

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School Auditorium, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Roll Call

Victor Correa	Marian McKenna
Owen Durney (<i>arrived at 8:21 pm</i>)	Jeannette Mistler (<i>present at 8:12 pm</i>)
Lisa Di Santo Grossman (<i>present at 8:12 pm</i>)	Julio Morales
Kevin Kirk	Rob Powell
	Barbara Schatzman

Others Present: Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard M. Koenig, Asst Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Asst Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Asst Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips, Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, School Attorneys Gregory Guercio, Christopher Guercio, other guests and members of the community.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

Business Administrator, Charles Delargy led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion (Schatzman / Morales) to convene to Executive Session at 7:01 pm to discuss a litigation matter:

Convene to Executive Session

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

Meeting reconvened at 8:12 pm.

Reconvene Public Session

Trustees Grossman and Mistler were present when the meeting reconvened.

Board President Correa announced the following candidates, who filed petitions to run for the three open seats for the Board of Education trustees:

BOE Candidates

Scott Augustine
Melissa Carson
Gino Cruz
Lisa DiSanto Grossman
Carol Herrmann
Chris Picini
Rob Powell
David Reich

3. 2012 – 2013 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Budget Presentation 2012-2013

Dr. Koenig presented a budget proposal for the Board's review and discussion. This was a collaborative effort with Central Administration, Principals and Department Chairs to provide for our students, the best possible programs with the least possible impact on our classrooms. Dr. Koenig mentioned that in the past couple of weeks, he has had an opportunity to observe what a great place South Country is and what potential it has. He noted that the community has gone through a lot of drama in the past couple of months and he urged all to move forward so that a

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budget may be presented that can provide the best possible program for our students within the constraints the State has placed on New York's public schools.

The tax cap levy legislation has created issues for all New York state school districts. The structure of the legislation allows the South Country School District to raise its tax levy with a maximum increase of 2.49% without having to secure a "super majority", or 60% of the voters voting to pass the budget. The budget presented tonight carries a dollar increase of \$879,097 over the 2011-2012 budget, which is a percentage increase of 0.77% or less than 1%. Dr. Koenig stated this was not an easy task and our Administrators have worked incredibly hard to prepare this budget. He further noted that this recommended budget is at the maximum tax levy increase.

Central Office Administrators then followed with presentations within their respective areas. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, presented the instructional areas, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Nelson Briggs, presented the non-instructional areas and Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, presented overall budgetary items. A question and answer period followed with the Board. Among the items discussed were:

- Class size.
- Staff cuts
 - Instructional v non-instructional
- Elimination of sports and clubs.
- Summer school
- South Haven School
- Guidance Department
- Autism Program.
- Enrichment at FPL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Anne Hayes (resident); Questioned effect of universal busing proposition on budget and suggested personnel cuts.

Antoinette Huffine (resident): Suggested cuts the Board should consider.

Public
Participation

6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Concerns for teacher cuts.
- Possibility of eliminating summer school and its impact on students

Board / Supt
Discussion
Items

A motion (Kirk / Morales) to convene to Executive Session at 10:26 pm to discuss a confidential personnel matter:

Convene to
Executive
Session

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

Meeting reconvened at 11:15 pm.

Return to
Public Session

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 pm:

Meeting
Adjourned

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

Respectfully,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk

Attachments