

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER (7:15 p.m.)**

Board of Education President Victor Correa., called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

Call to Order

**Board of Education Members Present:**

Michelle Cavaleri	Kevin Kirk
Victor Correa	Julio Morales
Owen Durney	Rob Powell
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

**Absent:** Trustee Marian McKenna

**Others Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Asst Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Interim Asst Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips, Asst Superintendent of Educational Support Services, Stanley Pelech, School Attorney John Sheahan, Assistant Director Student Support Services, Theresa McGuire, BTA President Spencer Stickley, CSEA President Peter Maddalone, other guests and members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Spencer Stickley leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Board President Correa announced that an informational meeting regarding the Building Services Administrator position will be held on July 28, 2010, 6:00pm in the Board Room at South Haven School. He asked that the public and all present to contact the Superintendent of Schools if they plan on attending.

Informational Meeting re BSA position

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Board President Correa reminded all present that comments from each speaker during public participation is limited to 4 minutes and the Board will be observant of this.

Public Participation

*Regina Seltzer:* Explained why she believes that the position of Building Services Administrator should be abolished.

*Toni Huffine:* Questioned the custodial positions recently posted and the duties of Park East Construction Co.

*Joanne Long Merrill:* Spoke of the importance of vocational training and keeping the BOCES program.

*James Vaughan:* Advocated for the BOCES program and asked that the Board find the money to fund this.

*Trustee Schatzman:* Requested that Assistant Superintendents Alan Phillips and Nelson Briggs be brought back later to discuss the funding issues and other opportunities for vocational training if there is no BOCES.

3. **BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of Minutes, Re-Organization Meeting of July 7, 2010.
- Approval of Minutes, Business Meeting of July 7, 2010 as amended.

Approval of Minutes 7-7-2010 Reorg & Business Mtg

**VOTE:** Motion carries unanimously. 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna)

**4. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Treasurer's Report for June 2010

Treasurer's  
Report

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

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

- B. 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  
Frank P Long

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

**A motion (Durney / Cavaleri) to approve the following resolution:**

- C. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the educational services contract for the 2008-2009 school year with the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District. There is no cost to the District. The District will bill Patchogue-Medford School District, the district of residence.

Educational  
Services  
Contract 2008-  
2009 Patchogue  
Medford School  
District

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

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

- D. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a contract to Precision Envelope as the lowest responsible vendor of Print Bid #2010-03 at the *amended* rate of \$884.17.

Print Bid  
Precision  
Envelope

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education amends its purchasing policy to align with the opinion of the State Comptroller. (59-647 effective June 22, 2010). There will be no change in the Districts requirement according to section 104-b of the general municipal law in so far as verbal and written quotes. The change regarding competitive bidding reflects the increased cost of materials, supplies and equipment. There has been no increase in the dollar limit of the competitive bidding requirement since section 103 of the general municipal law was written in 1953. As in the past, the District would need to advertise if the cost exceeds the new dollar limit established by the new bid law. The general intent of the law and the school district's responsibility should be the basis for action. The general interest of the tax payers and the economical and efficient operation of the schools should dictate the action to be taken by the district. Therefore, the recommendation is to increase the dollar limit for purchasing from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 and increase the public works dollar limit from \$20,000.00 to \$35,000.00. The increase in the limitation on public works contracts was amended November 12, 2009.

Amends District  
Purchasing  
Policy to Align  
with State  
Comptroller

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (McKenna).

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**A motion (Schatzman / Durney ) to approve the following resolution:**

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

Approves  
recommendations  
of CSE, SCSE  
& CPSE

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

**An omnibus motion (Schatzman / Morales ) to approve the following resolutions, Items G, H, I :** Approves Items G, H & I:

- G. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Trustees Lisa Di Santo Grossman, Marian McKenna, Owen Durney, Julio Morales and Michelle Cavaleri at Scope's Annual Dinner Meeting on August 12, 2010 at a total cost to the district of \$176.00.

G: SCOPE  
Annual Dinner  
Mtg 8/12/10

- H. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Trustees Michelle Cavaleri and Julio Morales at the NYSSBA New School Board Member Academy on July 23 & July 24 and Trustee Owen Durney on July 24, 2010 at a total cost to the district of \$825.00.

H: NYSSBA New  
School Bd  
Member  
Academy 7/23 &  
7/24/10

- I. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of Trustee Kevin Kirk at the NYSSBA Board Officers Academy on August 27, 2010 at a total cost to the district of \$280.00.

I: NYSSBA  
Board Officers  
Academy 8/27/10

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

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

- K. WHEREAS**, the South Country Central School District maintains the South Country Central School 403(b) Retirement Plan ("Plan"); and

Amendment to  
403b  
Retirement  
Plan

**WHEREAS**, the Plan was duly adopted on the 10th day of December, 2008 by the District's Board of Education ("Board"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to restate and amend the Plan as regards section 5.5 Eligibility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that section 5.5 of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows:

**5.5 Hardship Withdrawals**

(a) Hardship withdrawals shall be permitted under the Plan to the extent permitted by the Individual Agreements controlling the Account assets to be withdrawn to satisfy the hardship. If applicable under an Individual Agreement, no Elective Deferrals shall be allowed under the Plan during the 6-month period beginning on the date the Participant receives a distribution on account of hardship.

(b) The Individual Agreements shall provide for the exchange of information among the Employer or Employer's agent and the Service Provider(s) to the extent necessary to implement the Individual Agreements, including, in the case of a hardship withdrawal that is automatically deemed to be necessary to satisfy the Participant's financial need (pursuant to Section 1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(iv)(E) of the Income Tax Regulations), the Service Provider notifying the Employer of the withdrawal in order for the Employer to implement the resulting 6-month suspension of the Participant's right to make Elective Deferrals under the

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Plan. In addition, in the case of a hardship withdrawal that is not automatically deemed to be necessary to satisfy the financial need (pursuant to Section 1.401(k)-1(d)(3)(iii)(B) of the Income Tax Regulations), the Service Provider shall obtain information from the Employer or other Service Provider(s) to determine the amount of any plan loans and rollover accounts that are available to the Participant under the Plan to satisfy the financial need.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plan, as restated and amended is hereby approved and adopted.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the District has caused this Resolution and Amendment to be adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

**A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve the following resolution:**

**L. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following bond work change order, subject to funding:

Change Order –  
Waltral Bros.  
Verne Critz

Reference #	Description	Contractor	Amount	Location
2011-02	Remove 45,000 square ft. of existing paving and replace with new asphalt paving.	Waltral Brothers Inc.	\$182,669.	Verne W. Critz School

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

**J. PERSONNEL**

**A motion (Schatzman / Durney ) to approve the following resolution, pulling Personnel Agenda Item #s 74 through 78 and moving Item # 87 to Executive Session:**

Personnel  
Agenda

Items 74-78  
pulled;

Item #87 moved  
to Executive  
Session

**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:** *Motion carries.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain (Morales), Absent (McKenna).

**A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to adjourn to Executive Session (8:00 pm).**

Convene to  
Executive  
Session

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

Reconvene  
Public Session

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION (11:35pm)**

**PERSONNEL AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. A motion (Kirk / Durney) to approve the following:**

Rescind Item #85 of the Personnel Agenda.

Rescinds  
Item #85 of  
Personnel  
Agenda

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

**2. A motion (Schatzman / Kirk ) to approve the following:**

Approve Item #87 of the Personnel Agenda.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain (Powell), Absent (McKenna).

Approves  
Personnel  
Agenda  
Item #87

**ADDENDUM SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A motion (Schatzman / Durney) to approve the following:**

**AMENDED RESOLUTION FOR PART A, SECTION 105 OF RETIREMENT LAWS OF 2010 FOR EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERS**

**M. BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District does hereby elect to provide the benefits of Part A of Chapter 015 of the Retirement laws of 2010 to all targeted employees who are members of the New York State Employees Retirement System and who retire with an effective date of retirement during the “open period” commencing on June 25, 2010 and ending on August 31, 2010, and who are otherwise eligible to participate in such program.

Approves  
Amended  
Resolution for  
Part A, Section  
105 – Retirement  
Laws 2010 for  
ERS

Note: this action is necessary based on the advisement of the Employees’ Retirement System for compliance purposes and to assure that all eligible members are afforded the benefits of the incentive program.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

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

**N. RESOLVED,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education ratifies the labor agreements for the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Building Services Administrator, the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services and the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

Ratifies Labor  
Agreements

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 6Yes, 1-No (Powell), 1-Abstain (Grossman), Absent (McKenna).

**7. BOARD / SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Discussion regarding public participation at meetings.
- Alternatives to BOCES program – Internship programs.
- Board Committees.
- Placing Extra Curricular Activity Board Advisor positions on the agenda sooner.
- Obtaining a schedule of completion for all work done through the bond.

BOE / Supt  
Discussion  
Items

**A motion (Durney / Kirk ) to adjourn the meeting: (12:15 am)**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8Yes, 0-No, Absent (McKenna).

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting  
Adjourned

*Nancy Poulos*  
District Clerk  
Attachments