

SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
189 No. Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:06 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board of Education President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:06 p.m. The meeting took place in the Boardroom of the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, New York. The Long Island Advance and South Shore Press were notified of this meeting. Notices were also sent to all school buildings and the local libraries.

Board of Education Members Present: President Gregory C. Miglino Jr.; Vice President Carl Moodt, Trustee Victor Correa, Trustee Toni Huffine, Trustee James Jankowski, Trustee Kevin Kirk, and Trustee Marian McKenna

Roll Call

Members Absent: Trustee Barbara Schatzman [absence due to family crisis]

Members Late: Trustee Victor Correa [7:12 p.m.]

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo; Accounting Supervisor Darlene Levi; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Richard Kollar, Director of Special Services Ann Marie Morreale, Bellport High School principal Nelson Briggs, Bellport Middle School principal Stanley Pelech; Brookhaven Primary School principal Lisa Greiner; Art Chair Suzette Emma-Fandale; Music Chair Tim Hogan; Physical Education Director John Frankie; Physical Education teacher Lori Klamut; BTA President Spencer Stickley; BTA Vice President Wayne White; CSEA President Pauli Tirelli; employees of FIRST Student Transportation, teachers, other staff members, guests and members of the community

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Richard Kollar led the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. COMMENDATIONS

Commendations

Board member Kevin Kirk acknowledges the following schools and students:

BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Nelson Briggs is proud to announce that 18 students from BHS participated in the American Mathematics Contest Exam [AMC] that was recently administered to high level math students. Sponsored by the University of Nebraska, the AMC exam helps to identify those few students having truly exceptional mathematics ability.

Katherine O'Connor, a BHS junior, scored 105.0 and has placed among the top 5% of students nationwide. Because of this achievement, Katherine has been nominated to

take the *American Invitational Mathematics Examination* scheduled for March 17, 2009.

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BELLPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Children's Program Scholarship Awarded to a 6th Grade Student

Pat Russo, Director of the Children's Program at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, has generously donated a scholarship to a 6th grade student. The scholarship allows the student to attend Saturday morning classes for middle school students at St. Joseph's during the spring 2009 semester. The scholarship has been donated to a very motivated young lady who can really benefit from this experience.

Competition at Brookhaven National Laboratory

Stan Pelech reports that on Saturday, March 7th, five students from BHS' Science Club competed in a two-part competition at Brookhaven National Laboratory. The team, represented by Sajid Hossain, Rebecca Nardulli, Billy Tunney, Mackenzie Moran, and Avery Samuel brought home a Second Place trophy in the *Fuel Oil Car Competition*. The trophy is on display in the main office.

Science Club Wins Potential Kinetic Energy Car Scrambler Event

On Saturday, February 28th fourteen Bellport students competed in the Science Olympiad:

Team: Wyatt Banninger and Jake Kramer

- placed 7th out of 44 participating teams for *Amphibians and Reptiles*, and
- received medals for placing 4th winning school in that event

Team: Olivia Gassner and Avery Samuel

- placed 9th out of 44 rivals for *Disease Detectives*

Team: Kyle McGlynn and Ajay Persuad

- placed 9th out 44 competing teams in *Fossils*

Team: Ashad Baber and Jesse Martinez

- extraordinary effort into *building* a very technical *Maglev Vehicle*

Team: Thomas Gassner

- built a working Robot
- Thomas Gassner and Ashad Baber placed 9th for the *RoboCross* event

Team: Mackenzie Moran and Avery Samuel

- figured out "Who Done It?" placing 9th out of 44 teams in the *Science Crime Buster* event

Team: Dakota Amodeo and Kyle McGlynn

- built a trajectory, and
- with their keen target-aiming skills, placed 15th out of 44 teams in the Competition

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to Sajid Hossain and Billy Tunney for building a “near perfect” potential/kinetic energy car for the Scrambler event, bringing home Bellport’s first ever, First Place medal in the Science Olympiad.

The team that was sponsored by grants from the Teachers’ Center, and South Country Education Foundation entered a total of fifteen different events.

BMS Math Team Results

In the Suffolk County final standings, with 109 eighth-grade teams in competition, our eighth-grade “A” team finalized in THIRD place.

In the Division 9 – made up of 11 teams:

Team Members: Sajid Hossain, Emily Hoff, Rebecca Nardulli, William Tunney, Christian Giannone, Connor Cipp, Andrew Mercogliano, and Christopher Kennedy

- the 7th grade team finished FIRST
- the 8th grade “A” team finished FIRST
- the 8th grade “B” team finished THIRD, and
- the 8th grade “C” team finished FIFTH

Congratulation to the teams and Mr. Stickley, as well as all the teachers who helped to prepare these students.

Student Invited to Participate in SCMEA:

For the Division II East [grades 7 and 8], Bellport Middle School student Liza O’Connor was named First Chair Violin and will be Concertmistress at the SCMEA concert to be held on March 15th at Southampton High School.

National Foreign Language Week

BMS celebrated National Foreign Language Week held on March 2nd through March 6th when sixth-grade students participated in a language workshop where they were introduced to French, Italian and Spanish languages. Seventh and Eighth-grade students participated by playing international jeopardy, listening to music from France, Italy and Spain and viewing international films. The week culminated with an international food day where students shared dishes from their diverse backgrounds. The week also stressed the importance of second language acquisition while heightening students’ awareness of other cultures, ethnic backgrounds and lifestyles.

KREAMER STREET SCHOOL

On February 4th, Kreamer’s Shared Decision Making Team sponsored its 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Approximately 140 parents and students turned out for the event. Parents attended international workshops while students were engaged in structured activities conducted by our teachers who were assisted by high school students from the Future Teachers of America, and Interact Clubs.

This year’s workshops were conducted by both teachers and parents. Seventeen staff members assisted that evening to make this event a huge success.

After the workshops, the school community assembled in the cafeteria for a Spaghetti Dinner. The homemade sauce was prepared by our own Tom Brienza!

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BROOKHAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

School principal Lisa Greiner would like to recognize the following students for demonstrating character at the Brookhaven Art Fair held on February 12th:

- Jessica Polins, and Paulina Salcedo-Watson performed a string duet.
- Kaitlyn Kendrick, Katherine O'Connor, and Remy Leelike performed a flute trio
- Justin Miller and Joe Piccininni performed a trumpet duo
- Jade Dougherty was in charge of photos
- Rebecca Lamuto supervised the exhibit
- Brittany LaValle, and Taylor Edwards coordinated the framing station

Principal Greiner also thanks the following staff members: Music teacher Henry Finnegan, Music Chair Tim Hogan, and Art Chair Suzette Fandale.

OTHER NEWS

The 4th Annual Math Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The South Country Art Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bellport Middle School.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Gregory Miglino spoke about his attendance at a showing of *Race Or Reason* at the Museum of Modern Art – an event in celebration of Black History Month; Mr. Miglino said “we have made great strides” and that the community has benefitted from the actions of those from the that era; “people from the 70s have paved the way for today.” also stated that Carl Moodt and Superintendent Walsh attended a function in Brookhaven honoring Black History Month.

Mr. Miglino reminded everyone about a community meeting scheduled for Friday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m., Bellport High School; said this meeting will address South Country’s issues including the Town of Brookhaven Landfill, Caithness Power Plant, Yaphank County Center and more.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public
Participation

Susan Roth: says she been a district resident for 25 years and a bus driver for 30 years; read a prepared statement to the Board of Education on behalf of the drivers, mechanics and aids of First Student Transportation in Brookhaven: “The bus bidding process is finished and First Student has done its part in greatly reducing the cost of transportation in the district. Now it is up to you, the Board of Education to make a choice that will greatly impact the lives of sixty five people, almost 70% of whom live in this district. More than half of us have served this district proudly for more than ten years. Some have been here more than thirty years and are driving second

generation children. We have a continued relationship with district staff and with many families of children in the district. We know the area and continue to give the high level of service expected and special attention needed to safely transport the children of the district. Our future is now in your hands. Please save our jobs. There is no guarantee that another bus company will hire all of us and the odds are that not even a small percentage will be hired. In these uncertain economic times we are scared to death of what dire future may be in store for us. We have homes, families, bills to pay and obligations as you do. We implore you to recognize the service we have given to this district for many, many years and hope you will make the choice to secure our employment here. Our lives, our future and our stability is in your hands.” Mrs. Roth also says, First Student is willing to negotiate the on-going contract.

Janet Kessler: says she is a bus driver and resident; was present at the first bidding process and that the dollars and cents were very close; says it seems as though the Board wants change; asked BOE members if First Student has not delivered.

Toni Huffine: Q re: whether Board members have seen the bids?

Gregory Miglino: in response, stated that the business department is analyzing the bids and will be bringing them forth next week.

Toni Huffine: spoke of an email message that was generating about whom should or should not have the job....

Carl Moodt: in response, says a Board member can say whatever he or she feels; also states that bids are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder

Toni Huffine: states that bids should be awarded to the most responsible bidder – not necessarily the one who bids lowest.

Gregory Miglino: says the end result is, the Board is here to do a job and that there is nothing before the Board this evening on which to render a decision; also says he has received telephone calls from the union and its members concerning this matter.

CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6. PRESENTATION

Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, Michael Buzzeo, presented 2009-2010 Budget overviews. Representing their respective departments were: Art Chair Suzette Emma-Fandale; Music Chair Tim Hogan; Physical Education Director John Frankie; and Special Services Director Ann Marie Morreale.

NOTE:

THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS PRESENTED THIS EVENING ARE FIRST DRAFTS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW. THESE NUMBERS DO NOT REPRESENT THE BUDGET THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC ON MAY 19TH.

ART - Detail of Planned Expenditures by School Buildings for :

Equipment and Supplies & Materials:

Studio In Art

Crafts

Drawing & Painting I, Drawing & Painting II, and Portfolio

Ceramics
Photography I, II, III, & IV
Sculpture
Computer Graphics

MUSIC - Detail of Planned Expenditures by Code for:

Memberships & Subscription	Contract Services	
Salary: Co-Curricular	Staff Supv. of Students	Equipment

ATHLETICS - Detail of Planned Expenditures by Code for:

Coaches; Salaries [Boys' Activities, Girls' Activities]		
Athletic Trainer	Chaperones	Equipment
Officials' Fees & Services	Contract Services	Registration-Travel
Supplies	Athletic Awards	

SPECIAL EDUCATION SVCS. - Detail of Planned Expenditures by Code for:

Salary: Teaching Assistants	Salary: Teachers' Aides [1:1 Aide]
Equipment	Equipment Repair
Contract Services	Legal Services
Tuition [Out of District]	Foster Tuition
Summer Tuition	Mileage/Travel
Textbooks	BOCES Tuition
BOCES Occupational Education	
Supplies [DW]	

Superintendent Walsh thanks the directors for their work with the budget preparation; assured everyone present that there had been no filtering and that the departments' needs and wants were presented here tonight.

Gregory Miglino: thanks Mike Buzzeo for the transparency of this year's proposed budget; said it is a pleasure to review this year's proposed drafts.

7. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

The Board has determined that the actions it will take with respect to all items appearing on the agenda are Type II actions under the SEQRA Regulations, 6 NYCRR 617.5, which have no significant impact on the environment.

A. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between Middle Country Central School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending a non-public school within the Middle Country Central School District during the 2008 – 2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)

On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Victor Correa, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board executes a *Health and Welfare Service*

**Execute
Contract with
Middle
Country SD**

Agreement between Middle Country Central School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending a non-public school within the Middle Country Central School District during the 2008 – 2009 school year.

- B. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District approves the sick bank structure for CSEA bargaining unit members.

Approve CSEA Sick Bank Structure

On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Victor Correa, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves the sick bank structure for CSEA bargaining unit members.

C. PERSONNEL

Approve Personnel Agenda Items

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Position Abolitions, Employment Appointments, Tenure Appointments, and Salary Changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Position Abolitions, Employment Appointments, Tenure Appointments, and Salary Changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment, moving items 1164, 1165, and 1167 to Executive Session for discussion.

8. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion: 2009-2010 School Calendar

A. 2009 – 2010 School Calendar

Superintendent Walsh states that staff is continuing work on the calendar; and still to be added is staff development and superintendent’s conference day; says that the Board will be receiving calendar updates in this Friday’s packet.

9. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Discussion: Items Not Listed on Agenda

Kevin Kirk: again raises the issue of having principals and department chairs report at Board meetings, on how schools are running.

Superintendent Walsh: says there are plans to phase into board meetings, these types of presentations.

Carl Moodt: voices concerns about auditors setting meetings without first consulting with the Board; spoke of members’ schedules being planned around

board meetings and other functions, including personal and school-related
Kevin Kirk: explains to Mr. Moodt, how the auditors arrived at the date to meet with the board.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (8:57p.m.)

Close Public
Session

BRIEF RECESS

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:20 p.m.)

Executive
Session

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Victor Correa, with, Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f) Personnel Matters.

11. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (11: 52 p.m.)

Close
Executive
Session

On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by Marian McKenna, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 11:52 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

12. APPROVE PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS

Approve
Personnel
Agenda Items

- a. Items 1164 [Head Custodian – Leave w/o Pay]; 1165 [Custodial Worker – leave w/o Pay]; 1167 [Permanent Substitute Teacher – for LOTE]:
 On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote* the Board approves Personnel Agenda item nos. 1164, 1165, and 1167 as stipulated above.

13. ADD ITEMS TO BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT AGENDA

- D. **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to law, notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election must be published four (4) times within the seven weeks preceding the date of the meeting and election, in two newspapers having “general circulation” with the first occurring 45 days before the date of the Annual Meeting and Election.

Approval:
Publishing of
Notice of
Annual District
Meeting
[School
Budget
Elections]

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legal notice will appear in Long Island Advance, and South Shore Press on the following dates: Thursday, April 2, 2009; Tuesday, April 14, 2009; Thursday, April 30, 2009; and Thursday, May 14, 2009.

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Resolution 14-D as stipulated above.

E. RESOLVED, that Board of Education hereby approves Board member Kevin Kirk to attend a two-hour NYSSBA Workshop on *School District Obligations Under the Open Meeting Law*, at the Nassau BOCES, Garden City, New York on Thursday, April 30, 2009. The cost for Mr. Kirk to attend this workshop is \$80.

Approval:
Kevin Kirk
To Attend
BOCES
Workshop

On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by James Jankowski, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Board member Kevin Kirk to attend a two-hour NYSSBA Workshop on *School District Obligations Under the Open Meeting Law*, at the Nassau BOCES, Garden City, New York on Thursday, April 30, 2009. The cost for Mr. Kirk to attend this workshop is \$80.

F. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation and awards Gatz Landscaping a contract in the amount of \$516,184 for new sod, bleachers and the installation of an 8-foot vinyl chain-link fence around the perimeter of the Bellport High School athletic field. This award is the outcome of Bid #2009-03 in which Gatz Landscaping was judged the lowest responsible bidder. (Budget Code: Capital Project)

Award
Contract to
Gatz
Landscaping

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board awards Gatz Landscaping a contract in the amount of \$516,184 as stipulated above.

G. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education retains Bellport attorney Lee Snead as Impartial Hearing Officer in the matter of an harassment case filed by "Employee A" against a member of the Board of Education.

Retain Lee
Snead as
Impartial
Hearing
Officer in
Harassment
Case...

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board of Education retains Bellport attorney Lee Snead as Impartial Hearing Officer in the matter of an harassment case filed by "Employee A" against a member of the Board of education.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Next meeting
Date

14. ADJOURNMENT (11:57 p.m.)

Adjournment

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Marian McKenna, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judeth DeGree

Judeth DeGree, District Clerk

Attachments:

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Personnel Agenda: 351 to 352