

**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
189 No. Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:04 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board of Education President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting took place in the Boardroom of the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven,, New York. The Long Island Advance and South Shore Press were notified of this meeting. Notices were also sent to all school buildings and the local libraries.

Board of Education Members Present: President Gregory C. Miglino Jr.; Vice President Carl Moodt, Trustee Victor Correa, Trustee Toni Huffine, Trustee James Jankowski, Trustee Kevin Kirk, and Trustee Marian McKenna

Roll Call

Members Absent: Trustee Barbara Schatzman [absence due to family crisis]

Members Late: Trustee Marian McKenna [7:15 p.m.]

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo; Accounting Supervisor Darlene Levi; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Dwayne Adsitt; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Richard Kollar, School Attorney Raymond Keenan; Director of Special Services Ann Marie Morreale; Bellport High School principal Nelson Briggs; Bellport Middle School principal Stanley Pelech; Brookhaven Primary School principal Lisa Greiner; Frank P. Long School principal Gary Dabrusky; Kreamer Street Primary School principal Sean Clark; Physical Education Director John Frankie; CSEA President Paula Tirelli; BTA President Spencer Stickley; Transportation Supervisor Louise Colletti; teachers, other staff members, FIRST Student Transportation employees, guests and members of the community

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo led the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, there was a moment of silence for employee Frances Piazza who recently passed away.

3. COMMENDATIONS

Commendations

Board member Kevin Kirk acknowledges the following schools and students:

BROOKHAVEN SCHOOL

Principal Lisa Greiner reports that Mrs. Suarez' second grade class decided to do something special for the coat drive held in February to emphasize the Character

Counts Pillar of Caring – students raised money for new coats that could be donated to families in need. For two weeks, in order to earn money, the students worked very hard around their homes and were on their very best behavior in class. They were able to earn \$55.00. They then used the money to purchase two brand new coats. Through participation in this worthwhile project, it is evident that these second-graders understand how to be caring citizens.

Students Erin Kelly, Christina Mordente, and Chayne Pierce read their essays to the Board and were presented with individual certificates. A Certificate was also presented to Mrs. Suarez on behalf of her entire class for their participation in the coat drive project.

On Wednesday, March 18th ‘Music Man’ Mr. Finnegan [Music Director] conducted the entire Brookhaven second-grade class in a musical extravaganza entitled “Second Grade Informance.”

FRANK P. LONG SCHOOL

Principal Gary Dabrusky reports that after reviewing almost 500 science projects, two winners from each grade were chosen to represent FPL at Brookhaven National Lab: 4th Grade: Hannah Pokorny – *How Do Different Liquids Affect the Growth of Seeds?*; and Samantha Maletta – *What Color Best Absorbs or Reflects Heat?* 5th Grade: Celine Kuebler – *Driving with a Cell Phone*; and Amanda Diolosa – *Temperature Versus Bounce*.

Principal Dabrusky also reports that The Suffolk Zone of New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance is sponsoring the 4th annual elementary and middle school Physical Education Student Leadership Award ceremony. Kelsey Nogueras and Wayne Farmer are recognized for their outstanding achievement in Health and Physical Education.

VERNE CRITZ PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal Kathleen Munisteri reports that on March 19th and 25th, students enjoyed meeting local author and poet Darren Sardelli, who joined them for an assembly and writing workshop. The students were inspired as they recited poems written by this renowned author. Each grade level received a set of poetry books for all to enjoy. This program was made possible by a South Country Education Grant, written by staff at Verne Critz and Creamer Street schools.

BELLPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

BMS students and staff ask that everyone join them at the Art Festival scheduled for Saturday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be activities for all ages.

Principal Stan Pelech announces that on March 7th five BMS Science Club students participated in a two-part competition at Brookhaven National Laboratories. The team, represented by Sajid Hossain, Rebecca Nardulli, Billy Tunney, Mackenzie Moran, and Avery Samuel, brought home a 2nd-Place trophy in the Fuel Cell Car

competition. The trophy is on display in the main office. Congratulations to the Science Team for a job well done!

Commendatio
ns
[Cont'd]

BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Nelson Briggs reports that students from Mrs. Kryl and Mr. Auth's "Exploring the Natural Resources of Long Island" class recently got a lesson on "Tapping the Sap" by using the Earth's resources to make their own maple syrup for breakfast. Trees on the grounds of Bellport High School were "tapped" by using a hand drill, drilling two inches into the trees, inserting a dowel that had been drilled out [called a spile], and then attaching a water bottle to collect the sap. This project gathered approximately 8 gallons of sap that was later boiled down to about 1/5 of a gallon of syrup. Students enjoyed the syrup on pancakes the next day.

Principal Briggs congratulates BHS junior Ryan Barone for participating in the Skills USA Long Island Culinary Competition held at the Wilson Technical Center in Dix Hills. Ryan is currently completing his first year of a two-year Culinary Arts program through Eastern-Suffolk BOCES and was selected to represent his class at the regional competition, based upon recommendations from his instructors Matthew Kozak and Chris Berquist at BOCES. Ryan placed 6th which enabled him to qualify.

Also recognized, is former BHS graduate Michael Daly for receiving a prestigious Letter of Commendation from J.D. Kernan, Rear Admiral of the United States Navy. This credit was given to Michael for his superior performance of duties while serving as Tactical Air Controller in Tactical Air Control Squadron Twenty-two during a continuing promise Caribbean development from September to December 2008 in support of the U.S. Naval Forces, Southern Command.

OTHER NEWS

The Hagerman Fire Department, 510 Ralph T. Perry Drive, East Patchogue will present a PASTA NIGHT Fundraiser for Michael Vignato, a South Country CSD alumnus, on Saturday, April 4th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Michael has Cystic Fibrosis Disease and recently received a double lung transplant.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

Board President Gregory Miglino says he was "excited" to see our school's name in Newsday; and is proud to say we've been taken off the DINI [District In Need of Improvement] list; says the focus is on the accomplishments of staff and students.

Announcemen
ts

BRIEF RECESS [7:23 p.m.]

RESUME MEETING [7:25 p.m.]

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Susan Roth: read a prepared statement on behalf of the FIRST Student transportation workers; told the Board in part, that they have the power with one vote to impact and negatively change the lives of 65 dedicated men and women who drive the district's children to school, and service the vehicles that transport them...; mentioned a statement made by Michael Buzzeo at the pre-bid conference, re: the contract being awarded to the lowest, most responsible bidder and the district expecting a high level of service; said First Student as the incumbent, has provided the district with both; mentioned a First student counteroffer of four one-year extensions with a cap of 3% or CPI, whichever is less; with savings to the district...; asked that the Board save the jobs of the men and women who has served this district with safe and reliable transportation for so many year.

Toni Huffine: asks that a vote is not taken on the transportation contract until the Board has had a chance to get all the facts; said on Friday Mr. Moodt announced at the "chicken place" that Montauk Bus will be honored the transportation contract – also said she received several calls pertaining to this issue; and that the Board has already made up its mind; spoke of the drivers' personal hardships.

Selene Bourque: said she has lived in the district for 28 years; and is in support of the drivers of FIRST Student; also said that she received an email message from Mr. Moodt in error and that the "the message suggested the Board wants FIRST Student out"; also spoke of the reluctance of the business office to surrender the bid specs.

John Stevens: said he has been with FIRST Student for 1.5 years and has never been in this situation; and it had been rumored long before this occurrence that FIRST Student was getting the ax; also says he would be willing to "give up" his job for another driver; spoke of "discrepancies" in statements from members of the Board re "the numbers" and that considering the circumstances, it appear members of the Board show no empathy toward the emotional state of the drivers.

Bob Mendez: said he is a resident and tax-payer, and has children who use FIRST Student buses; urges the Board to "find a reason to retain the contract with FIRST Student in order to avoid loss of jobs."

Tom McEnany: - [Area Regional Manager, FIRST Student Transportation Co.]: spoke of the economic situation and an alternative offer to the district that was below the lowest bidder by \$10 thousand; said Board members should listen to the community and drivers, and that "it doesn't make sense to offer the contract to another when First Student has an offer on the table"; also spoke of the faithfulness and reliability of the First Student drivers.

Pat Callahan [bus matron] said Laidlaw/First Student has the best drivers; and that their drivers are caring and compassionate toward the children

Allison Stines: [parent] – spoke of having drivers that the community knows; said the board knows nothing of the background of the drivers from the other bus company

Ann Marie Rizzo: [single parent and bus driver for 22 years] – said she is self-supporting; and that FIRST Student gives safety courses and therefore has the best drivers.

CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6. PRESENTATION

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo, reported to the Board of Education, on the **results of the transportation bid** held on February 27, 2009. He stated that in the fall of last year, the charge of the Superintendent was to come up with a plan, over a 3-year to 5-year period, that would stabilize the tax rate, lower costs, while preserving quality. A bidding process with carefully crafted specification was therefore initiated that would generate competition. Mr. Buzzeo said that during the pre-bid process, all question from potential bidders were responded to, with responses sent to all; adding that the process was “pristine” and that the district’s purpose was achieved.

OBJECTIVES FOR TRANSPORTATION BID – 2/09

- Create Bid Document and a process which would encourage a competitive environment
- Carefully craft specifications in order to insure a quality performance and lower prices
- Insure stability of prices over a five-year period

IMPORTANT DATES

- Announcement 2/16/2009
- Pre-Bid Conference 2/23/2009
- Questions and Answers 2/23/2009 – 2/26/2009
- Opening of Bid 2/27/2009
- Analysis of Results 3/03/2009

BID CATEGORIES

- Home to School
- Private and Parochial
- Athletic and Field trips

BID RESULTS – with CONTRACT SUPPLIED FUEL

Home to School & Private and Parochial

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>
- FIRST Student	\$3.239*	\$18.408*
- MONTAUK	\$3.235*	\$17.103*

* represent millions

BID RESULTS – with DISTRICT-SUPPLIED FUEL

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>
- FIRST Student	\$3.017*	\$17.298*
- MONTAUK	\$3.019*	\$15.954*

* represent millions

BID RESULTS: ATHLETIC AND FILED TRIPS – Contractor Fuel – 1 Year

- FITST Student \$84,525
- Coastal \$70,030

**COST COMPARISON of EACH 5-HOUR BUS – with CONTRACTOR FUEL
[15 BUSES – 1 YEAR]**

- Current \$66,812.60
- FIRST Student \$63,471.78
- MONTAUK \$63,471.00

\$ DIFFERENCE: FIRST STUDENT & MONTAUK [5 YEARS]

- Home to School & Private and Parochial		
<u>Category</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Low Bidder</u>
With Fuel	\$1,304,450	MONTAUK
District Fuel	\$1,344,258	MONTAUK

Q & A:

Toni Huffine: Q re: who communicated with the contractors?

Michael Buzzeo: said, “with absolute certainty”, he was the only person running the bidding process, and that he had no contact with members of the Board; also said the process was “absolutely pristine and fair”.

Marian McKenna: asked for timeline clarification on First Student’s submission of its contract extension?

Michael Buzzeo: said this occurred after the bidding process; and that First Student asked that the bids are rejected and said they would be willing to beat Montauk’s numbers by \$10 thousand per year.

School Attorney Ray Keenan: On preserving the integrity of the bid process: said rejection of all bids will counter what a bid process is about – it seeks to foster honest competition to bidders; the consequences for rejecting this bid from responsible bidders, is to discourage other vendors from participating in the competitive bidding process in the future; as a result, few, if any bidders would participate in the process which could be seen as corruptive and showing favoritism; thereby reducing necessary competition in the future. Mr. Keenan continued by saying that the Board has no rationale for rejecting the bids from the two bidders who are responsible, with the lowest bid complying to specifications that would result in significant savings to the district without damaging the bidding process.; and thereby recommended that the Board not reject these bids, rather award the contract based upon the specification that was presented.

Carl Moodt [echoed by Victor Correa]: In the form of a question and statement: If the district continued with the current vendor/contract, we will be paying 5% more than we’re paying this year; now, as a result of the bidding process, everyone “came down on their prices”; Q to the attorney re: his statement referencing discouragement of bidders if the current bids were rejected?

Toni Huffine: Q re: whether the Board has an option on its choice – First Student or Montauk Busing – although First Student’s bid numbers are higher? And Q re: the definition of “Responsible”?

School Attorney Ray Keenan: Responsible, by law is that there are no performance problems documented for which the Board is aware – more of a minimum standard, not a comparison.

Toni Huffine: spoke of a bankruptcy record involving Montauk Bus...?

Michael Buzzeo: said he looked at the financial record of all the potential vendors; and that bankruptcy (Chapter 11) filing was a result of a labor issue; and the company operating today is not the same company who filed Chapter 11 – similar to Laidlaw and First Student; also said the Board was given extensive background information on all bidders.

Toni Huffine: asked for clarification on Laidlaw's filing of bankruptcy? Q re: whether First Student and Laidlaw were separate companies?

Tom McEnany: One of Laidlaw's company filed Chapter 11 Reorganization. That reorganization was acknowledged and put through the process. Laidlaw came out of the reorganization stronger in the marketplace than ever before. First Student purchased Laidlaw because of their performance/balance sheets

Marian McKenna: Q: at what point did First Student bring forth the 4-year over the 1-year that was presented?

Response – Michael Buzzeo: About one week after the bid results were read.

Marian McKenna: asked Tom McEnany why First Student did not submit that offer before the bids were opened? Said she is angry about the position in which First Student has put the Board because their best offer was not given; and now the future integrity of district is in jeopardy if the bidding process were to be corrupted; spoke of an increase of up to triple what other districts are paying for busing, and that none of this money was given to the drivers; informed all those in attendance that the Board is not the one who has put the First Student's drivers in this position.

Gregory Miglino: said revenues have increased by 229% last year, our operating profit increased by 384%; and that drivers were asked whether their salaries increased by that amount; said the legal process was used to put out a competitive bid and at the end of the day, this seemed to be a non-corruptive process. Mr. Miglino added that although the action of the Board this evening could cost some drivers to lose their jobs, the Board is hopeful that the drivers will be employed in a couple of days.

Toni Huffine: Q to Gregory Miglino re: whether he engaged in conversations with Mr. Mensch (Montauk Bus) – having conversations that gave him [Mr. Mensch] financial information above everyone else?

Gregory Miglino: said yesterday was the first time he had spoken with Mr. Mensch, but that he had met with Tom last year, as authorized by the Board, to renegotiate a 1-year deal.

Toni Huffine: spoke about a conversation Gregory Miglino had with a bus driver concerning the distribution of flyers; said Mr. Miglino was yelling and waving his hands at the driver.

Gregory Miglino: asked the driver to stand and tell whether he was shouting at her.

Response from Driver: No.

STATEMENT: Board President

Board President Gregory Miglino: “Like all of the Municipal Agencies on Long Island, South Country School District has been forced to look at expenses and where possible, reduce cost in areas that least impact education. In this case, the district has used a competitive bidding process established by law, to help us realize the tremendous savings to our community while maintaining a level of service. We

understand and appreciate the actions of our drivers and other employees of First student, to the extent we can minimize that impact, we can do so. We must balance that with our fiduciary responsibility to both our community and staff.”

Board
President's
statement
[Cont'd]

Mr. Miglino also thanked everyone who spoke, for their participation in a 'productive dialogue'.

Mr. Michael Buzzeo, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance presented to the Board of Education for consideration, **option worksheets for the 2009 – 2010 budget:**

Presentation
of
Budget Option
Worksheets

OPTION A:

- The Effect of Expenditure level without a \$3.1 Million Aid

OPTION B:

- The Effect of Expenditure with a \$3.1 Million Aid

7. **BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

- A.** Approval of minutes, Business Meeting of February 25, 2009
On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves the Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 25, 2009.
- B.** Approval of Minutes, Workshop Meeting of March 11, 2009
On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of March 11, 2009.
- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoints Alison Neumann of Bellport as Election Chairperson for the May 19, 2009 School District Election, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour.
On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board appoints Alison Neumann of Bellport as Election Chairperson for the May 19, 2009 School District Election, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour.
- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoints Toni Risolo of East Patchogue, Ann Vergona of Brookhaven, and Darlene Towlen of Bellport as Election Inspectors for the 2008 - 2009 School year, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.
On a motion by Marian McKenna; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board appoints Toni Risolo of East Patchogue, Ann Vergona of Brookhaven, and Darlene Towlen of Bellport as Election Inspectors for the 2008 - 2009 School year, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Approve
Minutes

Approve
Alison
Neumann as
Election
Chairperson

Approve
Election
Inspectors

8. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

The Board has determined that the actions it will take with respect to all items appearing on the agenda are Type II actions under the SEQRA Regulations, 6 NYCRR 617.5, which have no significant impact on the environment.

**A. FINANCIAL MATTERS
Treasurer’s Report for February 2009**

Approve
Treasurer’s
Report

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On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board accepts a Treasurer’s report for February 2009.

B. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Special Education Service Contract between* Smithtown Central School District and the South Country Central School District to provide Special Education services to a South Country Central School District student attending a private or parochial school in the Smithtown Central School District during the 2008 – 2009 school year.
(Budget Code: 2250.470.00)

Approve
Contract with
Smithtown
CSD

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine; with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Special Education Service Contract* between Smithtown Central School District and the South Country Central School District to provide Special Education services to a South Country Central School District student attending a private or parochial school in the Smithtown Central School District during the 2008 – 2009 school year.

C. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the West Islip Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the West Islip Union Free School District during the 2008 -2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)

Approve
Service
Agreement
with West Islip
UFSD

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine; with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the West Islip Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the West Islip Union Free School District during the 2008 -2009 school year.

- D. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the Center Moriches Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the Center Moriches Union Free School District during the 2008 -2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)

Approve
Service
agreement
with Center
Moriches
UFSD

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine; with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the Center Moriches Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the Center Moriches Union Free School District during the 2008 -2009 school year.

- E. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the Hauppauge Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the Hauppauge Union Free School District during the 2008 - 2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)

Approve
Service
Agreement
with
Hauppauge
UFSD

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine; with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement* between the Hauppauge Union Free School District and the South Country Central School District to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public school within the Hauppauge Union Free School District during the 2008 -2009 school year.

- F. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Internal Audit Three Month Status Report dated January 8, 2009 which has been respectfully submitted by the firm of Nawrocki Smith LLP.

Accept
Nawrocki
Smith, LLP,
Internal Audit
3-Month
Status Report

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Victor Correa, with Barbara

Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board accepts the Internal Audit Three Month Status Report dated January 8, 2009 which has been respectfully submitted by the firm of Nawrocki Smith LLP.

- G. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the low bid of Key Signals, Inc. for Fire Alarm System Maintenance. The amount of the bid is \$10,000 per year and \$90.00 per hour for work above the scope of the contract. (Budget Code: 1620.467.00)

Approve Key
Signals, Inc.
for Fire alarm
System
Maintenance

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board accepts the low bid of Key Signals, Inc. for Fire Alarm System Maintenance. The amount of the bid is \$10,000 per year and \$90.00 per hour for work above the scope of the contract.

- H. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the low bid of Island Industrial Boiler for the Service and Repair of Temperature Controls. The amount of the bid is \$72.00 per hour for labor and the cost of materials plus 15%. (Budget Code:1621.465.00)

Approve
Island
Industrial
Boiler for
Service Repair
of temperature
Control

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board accepts the low bid of Island Industrial Boiler for the Service and Repair of Temperature Controls. The amount of the bid is \$72.00 per hour for labor and the cost of materials plus 15%.

- I. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District accepts a donation from Kerri Allmer on behalf of Vehicle Tracking Solutions of approximately 1000 mouse pads for the South Country Central School District.

Accept
Donation of
100 Mouse
Pads from
Kerri Allmer
on Behalf of
Tracking
Solutions

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board accepts a donation from Kerri Allmer on behalf of Vehicle Tracking Solutions of approximately 1000 mouse pads for the South Country Central School District.

- J. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District accepts a donation from Bellport Village of three (3) cases of copy paper for Kreamer Street Elementary School.

Accept
Donation of 3
Cases of
Copy Paper
from Bellport
Village

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board accepts a donation from Bellport Village of three (3) cases of copy paper for Kreamer Street Elementary School.

K. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the items listed on attached Schedule "A" located at Frank P. Long Intermediate School as surplus and disposes of said items in the best interest of the District. On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board declares the items listed on attached Schedule "A" located at Frank P. Long Intermediate School as surplus and disposes of said items in the best interest of the District.

Declare Items
at FPL as
Surplus

L. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the placement recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE) and the Committee on Pre-School Education (CPSE). On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves the CSE, SCSE, and CPSE Placement Recommendations.

Approve CSE,
SCSE & CPSE
Placement
Recommend.

M. PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Position Abolitions, Employment Appointments, Tenure Appointments, and Salary Changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment:

Approve
Personnel
Agenda Items

On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by James Jankowski, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Resignations, Terminations, Leaves of Absence, Position Abolitions, Employment Appointments, Tenure Appointments, and Salary Changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

N. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a contract to provide Home to School and Private and Parochial Transportation Services, with contractor provided fuel, to Montauk Bus Transportation, LLC. The term of the contract will be for a period of five years with a total projected cost of \$17,103.615. (Budget Code: 5540.400)

Award
Transportation
Contract to
Montauk Bus
Service, Inc.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a contract to provide Athletic and Field Trip Transportation services, with contractor provided fuel, to Coastal Charter Services. The term of the

contract will be for a one year period, renewable under State Law, with a projected cost of \$72,230.00 for the first year.

(Budget Codes: 5545.400 and 5546.400)

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Toni Huffine, and Marian McKenna *voting nay*, and with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board awards a contract to provide Home to School and Private and Parochial Transportation Services, as stipulated above.

9. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion
Items

- a. 2009 – 2010 School Calendar
Superintendent Walsh presented to Board members, a draft of the 2009-2010 school calendar.

Also raised was the question of changing the sequence of the BOE meetings? Board member Marian McKenna suggested changing the meetings to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday; suggesting these times would be better for the community...?

After some dialogue, **a consensus was reached that the 2009-2010 Board of Education Meetings would be scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.**

Board
Consensus:
BOE Meeting
on 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of
each Month

10. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON the AGENDA

Discussion:
Items Not on
Agenda

Carl Moodt: spoke of how well the Math Day event was organized; said the event was “fabulous”.

Toni Huffine: Q re: status on the decision to provide busing for Universal Pre-K?

Dwayne Adsitt: the recommendation of the committee is to eliminate all busing for the program

Gregory Miglino: thanked all members of the committee; but fears we may lose some students because of there is no busing

Toni Huffine: gave credit to teachers and principals for the District’s improved status [the State Education Department has indicated that based upon the 2007-2008 assessment results, the South Country School District has been removed from the DINI list for 2008-2009]

Gregory Miglino: said the district is moving forward but we are still not there.

Superintendent Walsh: discussed a March 24th trip with students to Albany, New York – also accompanied by Principal Briggs and Spencer Stickley; said students met with Senator Foley and other State Legislatures; stated he is very proud of our students

Gregory Miglino: thanked the PTA for their assistance with this project; and also Mrs. Grossman for helping to arrange the appointments with out State Legislatures and other public officials; also spoke of a conversation he had with Senator Foley about students not being allowed on the Senate floor.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (9:38 p.m.)

Close Public Session

BRIEF RECESS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:55 p.m.)

Executive Session

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f) Personnel Matters.

14. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (10:30 p.m.)

Close Executive Session

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, April 13, 2009

Next Meeting Date

15. ADJOURNMENT (10:32 p.m.)

Adjournment

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judeth DeGree

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