

**WORKSHOP MEETING PAGE 069 MARCH 23, 2016
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Chris Picini, called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

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

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Dr. Sam Gergis, Dr. Cheriase Pemberton, Sara Cioffaletti.

Trustee Herrmann 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 school grounds. He also stated the District's policy on public commentary.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA –APPROVALS

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

1. Voter Proposition

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the petition, as amended, requesting the placement of a voter proposition on the ballot for the District's May 17, 2016 Annual Meeting regarding decreasing the number of Members of the Board of Education as follows:

“Shall the number of Members of the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District be decreased to 7 Members from its current 9 Members?”

2. Smart Schools Investment Plan

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has approved a final Smart Schools Investment Plan, which been 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;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education conducted a hearing on March 23rd, which allowed all requisite stakeholders to respond to the preliminary Plan;

WHEREAS, following the hearing on March 23, the District prepared and submitted a Smart Schools Investment Plan for Board of Education approval; and

WHEREAS, the District has complied with all requisite legal requirements for development and approval of a Smart Schools Investment Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the District's Smart Schools Investment Plan and directs that this Plan be submitted to the Smart Schools Review Board.

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3. Legal Notices- Annual District Meeting and Election

RESOLVED, that pursuant to law, notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election must be published four (4) times within the seven weeks preceding the date of the meeting and election, in two newspapers having “general circulation” with the first occurring 45 days before the date of the Annual Meeting and Election;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legal notice will appear in the South Shore Press on the following dates: March 30, 2016, April 13, 2016, April 27, 2016 and May 11, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legal notice will appear in the Long Island Advance on the following dates: March 31, 2016, April 14, 2016, April 28, 2016, and May 12, 2016.

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

Trustee Di Santo wanted it noted for the record that the Smart Schools Investment Plan is not considered a bond in the traditional sense and therefore does not require voter approval. Dr. Gergis confirmed and clarified.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Budget Presentation- Staffing Analysis

Dr. Giani gave a budget presentation on staffing analysis.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (BUDGET ITEMS)

None.

E. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Request to explore areas for possible cuts, such as clubs with low enrollment, to find 1.5 K.
- Thank you to Administration for considering cuts with no impact on education.
- Look into ways to increase turnout at Parent / Teacher conferences at High School and Middle School.
- Suggestion to improve communication methods and revamp the structure of Parent Teacher conferences, including making appointments online.

F. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments