

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING PAGE 076 APRIL 2, 2014**  
**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Chris Picini called a Budget Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa	Jeannette Mistler ( <i>arrived 7:09 pm</i> )
Rocco DeVito	Julio Morales
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Chris Picini
Carol Herrmann	Barbara Schatzman

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

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, BTA President Wayne White, BTAA President Debbie Jones, CSEA President Jorge Jimenez.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Picini 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. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

BUDGET PRESENTATION

A presentation on the proposed budget was given by Dr. Giani and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Charles Delargy. Our financial challenges, reserve history and projections, proposed reductions and other considerations to reduce expenses were discussed with the Board.

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

Residents Spencer Stickley, Anne Hayes, BTAA President Debbie Jones, BTA President Wayne White, and BTA officers Patrick Brady and Teri Palermo commented.

**E. BOARD DISCUSSION**

A lengthy discussion on the budget ensued, with trustees expressing their concerns about class size and instructional staffing, and the health of our current reserves and fund balance. Administration was directed to update the proposed budget to include excessed instructional positions, thereby decreasing class sizes at the elementary level.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Morales / Herrmann ) to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

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District Clerk

Attachments