

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:22 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:22 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School Auditorium, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Victor Correa	Marian McKenna
Owen Durney	Jeannette Mistler
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Julio Morales
Kevin Kirk	Rob Powell
	Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Asst Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Asst Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Asst Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips, Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Assistant Director Theresa McGuire, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, Building Services Administrator, Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., Building Principals Bernie Soete, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Sean Clark, BTA President Wayne White, CSEA President Peter Maddalone, School Attorneys Gregory Guercio and Douglas Spencer, other guests and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

Trustee Owen Durney leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. A motion (Kirk / Durney) to convene to Executive Session at 6:25 pm to discuss a personnel matter:

Convene to Executive Session

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

Reconvene Public Session

Meeting reconvened at 7:06 pm.

Board President Correa explained the reason for the change in meeting time.

Superintendent Cipp addressed the Board and community, denying the recent allegations noted in the media. He asked that the Board appoint an independent investigator in order to restore the credibility of the academic process and the reputation of a young man who worked tirelessly under the most difficult conditions to obtain a scholarship. With over 30 years in the community, the Superintendent affirmed his commitment to the integrity of the District, and steadfastly stands behind his reputation and principles.

Superintendent Statement

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoint Bronwyn Black, Esq., subject to her acceptance of said appointment, as special investigator for the purpose of conducting an investigation into allegations of student grade changing and authorizes Ms. Black to retain those experts as Ms. Black feels are necessary to complete said investigation.

Appointment Bronwyn Black, Esq Special Investigator

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

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Wayne White (BTA President): Spoke about teacher contract negotiations, morale and the importance of the District and community working together to resolve issues.

Gail Hyland: Requested Board not publicly discuss student involved in recent allegations.

Christopher Ross (resident): Commented on recent allegations of grade changing.

Public Participation

Rocco DeVito (resident): Questioned District policies with respect to recent allegations.
Michael Bilecki (resident): Expressed concerns with leadership of Board of Education and allegations.
Inger Molina (resident): Expressed frustration with Board of Education’s actions.
Antoinette Huffine (resident): Commented on allegations and responsibilities of the Board of Education.
Miriam Rivera (resident): Commented on allegations.
Kevin Wilson (resident): Cautioned Board in rushing to judgement and to let investigation run its course.
Kevin Wilson Jr (resident): Spoke in support of Superintendent Cipp.
Joe Cipp Jr (resident): Asked that community be respectful and let the Board of Education do their job.
Dale Hawkins (resident): Questioned Pre-K program at Brookhaven Annex.
Joy Graziano (resident): Spoke in support of tenure for her child’s teacher.
Veleda Spellman (resident): Expressed her gratitude for Superintendent / Coach Cipp.
Carl Moodt (resident): Requested that deposition be made public and that all work towards settling the teacher contract.

Public Participation

School Attorney Gregory Guercio responded to the public comments regarding the allegations and the course of action taken by the Board of Education.

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to convene to Executive Session at 8:35 pm for the purpose of negotiations:

Convene to Executive Session

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

Meeting reconvened at 10:05 pm.

Reconvene Public Session

4. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes - Business Meeting November 16, 2011

Approval of Minutes

VOTE: Motion carries. 7-Yes, 0-No, 2 Abstain (Kirk, McKenna).

5. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

An omnibus motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve Superintendent Consent Agenda Items #A through S:

Approves Items A-S:

- A. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with West Islip Union Free School District at the rate of \$672.79 per student.
- B. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with Comsewogue School District at the rate of \$663.13 per student.
- C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the special education services contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Cleary School for the Deaf at the approximate rate of \$100,000 per student.
- D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consultant services contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Madonna Heights Services at the approximate rate of \$45,000 per student.
- E. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consultant services contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Center Moriches Union Free School District at the approximate rate of \$8,000 per student.

Health / Welfare Services West Islip School District

Health / Welfare Services Comsewogue

Special Education Services Cleary School for Deaf

Consultant Services Madonna Heights Services

Consultant Services C Moriches Schools

- F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Medicare Part D refund in the amount of \$147,242.37 and earmarks that amount to be used to fund future Medicare expenses.

Accepts
Medicare Part
D Refund
- G. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the grant disbursement agreement with the Dormitory Authority State of New York to receive the Expanding our Children’s Education and Learning Program (the “EXCEL Program”) in the amount of \$1,495,586. The grant will be utilized for building improvements throughout the District.

Grant
Disbursement
Dormitory Auth
EXCEL
Program
- H. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the contract with Elite Energy to provide natural gas from January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at a rate of .66 per therm.

Contract Elite
Energy
- I. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a grant disbursement agreement with the Dormitory Authority State of New York to receive a New York State Economic Development Assistance Program (“NYS EDAP”) grant in the amount of \$125,000. The project for which the grant will be utilized is the upgrade to IT infrastructure, telephone system, purchase computers and upgrade servers.

Grant
Disbursement
Dormitory Auth
NYS EDAP
Grant
- J. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the renewal of the contract with Bug Fighters for integrated pest management for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$252.00 per month at all district locations.

Bug Fighters
Contract
- K. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves change order #1 with Triple M Roofing for new photo voltaic systems at Bellport High School in the amount of (\$25,000).

Change Order
Triple M
Roofing BHS
- L. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves change order #1 with Triple M Roofing for new photo voltaic systems at Bellport Middle School in the amount of (\$25,000).

Change Order
Triple M
Roofing BMS
- M. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves change order #1 with Triple M Roofing for new photo voltaic systems at Frank P. Long Intermediate School in the amount of (\$12,500).

Change Order
Triple M
Roofing FPL
- N. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves change order #1 with Triple M Roofing for new photo voltaic systems at Brookhaven Elementary School in the amount of (\$12,500).

Change Order
Triple M
Roofing
Brookhaven
- O. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves change order #1 with Triple M Roofing for new photo voltaic systems at Verne W. Critz Elementary School in the amount of (\$12,500).

Change Order
Triple M
Roofing Critz
- P. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves change order #1 with Triple M Roofing for new photo voltaic systems at Creamer Street Elementary School in the amount of (\$12,500).

Change Order
Triple M
Roofing
Creamer
- Q. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of \$100.00 to the Marilyn Portman Scholarship Fund.

Accepts
Scholarship
Donation
- R. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares items listed on the attached “Schedule A” located at Bellport Middle School and Verne W. Critz Elementary School as surplus and disposes of such items in the best interest of the District.

Declares
Surplus Items –
BMS & Critz

S. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of one 1962 Ford Dump/ Sander Truck, VIN #F61CE371567, for the cost of \$1.00.

Authorizes Purchase Dump/Sander Truck

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

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

T. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with SchoolGate Guardian for the purpose of developing and deploying a student ID system, the cost of which is not to exceed \$50,000.

Agreement SchoolGate Guardian

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

An omnibus motion (Kirk / McKenna) to approve the following Superintendent Consent Agenda Items # V - X:

Approves Items V-X:

V. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Joseph Buderman as a .3214 Hearing Officer at the rate of \$65.00 per hour effective December 8, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

J. Buderman Hearing Officer

W. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the benefits agreement for Barbara Nagle for the period of January 10, 2011 through June 30, 2014, and authorizes the Board President to execute the same.

Benefits Agreement B Nagle

X. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a settlement agreement in connection with the grievance arbitration proceeding under AAA Case No. 13 390 01245 10, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute the same.

Settlement Agreement – Grievance Arbitration

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

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

PERSONNEL

U. 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 Changes

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

6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board / Supt Discussion Items

7. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

- Grade Book access for Guidance Counselors – Parent Portal.
- Possibility of students serving on Board of Education.
- Dropping High School students from classes / detention for lateness – time in between classes.

A motion (Kirk / Durney) to convene to Executive Session at 10:28 pm to discuss a personnel matter:

**Convene to
Executive
Session**

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

Meeting reconvened at 11:09 pm.

**Reconvene
Public Session**

A motion (Kirk / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 pm:

**Meeting
Adjourned**

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 2-No, (McKenna, Powell).

Respectfully,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk

Attachments