

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:15 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:15p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Victor Correa
Owen Durney
Kevin Kirk
Julio Morales (arrived 7:20 pm)
Rob Powell
Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

Board Members Absent: Lisa Di Santo Grossman, Marian McKenna, Jeannette Mistler.

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Assistant Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Alan Phillips, Building Services Administrator, Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, Principals Bernie Soete, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Sean Clark, Kathy Munisteri, Assistant Principal Lisa Zaccaro, BTA President Wayne White, School Attorneys Christopher Guercio and Douglas Spencer, other guests and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ronald Kinsella leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

2. COMMENDATIONS

Athletic Director Bob McIntyre, Coach Nelson and Coach Jennings, commended students Derek Palafox, Sheldon Derenoncourt, Travis Correa and Brandon Santana for their distinction as Suffolk County Champions and All-State for the 4 x 800 Meter Relay Team.

Commendations

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ronald Kinsella (resident): Thanked the Board for their work in paying tribute to those who served in the military and asked if something more permanent could be put in place.

Mary Mojallali (resident): Requested the Board research and reconsider the lunch opt-out policy for the High School.

Toni Huffine (resident): Requested Board form a Bond Committee and Budget Advisory Committee.

Public Participation

4. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Kirk / Durney) to approve the following:

A. Approval of Minutes- Workshop Meeting of August 3, 2011.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

Approval of Minutes

5. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Kirk / Durney) to approve the following:

A. Financial Matters – Treasurer’s Report for June, 2011

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

Approves Treasurer’s Report

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve the following:

B. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE) & Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE).

Approves CSE, SCSE & CPSE recommendations

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to approve the following:

- C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the shared services contracts with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2011/2012 school year at a total cost of \$9,097,363.84.

Approves Shared Services Contract ESBOCES

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Kirk / Durney) to approve the following:

- D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Health and Welfare Service Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year with Southampton Public Schools at the rate of \$1,124.15 per student.

Health / Welfare Services Agreement Southampton Public Schools

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the following:

- E. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the program known as Dancing Classrooms with the condition that the program operates at no cost to the District.

Approves Dancing Classrooms Program

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the following:

- G. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares that all members of the Bellport Teachers Association, the Bellport Teachers Association Affiliate and the Civil Service Employee Association, are eligible to serve as chaperones, subject to the most recent collective bargaining agreements and/or past practice.

Declares BTA, BTAA & CSEA eligible to serve as chaperones

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the following:

- H. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of John Albin & Louis Gambeski as the .3214 Hearing Officer at the rate of \$65.00 per hour effective September 6, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Approves John Albin & Louis Gambeski as Hearing Officers

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain (Powell), Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

PERSONNEL

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to approve the following, moving Agenda Items # 160 and 227 to Executive Session for discussion:

Approves Personnel Agenda – pulling Items # 160 & 227

- F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 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.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Second Reading- Policy 4420A- Class Size

Board President Correa read the following District Policy 4420A Class Size, and invited comments and discussion.

Second Reading
of Board Policy
4420A – Class
Size

CLASS SIZE

“Class size ratios, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, shall be reviewed by the Board of Education annually. The South Country Central School District recognizes the importance of having policies to govern many aspects of the district’s operation, such as providing appropriate class size for each learning situation. However, there will be times when enrollment changes, differences in the organization of various schools and the number and size of available classrooms will affect the number of students that must be assigned to a class.

It must be noted that strict uniformity in class sizes is not a goal; average class sizes in the South Country Central School District will vary by individual schools, grade levels, and subjects. In most cases, the District will make every effort to keep class sizes at educationally effective levels, taking into account the availability of qualified staff, facilities, funds and state requirements. Particular attention will be given to the composition of classes in terms of the age and abilities of the students, the subject matter to be taught, and any extenuating circumstance that, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education warrants special consideration.

Justification shall be provided for continuance of high school elective courses which have an enrollment of fewer than ten (10) students. Implicit in this policy is the intention to permit students to complete a sequence of study and allow for the scheduling of under-enrolled electives on alternate semesters or school years. This policy will provide for full utilization of staff and facilities.

Therefore, the following class size numbers should be used as a guide during the budget process as well as in the enrollment of new students into classes that are near or at the numbers listed below:

School Level	Grade Range	Rec. Minimum Number of Students Per Class
Elementary	K	16
	1-3	18
	4-5	20
Middle School	6-8	15
High School	9-12	
	AP Courses	8
	Regents	15
	General Ed.	18
	Electives	15

The South Country Central School District reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deviate from or waive the above guidelines in the best interest of the school system.

Further to the presumptive class size limits recited above, the School Board will monitor and respond to situational evidence to ensure that particular classes are appropriately- sized. If the District believes that a particular class is not functioning properly, any one of the following solutions may be recommended to the Superintendent for review and approval by the School Board:

1. Assign a teaching assistant to that particular class for part or all of the day.
2. Reassign students to other classes.
3. Open an additional class section at that grade or for that subject matter.
4. Use other practical solutions as may be deemed appropriate.

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The recommended class size limits are matters of general guidance rather than set limitations, and will in not any event apply to traditionally large group instruction or to experimental classes and classes involving new technological or other innovative pedagogical approaches”.

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the above Policy 4420A- Class Size as amended.

**Adopts
Policy 4420-A
Class Size**

**VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)
Resolution on Class Size Policy is duly adopted.**

7. INFORMATION

Information

Mrs. Linda Rozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, introduced Assistant Principal of South Haven School, Lisa Zaccaro, who gave a presentation on the Alternative Education Program at South Haven. Mrs. Rozzi then presented the year end results of the 3-8 NYS ELA and Math Assessments to the Board, outlining plans and goals for the upcoming school year.

8. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Board / Supt
Discussion Items**

- Feasibility of reinstating Budget Advisory and Bond Committees.
- Mandatory lunch at High School.
- Implementing after school test prep.
- Status on committee for APPR.
- Master schedule - lunch periods at High School.
- Test scores - District’s future goals.

A motion (Schatzman / Kirk) to convene to Executive Session at 9:30 pm for the purpose of personnel matters.

**Convene to
Executive Session**

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

Reconvene Public Session (10:35 pm).

**Reconvene Public
Session**

SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Durney/ Kirk) to approve the following:

I. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and awards contracts to the lowest responsible vendor as specified in Attachment “A” of Bid # 2011-02 opened on August 16, 2011.

**Awards bid as
specified in
Attachment A
Bid 2011-02**

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Kirk / Morales) to approve the following:

J. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts and awards contracts to Jason Crane Landscaping Inc, the lowest responsible contractor as specified in Attachment “Bid Tab” of Bid # 2011-03, opened on August 16, 2011.

**Awards Contract to
Jason Crane
Landscaping
Bid 2011-03**

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Schatzman / Morales) to approve the following:

K. RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a non-binding agreement, more formally discussed in Executive Session, with Shot Spotter, Inc., upon the reference of the Suffolk County Police Department for the placement of equipment at a District facility.

**Enters into
Agreement with
Shot Spotter, Inc.**

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler)

A motion (Kirk / Morales) to approve the following:

- L. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves an Early Complaint Resolution Agreement resolving OCR Case No. 02-11-1221 with respect to a complaint filed with the Office of Civil Rights by the parent of a student named in Executive Session and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the same on behalf of the entire Board.

**Approves
Agreement
resolving OCR
Case 02-11-1221**

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler).

PERSONNEL

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to approve Personnel Agenda Item # 227:

**Approves
Personnel Agenda
Item #227**

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler).

A motion (Schatzman / Kirk) to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourns

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, McKenna, Mistler).

Respectfully,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk

Attachments