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S OUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting took place at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo	Rob Powell
Carol Herrmann	Danielle Skelly
Antoinette Huffine	Allison Stines
Julio Morales	

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Margaret Evers, Kenneth Aldrich, Tim Hogan, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Sean Clark and Dr. Kathleen Munisteri.

Mr. Picini led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT /PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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. He also read the Board's policy on public commentary, noting that this evening's comments would be limited to budget topics only.

Mr. Picini reported on his recent trip to Albany to attend the NYSSBA Capital Conference, along with school board members from neighboring districts. State aid, APPR and Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), were among the many issues discussed. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet with our local state legislators who rejected the Governor's proposal and are hopeful that a good percentage of the GEA will be restored.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. Giani gave a presentation on the following budget topics, followed by discussion with the Board.

1. Budget Presentation- Expense & Revenue Update
2. Budget Presentation- Staffing Analysis.

Director positions and chairperson positions were discussed, along with suggestions to look into other areas such as printing costs of the calendar, postage and gas for possible savings.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (BUDGET ITEMS)

Wayne White (BTA President): Commented on Director and Chairperson positions.

Darlene Mercurio (resident): Commented on Pre-K.

Cory Yablon (resident): Commented on Chairperson and Director positions.

E. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Request for line item budget and breakdown of security.
- Request to survey the High School teachers to see if there's been an improvement in discipline from last year to this year.
- Thanks to Dr. Giani for an excellent presentation.
- Thanks to all Bellport Middle School staff who were involved with the Washington trip.

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- Next week's Board meeting will be held at the Middle School on April 1st at 6:30 pm. The possibility of holding an additional meeting on the 15th will be discussed at that time.

F. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments