

**WORKSHOP MEETING PAGE 044 DECEMBER 4, 2013**  
**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Chris Picini called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:37 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa (*arrived 6:38 pm*)

Lisa Di Santo Grossman

Carol Herrmann

Jeannette Mistler

Julio Morales

Chris Picini

Rob Powell

Barbara Schatzman (*arrived 7:21 pm*)

Board of Education Members Absent: Rocco DeVito, Vanessa Vaughan, *Student Ex-Officio Member*

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Travis Davey.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to enter Executive Session at 6:38 pm to discuss the suspension of an employee and capital project legal negotiations.**

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, DeVito, Schatzman).

Executive session ended at 6:55 pm, followed by a brief recess, with public session reconvening at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Grossman led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE / SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board President Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency and reminded all present that the South Country School District is a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

**C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVALS**

**A motion (Herrmann /Mistler) to approve the following:**

1. Minutes of BOE Business Meeting November 20, 2013.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 7 -Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (DeVito).

**D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Members reported the following:

- Thanks to Kreamer Street Elementary staff and students for their donation of over 150 toys to the Lighthouse Mission toy drive, as well as winter coats for the coat drive.
- Trustee Schatzman reported that the Health and Safety Committee has been working on the District Level Safety Plan, "Project Save".

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**E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

None.

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A motion (Morales / Herrmann) to approve the following:**

1. Correspondence in support of Western Suffolk BOCES & Suffolk County School Superintendent's Association (SCSSA) Letters to Governor Cuomo and Commissioner King.

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

2. Dr. Giani and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Charles Delargy, gave a presentation on "Review of the Budget Process & Long-Term Planning/Reserves", followed by discussion with the Board.

**G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**A motion (Correa / Powell) to approve the following Curriculum and Instruction Items:**

1. CSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

**H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

*No action.*

Trustee Mistler left the room at approximately 8:17 pm .

**I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS**

**A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to approve the following Business Items:**

1. **Katelyn Kokis Scholarship Fund**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the South County Central School District has the authority to hold in trust for the purpose of awarding scholarships, a gift or grant of whatever kind given to the Board and to apply the funds according to the instructions of the donor pursuant to subdivision 12(a) of Section 1709 of the Education Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kokis Family has offered to fund the Katelyn Kokis Scholarship Fund (In memory of Katelyn Kokis) a college scholarship for a student of the District;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$3885.00 dollars from the following:

- The Kokis Family
- Lorraine Ouellette
- Galasso Family
- Rosalie & Jim Baylous
- Bellport High School Guidance Department
- Anthony Tubbs
- Anna Lou Fletcher
- Mary Schultz
- Daniel & Nancy Wood
- Mark Baisch
- Janet & John Bachmore

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to be awarded under the following terms and conditions:

- Senior Female Student
- Four (4) year participant in District soccer program
- Highest GPA of all students who meet the previous qualifications

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the donors and accepts said gift with appreciation for the expression of care and concern for District youth and on behalf of the student-recipient(s) who will directly benefit from the scholarship.

**2. Retroactive Re-Assessment of Property/Sandy**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 424 of the Laws of New York, 2013, (“the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act”), allows the District to provide tax assessment relief to certain of its property owners affected by Superstorm Sandy, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the victims of Superstorm Sandy, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act,

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that those whose buildings and other property improvements in the District that are found to have lost 10% or more of their value due to Superstorm Sandy will be eligible for relief pursuant to the Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried unanimously. 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (DeVito, Mistler).*

**J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

*None.*

**K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

*None.*

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Herrmann / Correa ) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.**

**VOTE:** *Motion carried unanimously. 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (DeVito, Mistler).*

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

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District Clerk

Attachments