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SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The meeting took place at District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo	Rob Powell (<i>arrived at 6:10 pm</i>)
Carol Herrmann	Danielle Skelly
Antoinette Huffine	Allison Stines
Julio Morales (<i>arrived at 6:35 pm</i>)	

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Robert McIntyre, Travis Davey, School Attorney, Douglas Spencer, Gregory Guercio.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to convene to Executive Session at 6:07 pm to discuss an alleged property encroachment issue, an IP charge with CSEA and negotiations.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:40 pm.

Trustee Skelly led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. 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 / Stines) to approve the following:

1. Minutes – Business meeting of January 14, 2015.

VOTE: *Motion carries. 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Picini), Absent (Di Santo).*

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

2. Claims Reports- October, 2014
3. Claims Reports- November, 2014
4. Treasurer’s Report- December, 2014

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commendations

The Bellport Middle School History Team were presented with certificates in recognition of their First Place win in the Suffolk County History League Competition at Sayville Middle School. History Club Advisor, Mr. Cliff Piraino, was acknowledged along with the following students:

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Marlon Bouzi	Myriam Ibarra	Andrew Nieves
Tyler Brock	Madison Jahelka	Zachary Pino
Rober DeSantis	Christopher Lannon	Aidan Sawyer
Katherine Gaynor	Liam Murphy	Bryan Tapuy

- Mr. McIntyre recognized Coach Joseph Cipp III, in honor of being named “Football Coach of the Year”.
- High School seniors Courtney Pabst and Nick Fountis were honored as this year’s Suffolk Zone Recipients, in recognition for their outstanding leadership, character and overall success in physical education.

Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. Giani recognized the custodial and maintenance staff for doing a great job in making our schools safe during the recent snow storms. Thanks to the administration, faculty and staff members for ensuring all students were safely home.
- Two contingency days were lost due to the snow days and as a result, May 22 and May 26 are now school days.
- Dr. Giani attended the 2nd Annual Shakespeare Festival at the High School and was quite impressed.
- Curriculum Night and Parent University were a great success. Thanks to all staff involved.

Trustee Reports

- Thanks to Mr. Hogan and Guidance staff involved in the Curriculum night.
- The Bellport Middle School’s production of “Mulan” was outstanding. Special thanks to Mrs. McAleese, Sean Austin and all staff and students involved.
- Girls Varsity Senior Day was a great success.
- Suggestion to dedicate a memorial plaque at the BMS Auditorium in memory of former Trustee and teacher, Ellie Mahoney.
- Thanks to all involved in the “Bellport’s Got Talent” show at the High School.
- Thanks to Mr. Davey for a very informative and well organized Frost Valley trip meeting.
- Thanks to the maintenance and custodial staff for their great job with snow removal.
- The Governor’s State of State Address - Everyone is encouraged to get involved and write their elected officials regarding support for schools as the state budget is developed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Owen Durney (resident): Commented on the District’s Strategic Planning regarding Special Education.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

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

1. 2015-16 School Calendar

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

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

2. Strategic Plan Presentation

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

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

3. Re-Schedule Board Mini Retreat from 2/25/15 to 2/11/15, after the Board of Education meeting.

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

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A motion (Stines / Huffine) to approve the following:

4. Caithness Student Internship

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Liability Waiver and Release Agreement between the Caithness LI Energy Center and the South Country Central School District to enable its students to participate in the Career Exploration Internship Program (CEIP).

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

5. Budget Presentation: Review & Long Term Planning

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Charles Delargy, gave a presentation on the budget – review and long term planning.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Resignations
2. Non-Instructional Appointments
3. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments
5. Substitutes
6. Recalls
7. Additional Work

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Items for Discard- Kreamer Street Elementary
2. Katie Kokis Scholarship Donation
3. Education Services Contract: Riverhead Central School District
4. Education Services Contract: West Islip Union Free School District
5. Health Services Contract: Middle Country CSD
6. Contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Applications

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:

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- Alternatives for Children
- Bilinguals Inc. d/b/a/ Achieve Beyond
- Building Blocks
- Cleary School For The Deaf
- Developmental Disabilities, Inc.
- Julia D. Andrus Memorial, Inc.
- Just Kids Preschool
- Kids First (RSO)
- Leeway
- Maryhaven Center for Hope
- Metro Therapy, Inc.
- New Interdisciplinary School
- New York Therapy
- NYSARC, INC.
- School for Language & Communication
- Suffolk County (RSO)
- United Cerebral Palsy

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Stephanie Voegele (resident): Spoke of bringing back the Robotics program at the Middle School and High School.

Mrs. Notatomasso (resident): Commented on the value of the Robotics program.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Status on qualifications and interviews for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability.
- Status on issues regarding use of Teaching Assistants.
- Implementing a Robotics curriculum at the Middle School and High School.
- Traffic issues at High School in the morning.
- Request for copy of line budget itemization for our current budget.
- Update on attendance extra-curricular / study halls
- Thanks to Dorothy Hulse for her generous donation to the Katie Kokis Scholarship Fund.
- Usage of facilities – South Haven.
- Grading window / report cards extended due to snow days.

A motion (Morales / Herrmann) to convene to Executive Session at 9:35 pm to discuss a personnel investigation.

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

Public session resumed at 11:20 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Stines / Herrmann) to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments