

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 080 APRIL 23, 2014
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 6:40 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 6:42 pm</i>)	Julio Morales
Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Rob Powell
Carol Herrmann	Barbara Schatzman
Jeannette Mistler (<i>arrived 7:00 pm</i>)	Vanessa Vaughan, <i>Student Ex-Officio</i> .

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Kerry Carson, Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Travis Davey, BTA President Wayne White, CSEA President Jorge Jimenez, BTAA President Debbie Jones, School Attorneys, Gregory Guercio, Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 6:41 pm to discuss a property encroachment issue, a student suspension appeal and legal matters pertaining to contract matters, transportation and personnel.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee DeVito 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 / Powell) to approve the following:

1. Minutes - Workshop meeting of April 9, 2014

VOTE: *Motion carried unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

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

2. Treasurer's Report- March, 2014

VOTE: *Motion carried unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

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

3. ES BOCES Board Election

RESOLVED, the Board of Education casts one vote for each of the following Eastern Suffolk BOCES candidates (*5 vacant seats / 5 candidates*):

Walter Denzler (Three Village School District)
Susan Lipman (West Islip School District)
Anne Mackesey (Sag Harbor School District)

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William Miller (Longwood School District)
Catherine Romano (Islip School District)

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Schatzman).

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

4. ES BOCES Administrative Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Education casts one vote to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES 2014-2015 Administrative budget.

VOTE: *Motion carried unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

Board President Picini called for a motion to accept the following voter submitted petition for Universal Busing. Receiving none, NO ACTION was taken.

5. Universal Busing Petition

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts, as amended, the petition requesting the placement of a voter proposition regarding universal busing on the ballot for the District's May 20, 2014, Annual Meeting, as follows:

“Shall the Board of Education provide busing to all students in grades Kindergarten through 12, regardless of the distance between their residence and the school they legally attend within the District, at an estimated cost of \$564,636.24, and that the necessary amount therefore be raised by a levy upon the taxable property of the South Country Central School District at an estimated tax increase of \$1.0225 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.”

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

6. Transportation Contract Renewal – 3 Years

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Morales).

A motion (DeVito / Correa) to approve the following:

7. Student Suspension Appeal

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is in receipt of an appeal from a proceeding held pursuant to Education Law §3214 regarding Student “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the record of said disciplinary proceeding and duly deliberated and considered the arguments raised by the Parent of Student “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised of the existence of evidence that was unavailable at the time of said proceeding and that may have affected the outcome of the same

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby denies the Parent's appeal and remands the matter to the Superintendent of Schools and directs that a new hearing be conducted with respect to Student “A”.

VOTE: *Motion carried unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

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D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- A NYSED Review team has been visiting our District this week as part of the state’s review of our High School and District. Dr. Giani advised he will be sharing the results with the Board once completed.
- Thank you to the HS PTSA, Chrisanne Schwartz and staff for the 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the High School. It was a huge success, with over 400 kids attending.
- “Bellport’s Finest” Ceremony at the High School was an impressive event, recognizing our Valedictorian, Katrina Lastra, Salutarian, Tori Carlo and Essayist, Connor Cipp. Congratulations to all.

Board of Education

- The five candidates for the Board of Education Trustee seats, Antoinette Huffine, Regina Hunt, Jeannette Mistler, Danielle Skelly and Allison Stines, were announced.
- A suggestion was made to look into ways to alleviate traffic issues on Beaver Dam and South Country Road during the morning drop off at the High School.
- The Board is proud to congratulate our top students in the Senior Class, honored at “Bellport’s Finest” Ceremony.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Teaching Assistant Greta Kiss, and residents Carin Ceballos, Anne Hayes, Owen Durney and Anthony Griffin spoke.

Trustee Mistler left the meeting at approximately 9:00 pm.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Budget Presentation and Adoption

Dr. Giani presented the proposed budget for the Board’s consideration, followed by discussion with the Board.

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts an expenditure appropriation of \$122,033,676 to operate the schools for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and presents such appropriation to the district residents for approval on May 20, 2014.

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

Victor Correa	Yes
Rocco DeVito	Yes
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	No
Carol Herrmann	Yes
Jeanette Mistler	<i>Absent</i>
Julio Morales	No
Chris Picini	Yes
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	No

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

Trustee Schatzman left the room.

A motion (DeVito / Powell) to approve the following item:

2. 2014-2015 CSEA School Year Calendar

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

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G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE / SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Powell / DeVito) to approve the following personnel items, # H2, H3, H5, H6 and H7, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

2. Non-Instructional New Appointments
3. Tenure Date Adjustment
5. Extra Duty Assignment
6. Salary Schedule Changes / Adjustments
7. Substitutes

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

A motion (DeVito / Correa) to approve the following personnel items # H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, and H1.5, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Terminations/Leave of Absence/ Return from Leave of Absence

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

A motion (Correa / DeVito) to approve the following personnel item # H1.4, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Terminations/Leave of Absence/ Return from Leave of Absence

VOTE: *Motion FAILS.* 3-Yes (Correa, Morales, Powell), 4-No (DeVito, Grossman, Herrmann, Picini), Absent (Mistler, Schatzman).

A motion (DeVito / Correa) to approve the following personnel item # H4.1 to H 4.11 and H4.13 to H4.33 as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

4. Additional Work.

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

Trustee Schatzman returned to the meeting.

A motion (DeVito / Powell) to approve the following personnel item # H4.12, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

4. Additional Work.

VOTE: *Motion FAILS.* 2-Yes (Picini, Powell) 3-No (DeVito, Grossman, Herrmann), 3-Abstain (Correa, Morales, Schatzman), Absent (Mistler).

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Powell / Correa) to approve the following Business Items, # I-1 to I-8.:

1. Independent Audit Services Bid Award- Cullen & Danowski, LLP
2. Whitsons Culinary Group Agreement
3. Scholarships Establishment:
 - a. Lifetouch
 - b. Joseph C. Melo Memorial Scholarship
 - c. John C. Herrera Scholarship
4. Health Services Contracts:
 - a. Sachem Central School District
 - b. Center Moriches Union Free School District
 - c. South Huntington Union Free School District
 - d. Hicksville Public Schools
 - e. Hauppauge Public Schools
5. Consultant Services Contract- Reach for the Stars Tutoring, Inc.
6. Education Services Contract- Riverhead Central School District
7. Staffing agreement- Home Care Therapies LLC / dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing
8. Budget Transfer Request

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

BTA President Wayne White, and residents Janet Kessler, Toni Huffine and Reggie Seltzer commented.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Thanks to John Frankie and Lifetouch for their scholarship donations.
- Trustee Morales did not recall how he voted for personnel item #H1.4 and wanted it noted for the record that he wanted to vote “yes”. Trustee Schatzman also stated she would have voted “yes” had she been present for the vote.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (DeVito / Powell) to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments