

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 049 JANUARY 13, 2016
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-President, Carol Herrmann, called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:34 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Julio Morales
Lisa Di Santo	Danielle Skelly
Carol Herrmann	Allison Stines
Regina Hunt	Natalie Maida, <i>Student Ex-Officio Member</i>

Board Members Absent: Antoinette Huffine, Chris Picini.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Sam Gergis, Dr. Cheriese Pemberton, Sara Cioffaletti, School Attorney John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Stines / DeVito) to convene to executive session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss a due process complaint and the appointment of defense counsel in a legal matter.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Trustee Morales led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Herrmann discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency, noting that we are a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA –APPROVALS

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

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of December 9, 2015

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Herrmann), Absent (Huffine, Picini).

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

2. Treasurer’s Report – November, 2015
3. Due Process Complaint.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firm of Guercio & Guercio, LLP, to initiate a due process complaint/demand for an impartial hearing against the parent of the student named in Schedule “A” on behalf of the Board of Education.

4. Appointment of Defense Counsel

RESOLVED, that effective immediately, the Board of Education hereby appoints the law firm of Ingerman Smith, LLP, to serve as defense counsel for the District in connection with the State Court litigation filed under Suffolk County Index No. 613601 / 2015, at the hourly rate of \$255 per hour.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent's Report

- The Middle School History Team came in 1st place in the Suffolk County History League competition. With this victory, Bellport now has sole possession of 2nd place overall. Congratulations to all team members.
- The Suffolk County Police Department denied our request for a school crossing guard to be added to the intersection of South Country and Beaver Dam Road as their traffic and safety study on the location deemed a crossing guard is not warranted.
- We now have three approved pathways resulting in a CTE Technical Endorsement on students' diplomas. These pathways are: Culinary Arts, Business Ownership; Microcomputer Applications and Business Ownership: Accounting.
- Our second Parent University for this year was a great success with increasing attendance.
- In this afternoon's State of the State address, Governor Cuomo pledged the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment.
- All are encouraged to attend our second annual Curriculum night at Bellport High School on January 20th, which has been expanded to include grades 7 and 8.

2. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- Accolades to our incredible Art and Music programs. The Kreamer Street 3rd Grade Chorus and the Middle School and High School concerts were great.
- Thank you to Ms Stiriz and the chorus for a beautiful tribute to retiree, Alice McAleese.
- Appreciation for the Virtual Enterprise program.
- Question regarding New York State Foundation Aid for next year.
- Investigate possibility of changing hours of breakfast program.
- Bellport High School's food and toy drive was a big success.
- Proceeds from Optimum Challenge will be donated to HELP Suffolk.
- The High School Musical, "Legally Blonde", is scheduled for the 5th & 6th of February.
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E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- *No comments*

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Independent Auditors Report

Jill Sanders of Cullen and Danowski, LLP presented the Independent Auditors Report for the 2014-2015 school year.

2. Board Priorities Update

Dr. Giani gave an update on the Board Priorities for the 2015-2016 school year.

3. Board of Education Retreat

A consensus was reached to hold the Board retreat on January 27, 2016, immediately after the scheduled Business meeting.

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G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (DiSanto / Hunt) to approve the following:

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. BHS Virtual Enterprise Student Field Trip- International Virtual Enterprise Youth Business Summit
BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the field trip request being paid through the CTEIA/Perkins Grant as written below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location Name and Address of Field Trip</u>
April 19-20, 2016	Virtual Enterprise International Youth Business Summit 69 th Regiment Armory, Lexington and 25th, NYC

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Skelly / DeVito) to approve personnel agenda items # H1 – H8:

1. Resignations and Leaves of Absence
2. Instructional New Appointments
3. Non-Instructional New Appointments
4. Long-Term Substitutes
5. Additional Work
6. Extra Duty Assignment
7. Salary Schedule
8. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Hunt / Skelly) to approve Business Agenda Items # 1-15 was followed by a motion (DiSanto /Stines) to amend to omit Agenda Item # 14:

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

A motion (Stines / Skelly) to approve Business Agenda Items # 1-13 and Item #15:

1. Items for Disposal- Bellport High School
2. Item for Disposal- Central Office/Buildings & Grounds
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4. Items for Disposal- Verne W. Critz Elementary School
5. College Board Donation
6. Education Services Contract- West Islip UFSD
7. Education Services Contract- Commack UFSD
8. Education Services Contract- Greenburgh Academy
9. Health Services Contract- Middle Country CSD
10. Memorandum of Agreement- BTAA
11. DonorsChoose Donations
12. Superintendent's Contract Amendment

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13. Settlement Agreement & Release

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release, settling the claims of Alexander DeRosa and Rempell Corporation and authorizes the Board President to execute the same.

15. Donation from Erika Della Rosa

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

A motion (DeVito / Hunt) to approve Business Agenda Item # 1-14:

14. Consultant Services Contract – Walter A. Cole.

VOTE: *Motion FAILS.* 4-Yes, 2-No (DiSanto, Stines), 1-Abstain (Morales), Absent (Huffine, Picini).

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items)

Ronald Kinsella (*resident*): Thanked the Board for their work.

Stephanie Voegelé: (*resident*): Commented on the Robotics team.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Request for synopsis of extra-curricular / extra help at the High School and Middle School.
- Suggestion to trim summer mailing packets to identify the primary language so parents receive the packet in their language only. This will save on excess paper and mailing expenses.
- Thank you to Dr. Giani for his meeting with the new teachers.
- Suggestion to update e-School training for all staff so we are utilizing the full capacity of e-School.
- Thank you to Mrs. Della Rosa for donating her honorarium to the AP Program.
- Update on food program and the possibility of donating excess food to organizations.
- Thank you to DonorsChoose for their donations to Frank P. Long School.
- Request for more information on the consultant services contract noted in business agenda item #14.
- Thank you to Dr. Giani and Mr. Briggs for their handling of an incident at the High School.

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments