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SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Board President, Chris Picini, Vice President Carol Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Rob Powell (<i>arrived 6:36 pm</i>)
Lisa Di Santo (<i>arrived approx.7:00 pm</i>)	Danielle Skelly
Carol Herrmann	Allison Stines
Antoinette Huffine	Cassidy Greco- <i>Student Ex-officio Board Member</i>
Julio Morales	

Board Members Absent: Chris Picini.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Margaret Evers, Kenneth Aldrich, School Attorney, John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Huffine /Stines) to convene to executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss a memorandum of agreement with the BTA, a stipulation of agreement regarding a student, potential litigation, an employee request and a personnel matter.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Di Santo, Picini, Powell).

Public session reconvened at 7:41 pm.

Trustee Skelly led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustee Herrmann 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.

Trustee Herrmann read the Board's policy on public commentary during meetings. This is included in the "Guide to Board Meeting" pamphlet which is posted on the website and available at all board meetings.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – APPROVALS

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

1. Treasurer's Report- January, 2015
2. Minutes- Business Meeting of February 4, 2015
3. Minutes- Business Meeting of February 11, 2015

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Picini).

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent

- Mr. Delargy has been dealing with a confidential personnel matter and Mr. Ken Aldrich has been appointed as the Acting Superintendent for Business in his place during this time.
- Regarding the after-school study sessions, the Middle School has six students assigned and all have attended extra help or study center on a daily basis. The High School is currently in between seasons so there are no sessions at this time. Spring season begins March 9th and students will be assigned pending review. There

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- were eight students assigned this past season, with most attending extra help twice a week and study center the other three days. The boys basketball team attended a group study session daily during their season.
- Our bus company has reviewed the bus routes in response to a safety concern raised regarding left hand turns from Gillespie to South Country Road. They are in agreement and have directed their drivers to use Beaver Dam or Old Stump Road.
- The road congestion near Bellport High School during morning drop off has been relieved as a result of corrective actions.
- The District will raise the sub pay from \$95 to \$105 in an effort to help address the issues raised due to the lack of substitutes.
- Dr. Giani reported on the issues surrounding the water leak at the Frank P. Long School.
- Best of luck to the Bellport HS Dance Team at Nationals.

Trustees

- Thanks to the Bellport Teachers Association for attending this evening's board meeting.
- Mr. Davey's refresher assembly on school expectations was wonderful and very engaging.
- Happy that we're raising the sub pay – suggestion to note this on Aesop.
- A stronger public and BTA presence is encouraged at Board meetings, especially during this difficult budget time. It is imperative that we go forward together.
- The High School is having "Spirit Month" for this month.
- The HS Student Council holding a Prom Dress Collection Drive.
- Thank you to the Frank P. Long Student Council for the successful "Little Doctors Blood Drive".
- Dr. Giani met with the Frank P. Long teachers and will address all issues regarding building health concerns.
- The Teaching and Learning Committee is excited about the work the committee has done and thanked Mrs. Evers. They will present at the March 11th board meeting.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Dr. Giani gave a presentation on the following budget topics.

1. Budget Presentation- Tax Cap
2. Budget Presentation- 1000, 5000, 9000 Codes

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Picini).

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Huffine / Skelly) to approve the following items:

1. Non-Instructional Appointments
2. Long-Term Substitutes
3. Extra Duty Assignment
4. Substitutes
5. Rate for Daily Teacher Substitutes
6. Job Assignment Transfers

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Picini).

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I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Katie Kokis Scholarship Donation- National Honor Society
2. Special Education Services Contract: Sayville School District
3. Target's Take Charge of Education Program Donation- Kreamer ES
4. Budget Transfers
5. Memorandum of Agreement-BTA
6. Helping Hands
7. Student Stipulation of Settlement and General Release

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Picini).

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Joseph Tortora (BTA): Thanked Dr. Giani for his handling of the situation at the Frank P. Long School and working with the Bellport Teachers Association.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- The ES BOCES Highlights featured the BOCES Business and Tech Program – Suffolk Stem HS. They offer many other programs that we might be interested in. This topic will be discussed at next week's budget presentation.
- Status on candidates for Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology.
- Thanks to Dr. Giani for an enlightening presentation.
- Request to address the issues regarding science materials and safety concerns that were raised at the Ed Problem Committee.
- Thank you to Dr. Giani for correcting the High School traffic issue.
- Implementing a PILOT laptop program districtwide.
- Request for graphic map for bus routes.
- Thanks to the National Honor Society for donating to the Katie Kokis Scholarship Fund.
- Thanks to all who supported the Target "Take Charge of Education" program. A total of \$317 was raised for Kreamer St. School.
- The rally in support of public education at the Saxton St School in Patchogue has been rescheduled to March 10th. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.
- Problem of High School students using cell phones to video fights at school and posting on social media. Request for suspension reports

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Skelly / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Picini).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments