

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER (7:03p.m.)**

Board of Education President Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., called a Budget Hearing of the Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport High School Auditorium, Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, NY.

**Call to Order**

**Board of Education Members Present:**

**Roll Call**

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

**Others Present:** Interim Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Interim Asst Superintendent for Business, Michael Buzzeo, Interim Asst Superintendent for HR, Richard Kollar, Asst Superintendent of Educational Support Services, Stanley Pelech, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, BMS Principal Brian Ginty, Frank P. Long Principal Stefanie Rucinski, Board of Education candidates, BTA President Spencer Stickley, CSEA President Peter Maddalone, other guests and members of the community.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michael Buzzeo leads the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES**

Board President Miglino announced that the School Budget Vote and Trustee Election is being held Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Bellport Middle School Gymnasium from 7am to 9pm. He then introduced the following candidates vying for seats on the Board of Education:

**Introduction of Candidates**

Michelle Cavaleri	Julio Morales
Owen Durney	Marian McKenna (incumbent)
Antoinette Huffine	Lee Snead (incumbent)

**4. BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. Michael Buzzeo, gave a presentation on the budget. Copies of the budget were available for the public. The budget process was explained, including an overview of the adopted budget with a review of the selected expenditure items, revenue and future implications.

**Budget Presentation**

- Budget Development
- Budget Construction Methodology
- Expenditure Side
- Taxes on Salaries
- Areas of Significant Expenditure
- Projected Revenue 2010-2011
- Relationship between Fund Balance Use and the Tax Levy
- Revenue Breakdown 2009-2010
- Revenue Breakdown 2010-2011
- State Aid 08/09 – 11/12
- Fund Balance COB 6/30/09
- Comparison 09/10 – 10/11
- Budgets vs. State Aid

- Expenditure Growth / State Aid 96/97 -10/11
- Propositions
- Budget Vote Process
- Budget Vote 5/18/10

## 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public  
Participation

*Spencer Stickley: BTA President:* Asked about other monies to fund programs - Race to the Top, and asked if Department Chairs are included in current budget.

*Dee LaBalbo-Kempf (Resident)* Spoke about district Transportation Dept being cut. Feels discrepancies exist in the figures given. Past Administrations did not cut Transportation because it was discovered they were a cost saving measure. They instead would let employees go through attrition. Mr. Buzzeo explained that the figures given in the budget were correct. There were cost increases due to homeless runs, fringe benefits and vehicles. There would be a savings of \$400,000 this year and \$600,000 next year if transportation was outsourced.

*Wesley Springhorn (resident)* Commended Mr. Buzzeo on his presentation. Questioned fund balance reserves.

*Peter Maddalone (CSEA President)* Implored Board to find other ways to save money rather than hurting CSEA employees. CSEA employees have given back many concessions to the district in its last negotiations – from 0% raises, increase in insurance contributions, lower pay scales and they seem to be the only union being hurt. There are only 10 bus drivers and some have worked for the district for years – needing only a few years or less to retire.

*Resident:* Had questions on Alternative High School, reserve funds.

*Christopher Deutsch (resident):* Spoke of the nine period day planned, availability of classes for the accelerated students.

*Kelly Salvatore:* Has a special needs child in the district and expressed concerns with transportation being cut.

*Owen Durney(resident):* Questioned how much of the MTA tax the district contributes (\$185,000 this year) and if state will be reimbursing us for it.

*Michael Bilecki (resident):* Noted inconsistencies in line items in budget – higher salaries combined while some lower line items listed separately. Mr. Buzzeo explained that budget would be unmanageable if all were itemized. Mr. Bilecki can contact Mr. Buzzeo for additional information not listed.

*BHS Student:* Spoke of scheduling and inability to get lunch if they don't have a lunch period.

*Julio Morales (resident).* Spoke of bus driver layoffs, negotiations and questioned if a new position was being added to the budget. Mr. Miglino responded that the Director of Instructional Technology was the only new position added. It is a needed position especially with the new technology recently put into place in the schools. Mr. Morales asked if district looked into ways to decrease maintenance costs of buildings - heating and electrical costs. Mr. Miglino responded that the passage of the "Green" Bond last year will assist in decreasing many of these costs – solar energy, generators. Busing at Alternative School and PM School was also discussed.

*Annemarie Samuel:* Questioned why Pupil Services had largest increase in budget – Mr. Buzzeo went over items and explained.

*Regina Seltzer:* Questioned Civil Service resolution passed at a recent board meeting. Felt it was unnecessary since she was told by Civil Service that the use of a resident list is the preferred method of hiring. Mr. Miglino explained that the resolution the board passed simply directed staff to follow the preferred method of Civil Service for not only the competitive but non-competitive positions. This allowed district residents to have preference over the County. Mrs. Seltzer also asked about the facilities position and if Mr. Miglino intended to take it. Mr. Miglino responded that he was asked by both the current and former Superintendent to take the position and he was interested. Mrs. Seltzer also asked if eight teachers were going to be let go. Mr. Miglino responded that they were vacating positions through attrition and striving to avoid any teachers from losing their jobs.

*Maria Cruz: FPL parent:* She attended South Country School District and questioned why funding can't be provided for the elementary schools for gifted students and those students above grade level.

*Cathy Coleman:* Stated she has two sisters who are our bus drivers who are being laid off. She noticed there's no trimming from the top down in this budget and the district is only taking from the bottom. Why can't the bus drivers be offered incentives to retire?

*Antoinette Huffine (resident):* Stated that the husband of one of our bus drivers came to her house to discuss Transportation being cut. He is losing health insurance as a result. She asked the Board of Education to reconsider the busing situation and not take action on this.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the proposed final exam scheduled for the 2009-2010 school year for the Bellport Middle School.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No

Approves  
Final Exam  
Schedule –  
BMS  
2009-2010

**7. BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

- Re-allocating expenditures to offset Transportation Department loss and BOCES programs.
- Model at South Haven School - costs, discrepancies in figures –sharpen pencils to save jobs.
- Board members voted on budget ceiling – room to adjust individual expenditures – personnel issues.
- Board minutes not being posted to the website.

Discussion  
Items

**A motion (Kirk / Snead ) to move into Executive Session in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f). (9:10 pm)**

Convene to  
Executive  
Session

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION (11:29 pm).**

Reconvene  
Public  
Session

**WALK ON RESOLUTIONS**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District and the South Country Administrators' Association and John Frankie in a matter more extensively discussed in Executive Session.

Approves  
MOA with  
SCAA, John  
Frankie and  
SCCSD

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 2-Abstain (Grossman, Powell)

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

**Resolved**, the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation and rejects bids in the amount of \$790,000 and \$1,559,900 to provide electrical work in connecting the system into the building's switch gear as the submissions were not a fair representation of the scope of work.

Approves  
resolution to  
reject bids  
for Electrical  
Work

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No

Let it be read into the record that a certain parcel of land which is conjoined to Bellport High School was discussed more further in Executive Session. Because of the nature and the negotiation process, the record will reflect that the Board voted in the affirmative to move forward to identify the parcel and have it appraised.

Board moves to identify certain land parcel and appraise

**A motion (Snead / Schatzman ) to recall Personnel Item # 1532 from the agenda of 4/21/10**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 4-Abstain (Correa, Grossman, Powell, Snead).  
*Trustee Snead asked that the record reflect that that he abstains for reasons given in Executive Session.*

Recall Personnel Item #1532 from 4/21/10 Agenda

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

**Resolved** that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants a Juul agreement for the 2010-2011 year to an employee further discussed in Executive Session, known to the Board as Garrett Comanzo.

Grants Juul Agreement for 2010 – 2011 to Employee

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 0-No, 4-Abstain (Correa, Grossman, Powell, Snead).  
*Trustee Snead asked that the record reflect that that he abstains for reasons given in Executive Session.*

President Miglino requested the record reflect that the Board of Education was informed tonight of a personnel matter regarding an executive member of the staff and that the Board of Education has advised the President of the Board of Education to ensure that appropriate steps are taken to safeguard the interests of the school district.

**A motion (Schatzman / Kirk ) to adjourn the meeting. (11:40pm)**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Nancy Poulos,*

District Clerk,

Attachments: Budget Spreadsheet  
Budget Presentation