

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

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER (7:01 p.m.)**

Call to Order

Board of Education President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:01 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 Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

**Members Absent:** Trustee Marian McKenna

**Members Late:** None

**Others Present:** Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance Michael Buzzeo; Accounting Supervisor Darlene Levi; Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Richard Kollar, Bellport High School principal Nelson Briggs; Physical Education Director John Frankie; BTA President Spencer Stickley; Transportation Supervisor Louise Colletti; FIRST Student Transportation employees; teachers; other staff members; guests and members of the community

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance

Bellport High School Principal Nelson Briggs led the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. COMMENDATIONS**

Commendations

Board President Gregory Miglino gave special recognition to Frank Castellano, III, a 1986 graduate of Bellport High School and a Naval Academy graduate.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public Participation

*Susan Roth:* read a prepared statement in support of the FIRST Student bus drivers; spoke of previous letters of concern sent to the Board; a recent letter to the Board addressing the same concerns, and a petition in her possession that was signed by over 1,600 district residents.

*Elaine Gonzalez:* says she is a bus driver and has lived in the district for 14 years; spoke of the wisdom of those persons on the Board and about Board members having the future of First Student drivers in their hands.

*Toni Huffine:* asked members of the Board to reopen discussion on the busing contract; asked Mrs. Schatzman if she wishes to reopen discussion on the matter?

*Gregory Miglino:* says discussion can only be reopened by a Board member who was present for the vote and voted in favor of replacing First Student Bus.

Public participation  
[Cont'd]

CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. 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. RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement between Hicksville School District and the South Country Central School District* to provide health services to a South Country Central School District student attending non-public school in the Hicksville School District during the 2008 -2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)  
On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the Board executes a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement between Hicksville School District and the South Country Central School District* to provide health services to a South Country Central School District student attending non-public school in the Hicksville School District during the 2008 -2009 school year.

Approve Service Agreement with Hicksville SD

**B. RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement between Half Hollow Hills Central School District and the South Country Central School District* to provide health services to a South Country Central School District Student attending non-public schools in the Half Hollow Hills Central School District during the 2008 -2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)  
On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the Board executes a *Health and Welfare Service Agreement between Half Hollow Hills Central School District and the South Country School District* to provide health services to a South Country Central School District Student attending non-public schools in the Half Hollow Hills Central School District during the 2008 -2009 school year.

Approve Service Contract with Half Hollow Hills SD

- C. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a *Health and Welfare Services Agreement between Riverhead Central School District and the South Country Central School District* to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public schools in the Riverhead Central School District during the 2008 – 2009 school year. (Budget Code: A2815.448.00)  
On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the Board executes a *Health and Welfare Services Agreement between Riverhead Central School District and the South Country Central School District* to provide health services to South Country Central School District students attending non-public schools in the Riverhead Central School District during the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Service  
Agreement  
with Riverhead  
CSD

- D. 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 Commack Union Free 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 school in the Commack School District during the 2007 – 2008 school year. (Budget Code: 2250.470.00)  
On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the Board executes a *Special Education Service Contract between Commack Union Free 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 school in the Commack School District during the 2007 – 2008 school year.

Spec. Ed.  
Service  
Agreement  
with Commack  
UFSD

- E. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves transportation costs not to exceed \$2400.00 for students to attend Penn Relays at Franklin Field Philadelphia, PA. Girls track team will leave Bellport HS at 1:00 PM on 4/22/09 and return to Bellport HS on 4/23/09 at approximately 8:00 PM. Boys track team will leave Bellport HS at 4:00 AM on 4/24/09 and return to Bellport HS on 4/25/09 at approximately 8:00 PM. (Budget Code # A.5545.400.00)  
On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by Kevin Kirk, with Marian McKenna, and Barbara Schatzman *absent for vote*, the Board approves transportation costs not to exceed \$2400.00 for students to attend Penn Relays at Franklin Field Philadelphia, PA. Girls track team will leave Bellport HS at 1:00 PM on 4/22/09 and return to Bellport HS on 4/23/09 at approximately 8:00 PM. Boys track team will leave Bellport HS at 4:00 AM on 4/24/09 and return to Bellport HS on 4/25/09 at approximately 8:00 PM.

Approve  
Trans. Cost to  
Penn Relays at  
Franklin Field  
Philadelphia

**NOTE:** At 7:17 p.m., Barbara Schatzman steps out of the room

**F. PERSONNEL**

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the 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 Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski, with Marian McKenna, and 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, moving item no. 1201 to Executive Session for discussion.

**NOTE:** Carl Moodt states that the employee represented by item no. 1199, is his son.

**6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. 2009 – 2010 Budget**

Toni Huffine: Q re the accuracy of the budget numbers/figures?  
Gregory Miglino: states that the budget numbers are correct.

Adopt the  
2009-2010  
Budget

**APPROVE THE 2009-2010 BUDGET**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education thereby adopts an expenditure appropriation of \$106,102,996 to operate the schools for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and presents such appropriation to District residents for approval on May 19, 2009, in the form of a single proposition.

On a motion by Kevin Kirk; seconded by James Jankowski the result of the vote was as follows:

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| _____                              | VOTING | <u>Yea</u> |
| Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., President |        |            |
| _____                              | VOTING | <u>Yea</u> |
| Carl Moodt, Vice – President       |        |            |
| _____                              | VOTING | <u>Yea</u> |
| Victor Correa                      |        |            |
| _____                              | VOTING | <u>Yea</u> |
| Toni Huffine                       |        |            |
| _____                              | VOTING | <u>Yea</u> |

James Jankowski

\_\_\_\_\_ VOTING Yea

Kevin Kirk

\_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT FOR VOTE

Marian McKenna

\_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT FOR VOTE

Barbara Schatzman

**\*\* The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.**

**NOTE:** Barbara Schatzman still out of the room

- B. Boys' and Girls' Club: Request to Use Bellport High School this summer**

*Q re:* whether there would be a cost to the district?

*Response:* none; however there are plans to possibly redo the library this summer.

**Approve Boys' & Girls' Use of Bellport Middle School this Summer**

**NOTE:** Barbara Schatzman rejoins the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**APPROVE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB TO USE BELLPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District approves the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Bellport area to use the Bellport Middle School for its summer programs.

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Toni Huffine, with Marian McKenna absent for vote, the Board approves the Boys' and Girls' Club of the Bellport area to use Bellport Middle for its summer programs.

**7. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

*Kevin Kirk:* Q re: policies/rules governing team members of high school sports going on vacation and missing practices?

*John Frankie:* says it is up to the coach; also pointed out that families, not students, make vacation plans

*Carl Moodt:* says he will address this concern with the policy committee.

*Gregory Miglino:* efforts will be made for "steadier disciplines".

*Superintendent Walsh:* "There is no excuse from academic work or sports" commitments

*James Jankowski:* spoke of having an accelerated program for students on the elementary level; says students need to be challenged

*Barbara Schatzman:* Q re: whether the district was mentioned on Channel 12 news?

**Discussion: Items not on the Agenda**

*Gregory Miglino:* There was no mention of the district in a negative light; however there was mention of the Wyandanch School District cutting 25 teachers, and their appeal to the State for additional assistance

*Toni Huffine:* Spoke of Clubs at FPL and student enrichment through after-school programs; also asked about high number of suspension hearings during the month of March?

*Superintendent Walsh:* says students are acting out and had given up, but that the numbers will begin to decrease next month

*Toni Huffine:* Q re: why the Math Club has poor attendance

*Nelson Briggs:* The club members do not attend regular meetings, but they do attend the competitions.

**Discussion  
Items not on  
the Agenda  
[Cont'd]**

**CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (7:44 p.m.)**

**Close Public  
Session**

**BRIEF RECESS**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (7:55 p.m.)**

On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Carl Moodt, with, Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the meeting moved into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f) Personnel Matters.

**Executive  
Session**

**11. CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION (8:02 p.m.)**

On a motion by Victor Correa; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the meeting moved out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

**Close  
Executive  
Session**

**OPEN SESSION**

**12. APPROVE PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEM**

- a. Item No. 1201 [Permanent Substitute School Social Worker]:  
On a motion by James Jankowski; seconded by Carl Moodt, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote* the Board approves Personnel Agenda item no. 1201 as stipulated above.

**Approve  
Personnel  
Agenda item  
1201**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, April 22, 2009

**Next Meeting  
Date**

**14. ADJOURNMENT (8:04 p.m.)**

On a motion by Carl Moodt; seconded by Victor Correa, with Marian McKenna *absent for vote*, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

**Attachments**

*Judeth DeGree*

Judeth DeGree, District Clerk

Attachments:

Personnel Agenda: 380 to 381