

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 088 MAY 21, 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 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 29714 Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa	Julio Morales ( <i>arrived 6:43 pm</i> )
Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Rob Powell
Carol Herrmann	Barbara Schatzman ( <i>arrived 6:38 pm</i> )
Jeannette Mistler ( <i>arrived 6:40 pm</i> )	Vanessa Vaughan, <i>Student Ex-Officio</i> .

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Robert McIntyre, Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, School Attorney, Douglas Spencer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 6:36 pm to discuss a request from a former employee, an update regarding an investigation at a school building, a 3020a case, Part 83 investigation and the Superintendent's evaluation.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Mistler, Morales, Schatzman).

Public session reconvened at 7:50 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 (Correa / DeVito) to approve the following:**

1. Minutes - Workshop meeting of April 23, 2014

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

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

2. Minutes – Budget Hearing of May 7, 2014

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Correa, Schatzman).

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

3. Treasurer's Report- April, 2014
4. Claims Report- February, 2014
5. NYSSBA's Area 12 Director Election

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

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### A motion (Morales / DeVito) to approve the following:

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby accepts the determination and penalty of the Hearing Officer in connection with a proceeding brought pursuant to Section 3020-a of the Education Law under SED File #14,616.

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

### D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Dr. Giani

- The 2014-2015 budget passed overwhelmingly by 71%. Thanks and gratitude to the community for their support.
- Thanks to Officer Acevedo and the SCPD for hosting a Basketball Clinic at Frank P. Long School.
- Congratulations to our Middle School and High School athletes who participated in the Special Olympics Spring Games held at Southampton. They will be honored at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

#### Board of Education

- Congratulations to Antoinette Huffine, Danielle Skelly and Allison Stines, who were elected as trustees to the Board of Education.
- Thanks to all who voted and supported the budget. Thanks to the Superintendent, his Cabinet, Administration and all District staff involved in putting it all together.
- Special thanks and appreciation to our departing Board members for their service to the community.
- Thanks to Mr. Finnegan and Mrs. Stiriz for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Choral Performances at both Brookhaven and Kreamer St Elementary Schools. They are a wonderful example of our music program.
- The FPL Author and Illustrator Night was inspiring, with a wide array of genre and niches.
- Thanks to Mr. Ginty, and the Middle School Art Dept. for the wonderful Art Display at the Middle School yesterday .
- The High School held a blood drive and is now less than 20 pints away from the 5,000 pt goal.
- The Exit Poll done by the AP Government students at the Budget Vote was a great success. The poll was more in-depth and received great feedback from the voters. The students will be sharing the results with the Board once they're complete.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair Winners

Science Chair Kimberly Morris and teachers Craig Surrusco and Liz Orsino, acknowledged and presented the following students with certificates in recognition of their placement in the Science Fair.

#### 6th Grade Science Fair Winners / Representatives for the 2014 Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair

Troy J. Sica

Alexis Spence.

#### Runners Up:

Haley Herrmann

Samantha Porche

Myriam Ibarra

Aidan Sawyer

#### Athletic Achievement Awards

Athletic Director, Bob McIntyre, thanked the Board for their support of our Athletic Program and acknowledged the following student athletes for their outstanding achievements in athletics:

#### Winter 4 x 800 Relay Team All County:

Nick Constantino, Chris Swenson, Thomas Gassner, Ethan Bellante.

Girls' Basketball: Arella Guirantes – All League, All County, All Long Island, All State.

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Board President Picini announced a brief recess at 8:20 pm to permit the students to leave. The meeting resumed at 8:25pm.

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

Ron Kinsella (*resident*): Noted that District's flags should have been flown at half staff on May 5<sup>th</sup> due to a soldier killed in action, asked that minutes include comments made during public participation, reminded the Board not to forget the taxpayers, and thanked Trustees Correa and Schatzman, for keeping their word and supporting both kids and taxpayers.

### F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

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

1. 2014-2015 Board Meeting Calendar

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 3-Abstain (Correa, Mistler, Schatzman).

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

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

1. CSE / SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

### H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

**A motion (Herrmann / Powell ) to approve the following personnel items, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:**

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Terminations/Leave of Absence/ Return from Leave of Absence
2. Non-Instructional New Appointments
3. Additional Work
4. Substitutes

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

### I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

**A motion (Mistler / Powell ) to approve the following Business Items:**

1. Health Services Contracts:
  - a. Three Village Central School District TAB #5
  - b. Patchogue-Medford UFSD
2. Education Services contract with Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center
3. \$1,000 donation for the Captain J.P. Roberge & Dorothy Roberge Scholarships
4. Items for Disposal:
  - a. Refrigerator/Freezer- Bellport Middle School
  - b. Fryer- Bellport High School
5. Driver and Traffic Safety Education Bid 2013-08- All Suffolk Auto School
6. Vision Services Contracts:
  - a. Northport-East Northport Schools
  - b. Three Village Central School District
7. Consultant Services Contract with Clay Cook, Sound Educational and Psychological Services, PS, Inc., pending contract approval

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

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

None.

**K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

- Status on interview process for Director of Student Support Services and Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability.
- Plan for South Haven building.
- Board will miss its three departing members.
- More implementation of technology districtwide.

Dr. Giani announced that the BTA will be hosting a reception at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to honor teachers receiving tenure, our retirees and parting Board trustees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to enter Executive Session at 8:45 pm to discuss the Superintendent evaluation process.

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

Public session reconvened at 9:35 pm.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Herrmann / Correa ) to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

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District Clerk

Attachments