

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

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)**

Board of Education Vice President, Kevin Kirk called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place in the Board Room of the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Call to Order

Board of Education Members Present:

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| Victor Correa | Marian McKenna |
| Lisa Di Santo Grossman | Gregory C. Miglino Jr (arrived at 8:45 pm) |
| James Jankowski | Rob Powell (arrived at 7:05 pm) |
| Kevin Kirk | Barbara Schatzman |
| | Lee Snead |

Roll Call

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools Raymond Walsh, Interim Asst Superintendent for Business, Michael Buzzeo, Interim Asst Superintendent for HR, Richard Kollar, Interim Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Asst Superintendent of Educational Support Services, Stanley Pelech, Bellport High School Principal Nelson Briggs, Athletic Director John Frankie, Principals Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Lisa Greiner, Kathy Munistieri, School Attorneys Douglas Spencer, Gregory Guercio, other staff members, guests and members of the community.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Victor Correa leads the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. **PRESENTATION**

School Attorney Gregory Guercio gave a presentation regarding the ongoing Bellport Teacher Association negotiations. He noted this was not an opinion or argument for or against. The presentation is merely to disclose the positions of both parties as they are so far apart and the BOE decided to make a public disclosure.

Presentation

3. **COMMENDATIONS**

Kevin Kirk and Superintendent Walsh presented Debra Gurney, Assistant Principal at Verne W. Critz and Kreamer St Elementary Schools, with a plaque for her outstanding contributions to the Character Counts program.

Commendations

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Toni Huffine: Questioned when the next Caithness payment was due the district and if plans are in place to have Smart Boards in the other buildings. She also commented on the presentation.

Gregory and Sean Chavious: As a former teacher in the district as well as a resident, Mr. Greg Chavious expressed his concerns about the BTA negotiations and his hope that all parties will iron out their issues and come to a reasonable conclusion without any further divisiveness.

Ronald Kinsella: Spoke about taxes and questioned Caithness payments and his hopes that it would be used for the community at large. Had questions regarding pension credits, teachers health contributions and retirement incentives.

Owen Durney: Stated he belongs to AME union and had to give back with a 4% pay cut. Spoke about MTA tax, state aid and Caithness.

Jim Merrill: Spoke of parking concerns at board meeting due to crowds.

Public Participation

Board members discussed the possibility of changing the venue of the board meetings. The lack of recording equipment at other buildings was discussed. The legalities of recording the meetings would be looked into.

5. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

A. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A motion (Kirk / Jankowski) to approve the Treasurer's report for November, 2009.

VOTE: Unanimous 9-0:

Treasurer's Report November 2009

B. A motion (Kirk / Snead) to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, as follows:

Revenue Anticipation Note

Section 1: The power to authorize the sale and issuance of not exceeding \$20,000,000 revenue anticipation notes of the South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, including renewals thereof, in anticipation of revenues due to be received by said School District as State aid from the State of New York during the fiscal year of said School District which commenced July 1, 2009, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be determined by said President of the Board of Education, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Victor Correa	Yes
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Yes
Kevin Kirk	Yes
James Jankowski	Yes
Marian McKenna	Yes
Gregory C. Miglino, Jr.	Yes
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	Yes
Lee Snead	Yes

VOTE: Unanimous 9-0:

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

C. A motion (McKenna / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts an award from State Farm Insurance in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Accepts award from State Farm Insurance

VOTE: Unanimous 9-0

It is noted that this was awarded on behalf of Brian Timoney, football videographer and teacher Rodney O'Neal of Bellport High School, as a result of a contest sponsored by State Farm.

D. A motion (Powell / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of one Lester Grand Piano from Ralph and Jinny Weston to the South Country Central School District Music Department.

Accepts
donation of
Lester
Grand Piano

VOTE: *Unanimous 9-0:*

E. A motion (Kirk / Snead) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares items listed on the attached schedule "A" located at Frank P. Long Intermediate School as surplus and disposes of such items in the best interest of the District.

Surplus
items at
Frank P.
Long School

VOTE: *Unanimous 9-0:*

F. A motion (Snead / Correa) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares items listed on the attached schedule "A" located at Bellport Senior High School as surplus and disposes of such items in the best interest of the District.

Surplus
items at
Bellport HS

VOTE: *Unanimous 9-0:*

G. A motion (Kirk / Correa) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Comprehensive Education Plan for Bellport High School.

Approves
Comprehensive
Education Plan

VOTE: *Unanimous 9-0*

H. A motion (McKenna / Snead) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE) & Committee on Pre-School Education (CPSE).

CSE, SCSE
& CPSE
recommend-
ations.

VOTE: *Unanimous 9-0*

I. PERSONNEL

A motion (Schatzman / Correa) to approve the following resolution, with Item # 1229 to be voted on separately.

Personnel
Agenda
Items

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education 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.

VOTE: *Unanimous 9-0*

A motion (Schatzman / McKenna) to approve Item 1229 of the Personnel Agenda:

Personnel
Agenda Item
#1229

VOTE: Motion carries; 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Snead)

Mr. Snead requested the record be noted that Item #1229 was related to a family member.

6. **BOARD SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion
Items

- Bus accident
- Procedures for responding to emails sent to board members.
- Possibility of implementing a swim team at the High School.
- Superintendent Conference Day feedback.
- Discussion on Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP).
- Parent Involvement Policy.
- Parent Portal
- Drug Awareness Program.
- E-school assessments.
- Feedback on restructuring of Guidance Departments.
- Kreamer Street sidewalks and Bellport Village.
- Changing venue of board meetings.

**WALK ON AGENDA ITEMS
CHANGE ORDERS**

A motion (Snead / Schatzman) to approve the following change orders subject to available funding:

Change order
Brookhaven
Holbrook
Fence

ITEM #	Description	Contractor	Amount	Building
1	Install 541 feet of green hedge in existing chain link fence	Holbrook Fence	\$5,545.	Brookhaven

VOTE: Unanimous 9-0

A motion (Schatzman / Kirk) to approve the following change orders subject to available funding:

Change order
FPL
Frendolph
Construction

ITEM #	Description	Contractor	Amount	Building
2	Repair flooring in rm101 due to concrete floor; settlement, repair VCT flooring with cove base.	Frendolph Construction	\$1,600.	FPL

VOTE: Unanimous 9-0

A motion (Powell / Snead) to approve the following change orders subject to available funding:

Change order
BMS
Residential
Fence

ITEM #	Description	Contractor	Amount	Building
3	Install black privacy slats – 95 LF around new fence at transformer.	Residential Fence	\$1,045.	BMS

VOTE: Unanimous 9-0

A motion (McKenna/ Snead) to approve the following change orders subject to available funding:

ITEM #	Description	Contractor	Amount	Building
4	Provide and install two 60ft long, 1 ½ inch dia. Schedule 40 pipe batten for scenery – stage area of auditorium.	Young Equipment Sales Inc.	\$4,447.56.	BMS

Change order
BMS
Young
Equipment
Sales

VOTE: *Unanimous* 9-0

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (9:28 pm)

A motion (Schatzman / Powell) to move into Executive Session in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (d).

Executive
Session

VOTE: *Unanimous* 9-0:

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION (10:55 pm)

Reconvene
Public
Session

A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

3020-a
Suspension
with pay
pending
hearing.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that the employee named in Executive Session is hereby suspended with pay pending a hearing on the charges and the final determination thereof.

VOTE: *Motion carries;* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell)

A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

Section
3020-a
Charge I (A)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that should the employee named in Executive Session either waive his right to a hearing, or be found guilty of Charge I (A): Misconduct – Conduct Unbecoming an Administrator, after a hearing, the Board of Education shall seek his termination from service in the South Country Central School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries;* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell)

A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

Section
3020-a
Charge I (B)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that should the employee named in Executive Session either waive his right to a hearing, or be found guilty of Charge I (B): Misconduct – Insubordination, after a hearing, the Board of Education shall seek his termination from service in the South Country Central School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries;* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell)

A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Education Law; and

Section
3020-a
Charge I (C)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that should the employee named in Executive Session either waive his right to a hearing, or be found guilty of Charge I (C): Neglect of Duty – Conduct Unbecoming an Administrator, after a hearing, the Board of Education shall seek his termination from service in the South Country Central School District.

VOTE: *Motion carries;* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell)

A motion (McKenna / Snead) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Joseph Cipp to the position of Interim Assistant Principal at Bellport High School effective December 17, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at a rate of \$700 per day.

Joseph Cipp
appointed
Interim Asst
Principal
BHS

VOTE: *Unanimous* 9-0

A motion (Powell / McKenna) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation and awards a contract to Palermo Paving as the lowest responsible bidder for snow removal and ice control needs as specified in the snow removal and ice control bid opened on December 11, 2009. The amount of the bid would vary by the intensity of the precipitation (snow and ice accumulation by site-see Attachment A).

Snow
Removal &
Ice Control
Palermo
Paving

VOTE: *Unanimous* 9-0

A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the expenditure of up to \$20,000. for media purposes and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to approve said expenditures on behalf of the Board.

**Media
Expenditure**

VOTE: *Motion carries;* 8-Yes, 1-No (McKenna)

ADJOURNMENT (11:05 PM)

Adjournment

A motion (Schatzman / Correa) to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 9-0

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos,
District Clerk

Attachments: Personnel Agenda
Schedule A Surplus Items Frank P. Long
Schedule A Surplus Items BHS
Attachment A – Snow & Ice Removal