

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 053 JANUARY 27, 2016
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 6:30 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo

Antoinette Huffine

Regina Hunt

Julio Morales (*arrived at 6:40 pm*)

Chris Picini

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

Board Members Absent: Carol Herrmann.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (DeVito / Hunt) to convene to executive session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss BTAA negotiations and a personnel matter.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Trustee Stines led all present 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, 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 / Stines) to approve the following:

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of January 13, 2016.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Huffine, Picini), Absent (Herrmann).

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

2. Treasurer's Report – December, 2015.
3. Claims Report – October, 2015.
4. Claims Report – November, 2015
5. Claims Report – December, 2015.
6. NYSSBA Capital Conference

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Board President Chris Picini at the NYSSBA Capital Conference, February 28-29, 2016 and authorizes the associated costs pursuant to District policy.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent's Report

- The NYS Education Department has not re-identified our district as a Focus District, based on our 2014-2015 school performance. Congratulations to Mr. Hogan and the High School faculty and staff.
- For the second straight year, we've received the highest ranking assigned by the NYS Comptroller's Office indicating no fiscal stress and a positive financial climate.
- The High School Curriculum Night this year included 7th and 8th grades. Thanks to all involved in making the evening a success.
- Dr. Giani met with the Middle School Student Government and received feedback on the school from the eyes of the students. This will be done with High School students next month.
- Whitsons will be initiating student parent meetings to discuss the food program and menu items.
- A video was posted on social media showing a fight during the High School breakfast program. Our responders brought order quickly and five students will receive appropriate discipline.

2. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- Thank you to the South Country Education Foundation for the generous grants we received and to our teachers who take the time to apply.
- Reminder that the Middle School musical, Willy Wonka, is this weekend and the High School musical, Legally Blonde, is the following weekend.
- Congratulations to the District for getting removed from the Focus list.
- Thank you to Alice Villano for her assistance with a Central Registration issue.
- Thank you to the Maintenance, Building and Grounds staff for clearing the grounds and preparing the buildings during the recent snow storm.
- The Robotics team competition has been rescheduled. Information is posted on the website.
- Concerns were expressed regarding safety issues due to poorly plowed streets and sidewalks near the Frank P. Long School. A suggestion was made to formalize a request to Brookhaven Town to look into the matter.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Monique Armann (*resident*): Commented on recent incident at the High School.
- Wayne White (*BTA President*): Addressed concerns expressed regarding High School incident.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Budget Presentation: Dr. Giani gave a presentation on the review of the budget process and long term planning / reserves.
2. Smart Schools Investment Plan – Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Management Services, Sam Gergis, discussed the preliminary submission of the smart schools investment plan.
3. South Country Poverty & Student Achievement: Dr. Pemberton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability, discussed student achievement and poverty levels.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes
3. Native Language Course (ENL / Home Language Literacy Support)

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (DeVito / Hunt) to approve personnel agenda items # H1 – H4 and H6:

1. Resignations and Leaves of Absence
2. Long-Term Substitutes
3. Additional Work
4. Extra Duties Assignment

6. Substitutes

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

A motion (Huffine / Morales) to approve personnel agenda items # H5.1 – H5.4:

5. Responders & Guards

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

A motion (Skelly / DeVito) to approve personnel agenda item # H5.5:

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VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 2-No (Di Santo, Huffine), Absent (Herrmann).

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Hunt / DeVito) to approve Business Agenda Items # I-1, I-3 to I-8, and I-10:

1. Stipulation of Settlement with the BTA
3. Health and Welfare Services Agreement- West Islip School District
4. Health and Welfare Services Agreement- Patchogue-Medford School District
5. Health and Welfare Services Agreement- Bay Shore Union Free School District
6. Consultant Services Contract -Jeffrey Korn
7. Smart Schools Investment Plan- Preliminary Submission

WHEREAS, the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014 requires that the South Country Central School District develop a Preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan to be submitted to the Smart Schools Review Board;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the District's Preliminary Smart Schools Preliminary Investment Plan and directs that this Plan be submitted to the Smart Schools Review Board posted on the District's website for at least thirty (30) days with an address to which any written comments on the plan can be sent.

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8. Items for Discard- Frank P. Long Intermediate School

10. South Country Education Winter Grant Cycle

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

A motion (Hunt / DeVito) to approve Business Agenda Item # I-2:

2. Consultant Services Contract – Walter A. Cole

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 2-No (Di Santo, Huffine), 1-Abstain (Morales), Absent (Herrmann).

A motion (Di Santo / Stines) to approve Business Agenda Item # 1-9:

9. Refunding Bond Resolution (*Summary*)

REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JANUARY 27, 2016, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT, STATING THE PLAN OF REFUNDING, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,000,000 THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$46,000,000 REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION, AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS ALL RELATIVE THERETO. (*Resolution and Refunding Financial Plan attached as Exhibit A*)

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Rocco DeVito	<u>Yes</u>
Lisa Di Santo	<u>Yes</u>
Carol Herrmann	<u>Absent</u>
Antoinette Huffine	<u>Yes</u>
Regina Hunt	<u>Yes</u>
Julio Morales	<u>Yes</u>
Chris Picini	<u>Yes</u>
Danielle Skelly	<u>Yes</u>
Allison Stines	<u>Yes</u>

The resolution was declared adopted.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Non-Agenda Items)

Darlene Mercurio (*resident*): Commented on Opt-Out letter sent home to parents.

Malcolm Gilbert (*resident*): Commented on Opt-Out letter.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Thank you to Mrs. Lynette Murphy and the Compass Unity coalition for their work in drug prevention and for securing Dr. Stephen Dewey to do a presentation. Strongly urge all parents to attend.
- Concerns that a testing room is not set aside at the High School yet.

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- Concerns expressed regarding money spent for substitute teachers. Suggestion to save money by partnering with St. Joseph's College for substitutes.
- Looking forward to Dr. Giani's report on breakfast with the students.
- Looking forward to seeing announcement of available coaching positions districtwide.
- Congratulations to Mr. Hogan for being named Administrator of the Year by CAS.
- Thank you to the South Country Education Foundation for their generous grants.
- Thank you to Mrs. Negri for her work and initiative.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Stines / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments