

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:24 p.m.)

Call to Order

Vice President Kevin Kirk called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:24 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY

Board of Education Members Present:

Roll Call

Owen Durney	Jeannette Mistler (<i>arrived at 6:30 pm</i>)
Lisa Di Santo Grossman (<i>arrived at 6:26 pm</i>)	Julio Morales (<i>arrived at 6:40 pm</i>)
Kevin Kirk	Rob Powell
Marian McKenna	Barbara Schatzman

Board Members Absent: Victor Correa.

Others Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard M. Koenig, Asst Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Asst Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Assistant Director, Theresa McGuire, Building Principals, Bernie Soete, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Kathleen Munisteri, School Attorneys Douglas Spencer and Christopher Guercio, other guests and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee McKenna led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

A motion (McKenna / Powell) to convene to Executive Session at 6:25 pm to discuss litigation strategy in the case of Fishman v. BOE et al, defense and indemnification on appeal and tenure recommendations for particular members of the instructional and administrative staff.

Convene to Executive Session

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 5-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Grossman, Mistler and Morales).

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Reconvene Public Session

2. COMMENDATIONS

The following students were congratulated and presented with certificates for their achievements in the 2012 National Latin Exam Awards.

Commendations

2012 National Latin Exam Award Recipients

Connor Cipp	Carly Caiazzo
Katheryn Martinez	Caitlyn Thompson
Byron Suarez	Kristina Foley
Lea McCray	Dylan Overton
James Mizvesky	Justin Hopper
Katharine Halliwell	Kayla Muniz
Brendan Bone	

3. REPORT FROM OFFICE OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & TECHNOLOGY

Report
Curriculum
Instruction &
Technology

South Country Education Foundation

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, acknowledged the members of the South Country Education Foundation for their generous donations and grants.

South Country Education Foundation Board of Directors

Mary Mojallali, *President*

Barbara D. Knowles, *Vice President*

Louise Miller, *Vice President*

Steve Montick, *Recording Secretary*

Diane Zanazzi, *Corresponding Secretary*

Frank Lento, *Treasurer*

Lilliam Di Giacomo, Donna Esp, Nancy Marr, Geoffrey Marschall,

Nicole May, Robin Young Roe, Dava Stravinsky

Europe Trip

Social Studies teacher Ellen Hoffman, spoke to the Board regarding reinstating the field trip to Europe. A proposal was presented for a trip to England and France using EF Tours. The Board will discuss this with Legal counsel in Executive Session.

4. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of
Minutes

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

A. Approval of minutes - Special Meeting of May2, 2012

B. Approval of minutes – Budget Hearing of May2, 2012

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

Vice President Kirk called a brief recess at 8:00 pm due to a security matter.

The meeting resumed at 8:27 pm.

5. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

Treasurer's
Report

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

A. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Treasurer's Report for April, 2012

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

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

B. RESOLUTION DELEGATING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, THE POWER TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AND TO SELL NOT EXCEEDING \$25,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED OR TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMENCING JULY 1, 2012.

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell not exceeding \$25,000,000 tax anticipation notes of the South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year of said School District commencing July 1, 2012, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Victor Correa	<i>Absent</i>
Owen Durney	Yes
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Yes
Kevin Kirk	Yes
Marian McKenna	Yes
Jeannette Mistler	Yes
Julio Morales	Yes
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	Yes

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

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

C. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250 to be deposited in the General Scholarship Fund of the school district.

**Donation to
General
Scholarship Fund**

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

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

D. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with Commack Union Free School District at the rate of \$796.12 per student.

**Agreement
Commack School
District**

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

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

E. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the president of the Board to execute contracts for the following services:

DISTRICT	SERVICE	ANTICIPATED REVENUE
Port Jefferson	Vision	\$ 25,153.33
Sayville	Vision	\$ 326.67
Three Village	Vision	\$ 33,687.50
TOTAL		\$ 59,167.50

Vision Services –
Port Jefferson,
Sayville & Three
Village

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

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

F. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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).

CSE, SCSE, CPSE

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

PERSONNEL

A motion (Durney / Morales) to approve the following personnel changes, removing item # 1135 and moving item # 1139 to Executive Session for discussion:

Personnel Items

G. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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. 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa).

Agenda Addendum Item 5H was moved to Executive Session for discussion.

6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board / Supt
Discussion Items

- South Country Education Foundation 2012 Spring Grants
- School Budget Vote
 - Impressive turnout – passed by 66.2%
 - Thanks to community for passing.
 - Congratulations to candidates.
 - Smooth process - well organized.
 - Suggestions for next year’s budget process.
- Thanks to staff at Kreamer Street for great concert.
- Bellport Middle School Community Service Day.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public
Participation

Sean Clark (Principal): Commented on 3rd grade student testing.
Wayne White (BTA President): Commented on budget vote and assisting the Kinard family.

Toni Huffine (resident): Commented on budget vote.

Leslie O'Connor (resident): Commented on Open Meeting Law.

Anthony Alongi: Commented on a bond matter involving his company, Arcon Electric.

James Merrill (resident): Commented on hiring practice.

A motion (Morales / Durney) to convene to Executive Session at 9:30 pm to discuss a tenure matter, Arcon Electric and Dr. Koenig's replacement.

**Convene to
Executive
Session**

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

The meeting reconvened at 11:47 pm.

**Reconvene Public
Session**

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

5H. WHEREAS, the Board of Education is advised Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Howard Koenig will be out of the Country and otherwise inaccessible for the period beginning May 17, 2012 and ending June 3, 2012;

**Appoint Alan
Phillips Acting
Superintendent**

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Board of Education to appoint an individual to act in Dr. Koenig's stead during this period who shall possess all duties and responsibilities commensurate with said position as provided by law;

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Alan Phillips as Acting Superintendent of Schools for the term beginning May 17, 2012 and ending either upon Dr. Koenig's return or June 3, 2012, whichever is earlier.

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

A motion (Morales / Schatzman) to approve Personnel Agenda Item # 1139:

**Approve
Personnel
Agenda Item
#1139**

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 3-No (Grossman, Mistler, Powell), Absent (Correa).

A motion (Morales/Durney) to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 pm:

**Meeting
Adjourned**

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

Respectfully,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk

Attachments