

WORKSHOP MEETING PAGE 057 FEBRUARY 12, 2014
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 7:09 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY .

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa (<i>arrived approximately 7:33 pm</i>)	Jeannette Mistler (<i>arrived approximately 7:15 pm</i>)
Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Barbara Schatzman
Carol Herrmann	

Board Members Absent: Julio Morales, Rob Powell, Vanessa Vaughan, *Student Ex-Officio*.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, and Stefanie Rucinski.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 7:10 pm to discuss capital project legal negotiations, an early complaint resolution agreement and a student suspension appeal.

VOTE: *Motion carried unanimously.* 5-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Mistler, Morales, Powell).

Public session reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Mistler 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 DeVito) to approve the following:

1. Minutes of Special BOE Meeting of January 29, 2014.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Correa, Schatzman), Absent (Morales, Powell).

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- The Suffolk County Police Dept. will be holding a “Shooter Drill” at Bellport High School on Saturday, February 22nd.
- The PTA Council together with the District, will be holding their second Parent University at Bellport Middle School on March 5th, 6:30 pm. More information will be forthcoming.
- Mrs. Evers’ presentation originally scheduled for tonight has been moved to the 3/26 Board meeting.

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Board Members

- Congratulations to the staff and students of Bellport Middle School for their wonderful production. Special thanks to Sean Austin. The play was very well received by our veterans as well.
- Brookhaven Elementary School 3rd Grade Choral performance was outstanding. Special thanks to Music Teacher Mr. Henry Finnegan.
- Congratulations to Mr. Connor Cipp, selected as Class A Scholar Athlete of the Year. This is an outstanding achievement and this is the first time anyone from South Country has been selected.
- The Longwood Legislative Breakfast focused on the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The community is encouraged to join in the movement to help eliminate the GEA.

Commendations

1. Eagle Scout Award Recipients

Bellport High School students, Satchel Johnson and Thomas LeRoux were acknowledged by Principal Tim Hogan for their accomplishments and presented with certificates.

2. Frank P. Long St. Baldrick's Participants

Principal Stefanie Rucinski introduced teachers, Joseph Tortora and Donna Warshaw, who together with the following students from Frank P. Long Intermediate School, shaved their heads to raise money for the St Baldrick's Foundation for Childhood Cancers. Mr. Tortora created a video of the event, which was presented to the audience.

David Carlson	Thomas Johnston
Jake D'Esposito	Jack Marshall
Hampton Edwards	Mitchell Mordente
William Gomez	Justin Renfroe
Thomas Graziano	Philip Trowbridge
Matt Hirschkind	Chris Ulloa

3. Music Awards

Music Department Chairman, Mr. Jim Uzzi, acknowledged the following music students for their achievements and participation in the following events:

a. SCMEA Division I Music Festival Participants

DIVISION I BAND

Victoria Banks	Oboe
Katherine Gaynor	Flute
Jackson Hill	Snare Drum
Timothy Montick	Trumpet
Anthony Notartomaso	Baritone
Alexis Spence	Flute
Sarah Valenzuela	Flute
Katherine Vignona	Trumpet

DIVISION I ORCHESTRA

Jack Armann	Violin
Kayzjah Charles	Double Bass
Noah Margolin	Double Bass
Christopher Nerris	Violin
Luca Scharpf	Double Bass
Carter Vanderkiefert	Double Bass

DIVISION I CHORUS

Erin Boehmke	Children's Voice
Melody Boogertman	Children's Voice
Nya Curry Silver	Children's Voice
Bobby DeSantis	Children's Voice

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Evan Murphy	Children's Voice
Kanya Shah	Children's Voice
Jeremy Ynoa	Children's Voice

b. SCMEA Division II Music Festival Participants

DIVISION II BAND

Emily Caruso	Bp Clarinet
Marielle Jankowski	Bp Clarinet
Mackenzie Leidig	Bp Clarinet
Lauren Sweeney	Bp Clarinet
Tyler Zapata	Trumpet

DIVISION II CHORUS

Tyler Brock	Baritone
Mia Grossman	Alto
Gionnah Hicks	Alto
Maya McCullough	Alto

DIVISION II ORCHESTRA

Grace Armann	Violin
Emily Cafarella	Violin
Daniel Roach	Viola
Sarah Vaccaro	Viola

c. SCMEA Division III Music Festival Participants

DIVISION III BAND

Edward Adler	Bp Clarinet
Brian Foley	Trumpet
Rachel Milia	French Horn
Laurel Zimlinghaus	Bp Clarinet

DIVISION III CHORUS

Gino Cruz	Tenor
Deanna DiMartino	Alto

DIVISION III ORCHESTRA

Ashley Berrell	Trombone
Carissa Erickson	Viola
Natalie Maida	Viola
Justin Roundtree	Trumpet
Lili Salcedo-Watson	Cello

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d. 2013 High School All-County Music Festival Participants

ALL-COUNTY MIXED CHORUS

Gina-Marie Falk	Soprano
Kaitlin LaGrega	Alto
Victoria Lamoureux-	Soprano

ALL-COUNTY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Madeline Mojallali	<i>Cello</i>
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e. 2014 Long Island String Festival Participants

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION (10-12)

Brendon Bone	Violin
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JUNIOR DIVISION (8-9)

Elizabeth Neysen	Violin
Lili Salcedo-Watson	Cello

MIDDLES SCHOOL DIVISION (6-7)

Grace Armann	Violin
Benjamin Margolin	Double Bass
Daniel Roach	Viola

ELEMENTARY DIVISION (5)

Jack Armann	Violin
Noah Margolin	Bass

4. Board Achievement Award

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Joseph Giani, presented Board of Education President, Chris Picini, with a Board Achievement Award from the New York State School Boards Association.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **Budget Presentation – Tax Levy Cap. Expense & Revenue Projection, Review of 9000 Codes**

Assistant Superintendent of Business, Charles Delargy, gave a presentation on the tax levy cap, expense and revenue projection and a review of the 9000 codes in a budget.

2. **Real Property Tax Law § 458-a**

Mr. Delargy gave an explanation of the Real Property Tax Law exemptions options, also known as the Veterans exemption. The Board consented to hold a public hearing on the matter, which will be held on February 26, 2014, at the South Haven School, immediately followed by the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following items, # 1 through 5:

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. District Comprehensive Improvement Plan
4. School Comprehensive Education Plan
5. Student Suspension Appeal

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the request concerning Student “A”;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has duly deliberated concerning the request and considered the arguments raised by the appellant parent of Student “A”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby grants the appeal of the parent of Student “A” and directs that the Student’s record be expunged of any reference to said suspension, and further directs that the District Clerk notify the student of this determination.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

No Action.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following Business Items # 1 & 2:

1. Service Agreement with BOCES for Xerox Copiers.
2. Early Complaint Resolution Agreement- OCR Case No. 02-13-1348
RESOLVED, The Board of Education hereby approves a resolution agreement in connection with a complaint filed with the Office for Civil Rights under Case No. 02-13-1348 and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

A motion (Herrmann / Mistler) to approve the following Business Item #3:

3. Authorization of Settlement- Index numbers 06437/11, 21231/11 & 21232/11
RESOLVED, The Board of Education authorizes the settlement of index numbers 06437/11, 21231/11 and 21232/11 in the total amount not to exceed \$1,463,500 and further authorizes the Board President to execute the appropriate documents to effectuate the settlement, including a release contingent upon execution of a Stipulation of Discontinuance and General Release by all parties to the litigation.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 5-Yes, 2-No (Correa, Schatzman), Absent (Morales, Powell).

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Resident Antoinette Huffine commented.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Assemblyman Hennessey introduced legislation (A.8720) to eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) rate for 2014-15 and thereafter and provide school districts with the full amount of aid generated by all existing budget funding formulas. Check to see if comparable bill in the Senate.

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- Suggestions were made for going “green” and reducing amount of paperwork
 - Scan supporting documents and articles for Board updates.
 - New website will have special area for Board log-ons.
- Overwhelming support for eliminating the GEA.
- Request for what hiring process is on future agendas.
- Standard operating procedures for communications. When teachers go out on leave and a sub is coming in, parents should know.
- Community support is needed for letter writing campaign to eliminate GEA. These are destructive government policies for Long Island Districts.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments