

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:10 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board of Education President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., called a Special Budget Workshop of the Board of Education to order at 7:10 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, and Trustee Kevin Kirk

Roll Call

Members Absent: Trustee Marian McKenna; and Trustee Barbara Schatzman [absence due to family crisis]

Members Late: None

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo; Accounting Supervisor Darlene Levi; Director of Special Services Ann Morreale; BTA President Spencer Stickley; and members of the community

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Education Vice President Carl Moodt led the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATION

Presentation:
Budget
Development

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo gave a PowerPoint presentation on the final numbers for the 2009-2010 Budget:

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

- Expenditures
- Revenue

BUDGET CONSTRUCTION METHODOLOGY

- Zero Based Budget Process
- Site-Based Budgets
- High Probability Revenue Projection

EXPENDITURE LEVEL

Major Budget Drivers:

- Salaries
 - Negotiations in Progress
- Fringe Benefits
 - ERS-TRS Will Begin to Trend Upward
- Plant and Facilities
- Special Services
- Transportation
- Debt Services

REVENUE

- Revenue [No Decision]
 - State Aid
 - Miscellaneous
 - Taxes
 - PILOT Payments
- FUND Balance Use [Decision]
 - Un-Reserved [4% of Budget]
 - Reserved [Long Term Liabilities]
 - Appropriated [Tax Limitation]

STATE AID CONSIDERATIONS

- 01/08 State Aid Cut of \$3.6 Million
- 04/09 Stimulus Plan Replaces the Original Cut of \$3.6 Million
- Artificial Increase in State Aid – 18-Month Cycle

REVIEW OF PROCESS

- October 08 Budget Development Begins
- Nov-Dec 08 School and Department Budgets Under Construction
- January 09 Budget Document Finalized with Projected Tax Rate
- February 11/09 Budget Presented to Board
- February-March Budget Workshops – Versions 1 through 4
- April Finalization of the Budget

CURRENT BUSGET STATUS VERSION 5

- Expenditure Level \$106,204.025
- % Expenditure Increase 3.98%
- Fund Balance Use \$1, 500,000
- Proj. Tax Rate Increase 2.73%

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

- Demonstration: projected percentages of tax rate increases as different amounts of Fund Balance support is added
- Discussion re: the State's letter to the District and the Business Superintendent's explanation that cleared up the State's concerns.

Q & A:

Q: State aid amounts and support?

Q: Amount of Federal Aid in Stimulus?

Q: Total amount of our Fund Balance? Q re: whether the \$1.5 million is included in these figures? And Q re: the status of the State's Budget?

A: We have an approximate fund balance of \$11 million; Yes, the \$1.5 million has been factored in; and Yes, the State's budget has now been adopted.

Discussion re: the district being \$6 million in the red in 2005

Presentation:
Budget
Development
[Cont'd]

BRIEF RECESS

The meeting recessed from 7:45 p.m. to 8:02 p.m.

Brief Recess

RESUME MEETING

The meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m.

Resume
Meeting

Q & A [Continued]:

Q: Whether this budget supports additional security and custodial staff?

A: No.

Comment: Board President wishes to commit \$2 million of Fund Balance to support the budget because, he feels this will lower tax rates and thereby make the community more attractive.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (9:18 p.m.)

Close Public
Session

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (9:18 p.m.)

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Victor Correa, with Marian McKenna, and Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f) Personnel Matters.

Executive
Session

NOTE: Toni Huffine left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Note

5. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (-9:48 p.m.)

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Toni Huffine, Marian McKenna and Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 10:48 p.m.

Close
Executive
Session

OPEN SESSION

Open Session

6. **ADD ITEMS: BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT AGENDA**

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves a community presentation to take place no sooner than May 15, 2009 and no later than the end of the 2008-2009 school year, with invitees to include county elected officials. Advertisement of this event will appear in local publications approved by the Board.

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by James Jankowski, with Toni Huffine, Marian McKenna, and Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves Resolution 6-a as stipulated above.

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into negotiations with Wiedersum Associates Architects, PLLC. for the purpose of conducting a Bond Inquest in connection with a potential Bond to be put forward in the future. Such inquest will be conducted in conjunction with the Bond Committee.

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Victor Correa, with Toni Huffine, Marian McKenna, and Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves resolution 6-b as stipulated above.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Tuesday, April 21, 2009

7. **ADJOURNMENT (10:50 p.m.)**

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Toni Huffine, Marian McKenna, and Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judeth DeGree

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District Clerk

Add Items to
Agenda:

Approve
Community
Presentation

Approve Bond
Inquest with
Wiedersum
Associates
Architects,
PLLC.

Next Meeting
Date

Adjournment