going forward because it is a burden to the tax payers and has no merit.

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Trustee Di Santo stated that it would be financially responsible to hire an individual that has a history in the District.

Trustee Skelly stated that the responsible thing to do is to follow the recommendation of Counsel.

Trustee Morales agreed with Trustee Di Santo's comment and stated that hiring someone with knowledge of the District will result in savings.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 3-No (Di Santo, Huffine, Morales), Absent (DeVito).

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Skelly / Herrmann) to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.:

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (DeVito).

Respectfully submitted,

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