

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 075 APRIL 20, 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

Carol Herrmann

Regina Hunt

Julio Morales (*arrived 6:35 pm*)

Chris Picini

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

Natalie Maida (*Student Ex-Officio Member*)

Board Members Absent: Antoinette Huffine

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Dr. Sam Gergis, Dr. Cherie Pemberton, Sara Cioffaletti, School Attorney Gregory Guercio.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to convene to executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations with CSEA and SCAA.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:50 pm.

Trustee Regina Hunt 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. Minutes- Business Meeting of April 6, 2016.

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Picini), Absent (Huffine).

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

2. Treasurer's Report- March, 2016.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Superintendent's Report

- The Grand Opening of the Family Engagement Center on April 8th was well attended and a great success.

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- Candidates for the Board of Education in order of ballot placement are:
 - Marybel Kasten
 - Cheryl A. Felice
 - Brian Gilligan
 - Carol Herrmann
 - Anthony Griffin
 - Georgino (Gino) Cruz
 - Cameron Trent
- The percentage of students who “opted out” of the ELA and Math exams, last year and this year, are as follows:

<u>Test</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
ELA	63 %	64.3%
MATH	67%	65.9%

2. Trustee and Advisory Committee Reports

- The High School Variety Show was wonderful, showcasing the amazing talent of our students. Thank you to staff and students.
- The Family Engagement Center Grand Opening was a great success, with over sixty guests in attendance. Thank you to all involved.
- Two bills (5877A and 8136A) are pending in the NYS Senate and Assembly, sponsored by Senator Croci and Assemblyman Thiele, respectively, that relate to the effect of failed propositions on voter approval for remaining propositions not collectively exceeding the tax levy limit. All are encouraged to contact your legislators if you are in support of this.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (Agenda Items Only)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Budget Presentation: Budget Adoption

Dr. Giani gave the final budget presentation, which was then presented to the Board for adoption.

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts an expenditure appropriation of \$126,296,440 to operate the schools for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and presents such appropriation to the district residents for approval on May 17, 2016.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was 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>Yes</u>
Antoinette Huffine	<u>Absent</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 thereupon declared adopted.

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

2. Property Tax Report Card

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

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

3. (a) Waive Second Policy Reading for revised Policy 5710, Transportation Program.

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

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

- (b) Policy 5710, Transportation Program, (subject to voter approval of budget).

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

4. Second Reading Policy 3410, Development of District Code of Conduct
5. Second Reading Policy 5590, Use of the District Credit Card

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to approve Policy 3410, Development of District Code of Conduct and Policy 5590, Use of the District Credit Card:

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

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

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

1. Resignations
2. Non-Instructional New Appointments
3. Salary Schedule
4. Additional Work
5. Extra Duties Assignment
6. Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Consultant Services Contract- Dr. Gravity Goldberg, LLC
2. Consultant Services Contract- Dr. Nicki Newton Education Solutions
3. Consultant Services Contract- Complete Rehabilitation PT OT of the Hamptons
4. School Services Contact- Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc., dba Andrus Children Center
5. Consultant Services Contract- The Institute of Children with Autism and Related Disorders
6. Consultant Services Contract- SCO Family of Services-Madonna Heights
7. Consultant Services Contract- Da Vinci Education and Research
8. Consultant Services Contract- Jeffrey Korn
9. Consultant Services Contract- Management and Advisory Group Special Services, Inc.
10. Consultant Services Contract- Out East Therapy of New York
11. Consultant Services Contract- Creative Tutoring, Inc.

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Ronald Kinsella (resident): Noted the POW flag flying at Verne Critz School and asked that the area by the Vietnam and Iraq memorial be maintained with plantings.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Suggestion to look into possibly holding the “Hospital for a Day” program / event, which looks like a great, hands-on experience.
- The STRONG program hosted a wonderful dinner for Middle School families at the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to all involved.
- Thank you to Dr. Giani and staff for their work in putting together a well-crafted, sound, balanced budget, that stays within the tax cap.
- Hope to improve the lighting and sound in the HS and MS auditoriums next year.
- The High School Student Council is hosting a 5K Run to benefit HELP Suffolk on May 15th.
- Thank you to Administration for opening up BOCES to 11th graders.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments