

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

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

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Victor Correa	Marian McKenna
Owen Durney	Jeannette Mistler
Lisa Di Santo Grossman (arrived at 8:53 pm)	Julio Morales
Kevin Kirk	Rob Powell
	Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Assistant Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, Building Services Administrator, Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., Assistant Director of Student Support Services, Theresa McGuire, Principals Bernie Soete, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, BTA President Wayne White, School Attorneys Christopher Guercio and Douglas Spencer, other guests and members of the community.

2. COMMENDATIONS

Science Chairperson Kim Morris and Bellport Middle School Teacher Craig Surrusco presented student John O'Neill with a certificate in honor of his winning 2nd Place at the Brookhaven National Laboratory Elementary School Science Fair.

Public Participation

3. PRESENTATIONS

A presentation was given by Whitson's Food Service, outlining the food program for the upcoming year, the Point of Sale system and enhancements to the lunch program.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Toni Huffine (resident): Commented on transfer of nurses, open communication with BOE, stairs at High School.

Margaret Munson (resident): Read letter regarding UPK program.

Yanina Scotto-Lavino (resident): Commented on use of Annex for UPK program and outside stairs at High School.

Michael Bilecki (resident): Questioned addendum to the UPK contract – Little Scholars Academy.

Anne Hayes (resident): Commented on letter read re UPK program and open meeting law.

5. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes- Reorganization Meeting of July 6, 2011

B. Approval of Minutes- Business Meeting of July 6, 2011

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approves Treasurer's Report

Financial Matters – Treasurer's Report for June, 2011

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

A motion (McKenna / Durney) to approve the following:

B. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a donation of \$760.00 for a one-time scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year in the name of Jennifer Mejia from anonymous donors known to the Board of Education.

Approves donation – Scholarship Jennifer Mejia

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

A motion (Morales / Kirk) to approve the following as amended:

C. RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates Lisa Zaccaro as custodian of the petty cash fund, in the amount of \$100.00 for South Haven School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Petty Cash – South Haven School

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

A motion (Durney / McKenna) to approve the following:

D. RESOLVED, 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 CSE, SCSE & CPSE recommendations

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

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

E. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby establishes the following standard work day for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to New York State and Local Employees Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted to the District Clerk:

Establishes Standard Work day – Elected & Appointed Officials

Title	Name	Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number	Standard Work Day	Term of Office	Participates in Time-Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Months Based on Record of Activities
District Clerk	Nancy Poulos		7.5	7/1/2011-6/29/2012	Y	20 days during months with 2 payrolls 30 days during months with 3 payrolls
District Treasurer	Christine Johnson		6	7/1/2011-6/29/2012	N	12 days during months with 2 payrolls

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

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

F. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consulting services agreement with J.C. Broderick & Associates, Inc. at the estimated cost of \$10,350.00.

Approves Consulting Services – JC Broderick & Assoc

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

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

G. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the addendum to the contract between Little Scholars Learning Academy and South Country Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approves
Addendum to
Contract – Little
Scholars Learning
Academy

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

PERSONNEL

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

H. 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.

Approves
Personnel Agenda

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

7. INFORMATION

Mrs. Linda Rozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, apprised the Board of the work going on in her department, noting the following areas:

Updates
Curriculum,
Instruction &
Technology

Curricular & Instructional Updates:

- Summer School Update
- District-Run Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program at Brookhaven
- HS & MS Guidance Dept. Structure & Initiatives
- Alternative School Program
- Scientific Research at the High School Initiative
- 2011/2012 Staff Development Restructure
- Grants
- Elementary Writing Workshop K-5 Curriculum & In-House Staff Developer 2011/2012
- Summer Curriculum Writing Work in Middle Level ELA and Mathematics

Technology Updates:

- Calendar Draft Update
- Website Updates
- BOCES Technology Integration Specialists
- Castle Learning Full District Implementation for 2011/2012
- Curriculum Web-Based Program

Trustee Grossman arrives at 8:53 pm.

8. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Request for minutes where UPK program was discussed.
- Outside stairs at High School .
- Flying flag at half-staff – morning announcements.
- South Haven report.
- Proper procedures for petitions.
- Appreciation for reports from Administrators.
- Policy for BOE members interacting with staff.
- Request for update on all pending litigation in the district.
- Welcome to Wayne White, BTA President.
- Recycling printer and toner cartridges.
- Feasibility of “paperless” Board.
- Justin Honce scholarship to Brown University.

Board / Supt
Discussion Items

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to convene to Executive Session at 9:20 pm for the purpose of personnel matters.

Convene to Executive Session

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

Reconvene Public Session (11:30 pm).

Reconvene Public Session

SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

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

I. WHEREAS, the Board of Education and Joseph L. Cipp, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, are parties to an Employment Agreement with a term of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015; and

Approves Endorsement Agreement – Supt Contract

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2011, the Board of Education passed a resolution authorizing amendments to said Employment Agreement as set forth in the attached memorandum dated June 2, 2011 and authorized the President of the Board to execute same; and

WHEREAS, one of the approved amendments was the inclusion of a “split-dollar” life insurance policy for Mr. Cipp; and

WHEREAS, the insurance company is requiring a separate Endorsement agreement with the District (as the owner of the policy) in order to ensure that the District receives a return of 100% of the premiums paid upon the payment of the death benefit;

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached Endorsement Agreement for a “split-dollar” life insurance.

VOTE: *Motion carries. 6-Yes, 2-No (Mistler, Powell), 1-Abstain (Grossman).*

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

J. RESOLVED the Board hereby approves requests for defense and indemnification submitted by Board members, officers, and employees in connection with the State Court litigation discussed in executive session; and the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Section 3811, 3028 and 3023 of the Education Law as applicable, are hereby conferred upon the aforementioned persons; and it is further resolved that the District shall accordingly, indemnify and save harmless such persons, for any costs, attorneys’ fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while such persons were acting within the scope of their public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

Approves Defense & Indemnification Requests

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

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

K. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby amends the resolution regarding the appointment of Alan Phillips, passed at the July 6, 2011 Board meeting to read as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Alan S. Phillips as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective June 8, 2010 through July 18, 2010, and as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business for the purpose of serving as a mentor to his successor in that position starting July 19, 2010 at a rate of \$875 for an 8 hour work day and an evening stipend when needed of \$300. Furthermore, any and all additional jobs and title identifiers previously assigned to Michael Buzzeo, shall be transferred to Alan S. Phillips, more specifically that of Deputy Purchasing Agent.

Amends Resolution re Appt of Alan S. Phillips

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

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to adjourn at 11:38 pm.

Meeting Adjourns

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

Respectfully,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk

Attachments