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SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Chris Picini called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:52 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo Grossman

Carol Herrmann

Jeannette Mistler

Julio Morales

Chris Picini

Rob Powell

Barbara Schatzman

Vanessa Vaughan, *Student Ex-Officio*.

Board Members Absent: Victor Correa.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Bob McIntyre, Dr. Vicki Mingin, Kerri Carson, Sean Clark, Travis Davey, School Attorneys, Christopher Guercio, Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 6:52 pm to discuss the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent and capital project legal negotiations.

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

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 (DeVito / Mistler) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Workshop meeting of February 12, 2014

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Morales, Powell), Absent (Correa).

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

2. Claims Report- November and December, 2013

3. Board of Education Conference Approval

RESOLVED, in accordance with established District regulations and policy, the Board of Education hereby approves Trustee Chris Picini to attend the NYSSBA Capital Conference, March 9 to March 10, 2014 in Albany, NY, with payment for travel, meals and lodging expenditures not to exceed \$900.

4. Treasurer's Report- January, 2014

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

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D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- The PTA Parent University Workshop on Concussion Management will be held March 5th at the Bellport Middle School, 6:30 pm.
- Due to four snow days being used, the District calendar will need to be adjusted, which may affect the spring recess. A letter will be going out next week.
- Our new District website will be launched tomorrow. All are encouraged to use the Suggestion box for feedback and comments.

Board of Education

- Congratulations to the Frank P. Long School for the successful “Little Doctors Blood Drive”.
- Thanks to Bellport HS, Social Studies Department and Administration for the wonderful African American History Month Panel Discussion.
- Volunteers are needed for the High School Blood Drive on March 6th.
- A Districtwide food drive is being held.
- The SCPD Active Shooter Drill at our High School went very well and was well attended.

Student Recognition

- Athletic Director, Robert McIntyre, acknowledged Bellport HS student, Connor Cipp, who received the NY State High School Football Coaches Association Class A Scholar Athlete of the Year Award, in recognition of his athletic prowess and outstanding academic record.
- Art Chairperson, Suzette Fandale, acknowledged students Casey Leach, Dakota Haraden and Jovanna Briscoe, winners at the Suffolk County Art Leaders Association All County / Scholarship Show. Students Kathryn Martinez and Alyssa Cordaro were also recognized for their awards at the Parrish Art Museum’s Annual High School Show.

Item #I-9 from the Business Board Consent Agenda, was presented for a vote at this time:

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS (ITEM #I-9)

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

9. Real Property Tax Law 458-a

a. Subdivision 2, Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)

WHEREAS, Chapter 518, section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), subparagraph (i), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are veterans, as defined by section 458-a, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the veterans of our District, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c),

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).

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b. Subdivision 7, Paragraph (b)

WHEREAS, paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York allows the District to provide tax exemptions to "Gold Star Parents," as defined by section 458-a, who are owners of qualified real property in the District and such property is the primary residence of such Gold Star Parent, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Gold Star Parents residing in our District, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions afforded to "Gold Star Parents" of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 7, paragraph (b),

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b).

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (DeVito, Grossman), Absent (Correa).

A brief recess was called at 7:55 pm, to permit parents and students to leave. The meeting reconvened at 7:59pm.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. A Budget Presentation on the South Haven Program and Career & Technical Education was given by Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Margaret Evers, followed by discussion with the Board.
2. First Reading of Policy #3180 - Naming of School Facilities, Signage and Memorials/Public Dedication, as drafted by the Strategic Planning Committee. The second reading will be presented at the March 26th Board meeting.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following items:

1. CSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Vatea/Perkins Grant Field Trips.

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Herrmann / Mistler) to approve the following personnel item # H5.23 as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

5. Additional Work, #5.23

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

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following personnel items # H1 through H4, and H6 through H7, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Leave of Absence
2. Salary Change/Adjustments Schedules
3. Tenure Recommendations

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4. Non-Instructional New Appointments
6. Extra Duty Assignments
7. Substitutes

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

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following personnel items # H5.1 through H5.22 and H5.24 through H5.41, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

5. Additional Work, #H5.1 – H5.22 and H5.24 – H5.41

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

Dr. Giani congratulated Mr. John Bishop, who was granted tenure tonight.

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Powell / Mistler) to approve the following Business Items, # I 1-8 and I-10:

1. Service Provider Contracts for Federal Part B flow-through allocations

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a Contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with the following service providers that provide the District with special education services:

- a. Alternatives for Children
 - b. New York Therapy
 - c. Cleary School For The Deaf
 - d. Developmental Disabilities, Inc.
 - e. Just Kids Preschool
 - f. Building Blocks
 - g. Leeway
 - h. Julia D. Andrus Memorial, Inc.
 - i. Metro Therapy, Inc.
 - j. New Interdisciplinary School
 - k. NYSARC, INC.
 - l. Suffolk County (RSO)
 - m. United Cerebral Palsy
 - n. Kids First (RSO)
 - o. School for Language & Communication
2. Cross Contract with Nassau BOCES
 3. Education Services Contracts
 - a. Our Lady of Peace Academy at Montfort Therapeutic Residence
 - b. West Islip Union Free School District
 4. Donation of \$250 towards the Marilyn Portmann Memorial Scholarship
 5. Donation of \$1000 to the Softball Team due to the volunteerism efforts of Denise Foley
 6. Donation of \$250 towards the Munistat Services Scholarship
 7. Follett Book buy- back program check for \$241.80
 8. Health Service Contracts
 - a. East Islip Union Free School District
 - b. Riverhead Central School District
 10. Items for Discard- Frank P. Long

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

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J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Resident Toni Huffine commented.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Thanks and appreciation to Denise Foley, Munistat Services and Susan Firneisz for their scholarship donations.
- Thanks to Nelson Briggs for his work in securing the STLE-3 grant

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Mistler / Herrmann) to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments