

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:08 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:08 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School Auditorium, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Roll Call

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| Victor Correa | Marian McKenna |
| Owen Durney | Julio Morales |
| Lisa Di Santo Grossman (arrived 6:10 pm) | Jeannette Mistler (arrived 6:10 pm) |
| Kevin Kirk (arrived 6:10 pm) | Rob Powell |
| | Barbara Schatzman |

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., Principals Bernie Soete, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, BTA President Wayne White, School Attorneys Gregory Guercio, Christopher Guercio, Douglas Spencer, other guests and members of the community.

Pledge

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BTA President Wayne White leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Convene to Executive Session

A motion (Schatzman / Durney) to convene to Executive Session at 6:10 pm to discuss a confidential personnel matter:

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, Kirk, Mistler).

(Board President Correa addressed the audience at 6:58 pm, advising that the Board expected to be in executive session a little longer than 7pm).

Public Session reconvened

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 pm.

2. COMMENDATIONS

Commendations

High School Principal, Bernie Soete, congratulated the following students, who were recently honored at the Town of Brookhaven Black History Commission's 21th Annual Black History Night Celebration in recognition of their academic achievement and accomplishments. It was noted that Bellport High School had the most students participating.

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| Afua Bediako | Dayna Howell | Monique Mosley |
| Travis Correa | Bridget Jasmin | Ayesha Raheem |
| Olivia Dozier | Darrell Johnson | Sajda Waite |

Board President Correa read the following statement regarding the investigation report:

“The Board has received the final report of the special investigator regarding allegations that a student's grades were improperly changed. The Board has conducted an initial executive session meeting as required by law, and will continue to do so to discuss its options and obligations as to

Statement re Investigation Report

any disciplinary actions that may be taken. We have been advised by counsel, that the law prohibits public discussion of personnel matters involving discipline, particularly those that may result in the commencement of proceedings. The Board assures all members of the community that it will conclude its deliberations quickly and take all actions that are appropriate and necessary.

As to the report, un-redacted copies will be provided to all those employees whose conduct is subject to review. We have been advised by counsel that in order to protect the rights of such individuals, and the integrity of any disciplinary proceedings that may be initiated, only those portions of the report that are statistical or factual tabulations or data will be released to the public at this time. District counsel is reviewing the report in order to determine which portions, if any, may be released consistent with our obligations under the Public Officers Law”.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public
Participation

Mr. Correa asked that all Board and community members be mindful of proper conduct during the public participation portion of the meeting.

Marni Harris (resident): Expressed concerns regarding 504 accommodations for her son.

Claudia Van Florcke (resident): Commented on budget items - security increases.

Leslie O'Connor (resident): Suggested areas for possible budget cuts.

Karl Rohrmeier (resident): Questioned how our administrative budget compares to other Districts.

Nancy Norman (resident): Commented on sound attenuation issues from air conditioning exhaust unit at Bellport Middle School.

Antoinette Huffine (resident): Commented on budgetary concerns.

Anne Hayes (resident): Commented on various budget items.

Michael Mullaney (resident): Questioned budget - salaries shown for cafeteria monitors.

Regina Seltzer (resident): Questioned budget items regarding attorney fees.

Rocco DeVito (resident): Spoke in support of suspended and transferred teachers .

Dennis Desmond (resident): Questioned difference between Plant Administrator and Custodial Supervisor positions.

Matthew Kerins (resident): Spoke in support of Superintendent Cipp.

Don Sallah (resident): Demanded that Board act on Court decision regarding Building Services Administrator position.

Kevin Wilson Jr. (resident): Asked for unity and respect from Board of Education.

Kevin Wilson Sr. (resident): Spoke of polarization in community, security, and support for Coach Cipp.

Sheryl Moodt (resident): Expressed concerns re investigation and leaking of confidential information, support for Superintendent Cipp.

James Strano (resident): Spoke in support of Superintendent Cipp.

Joe Cipp III (resident): Read letters received in support of his father, Superintendent Cipp.

Christopher Baumann (resident): Spoke in support of Trustees Correa, Kirk and Superintendent Cipp.

Wayne White (BTA President): Stated that the MOA signed by he & Mr. Cipp must be ratified by the BTA membership.

Board Members, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips and School Attorney Gregory Guercio responded to comments during public participation. Attorney Guercio further clarified the Board's options regarding the court's decision on the Building Services Administrator position. He noted that there is a procedural requirement that must be met before the decision issued by the judge becomes effective. Until such time that a judgement is created and entered, the court's decision is not legally effected. Consequently, there are rights attendant upon both sides. Insofar as this particular case is concerned, the appointment only becomes void when that judgement is entered. The Board then has three options. It can do nothing and the judgement would then be in effect, it can determine

to appeal or it can determine to make a re-appointment. Insofar as paying for an appeal is concerned, there is another legal requirement. The individual in question was named as an individual respondent in the case and consequently has the right to appeal himself. If the individual so chooses to appeal, there is a law that requires the District to provide counsel of the Board's choosing, to prosecute that appeal. This is a legal obligation and not an option that the Board can reject.

Board President Correa called a brief recess at 9:55 pm. The meeting reconvened at 10:16 pm, with Trustee Grossman absent.

3. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of Minutes – Business Meeting of February 15, 2012.

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

Approval of
Minutes

4. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the overnight field trip on 3/28/12 for 12 Bellport High School students and two chaperones to New York City for the annual Virtual Enterprise/Business Ownership competition to be held on 3/29/12; 30 students and 2 additional chaperones will join the group the morning of 3/29/12; funding for all fees associated with the competition are supported through the Perkins Grant and Zeldin funds.

Virtual Enterprise
Business
Ownership Field
Trip BHS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District (Board of Education) agrees that participation of students in educational field trips which are funded through monies in the Perkins IV Basic Secondary Grant (“Grant”) represent an educational opportunity for students of the School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the participation of students from the school district to participate in said educational field trips in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such field trips shall be hosted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in collaboration with the school district because the grant requires:

- A) “Members join a consortium to contribute to the improvement and innovation in CTE programs that they could not accomplish individually”;
- B) “Funds allocated to a consortium...shall be used only for purposes and programs that are mutually beneficial to all members of the consortium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District's customary policies, regulations and procedures for field trips shall be complied with insofar as applicable prior to the School District submitting documentation to Eastern Suffolk BOCES in conjunction with a field trip; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ESBOCES and the School District agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless each other, its officers, directors, agents, or employees against all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, costs, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, judgments, fines and amounts arising from any willful act, omission, error, recklessness or

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negligence of the other party, its officers, directors, agents or employees in connection with the participation of the students of the School District in educational field trips funded by the Perkins Grant through Eastern Suffolk BOCES in collaboration with the School District.

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

Trustee Grossman returned to the meeting at 10:21 pm.

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

- B. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consolidated 2012/2013 school year calendar as presented.

**Approval of
Consolidated
School Calendar
2012-2013**

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

An omnibus motion (Kirk / McKenna) to approve the following items C, D & E:

- C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 to the Susan Digilio & Fred Corso Spirit & Humanity Award Scholarship fund.

**Donation Susan
Digilio & Fred
Corso
Scholarship
Fund**

- D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$100 to the Jennifer Mejia Scholarship fund

**Donations
Jennifer Mejia
Scholarship
Fund**

- E. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$25 to the Jennifer Mejia Scholarship fund.

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

An omnibus motion (Schatzman / Durney) to approve the following items F through J:

- F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the service provider contract with Sachem Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year at the approximate rate of \$8,000 per student.

**Service Provider
Contracts:

Sachem School
District**

- G. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the service provider contract with Middle Country Central School District at Centereach for the 2011-2012 school year at the approximate rate of \$14,040 per student.

**Middle Country
School District**

- H. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the service provider contract with Riverhead Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year at the approximate rate of \$7,500 per student.

**Riverhead
School District**

- I. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with East Islip Union Free School District for the 2011-2012 school year at the approximate rate of \$500 per student.

**East Islip School
District**

- J. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Sayville Union Free School District for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$988.46 per student.

**Sayville School
District**

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

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An omnibus motion (Kirk/ Durney) to approve the following items K through DD:

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| K. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with ACLD. ACLD provides the District with special education services. | Federal Part B Flow Through Allocations: ACLD |
| L. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Alternative for Children. Alternative for Children provides the District with special education services. | Alternative for Children |
| M. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Bilinguals, Inc. Bilinguals, Inc. provides the District with special education services. | Bilinguals Inc. |
| N. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Cleary School for the Deaf. Cleary School for the Deaf provides the District with special education services. | Cleary School for Deaf |
| O. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. provides the District with special education services. | Developmental Disabilities Institute Inc. |
| P. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with DoR P-PP at Victory Christian Academy. DoR P-PP at Victory Christian Academy provides the District with special education services. | Dor P-PP Victory Christian Academy |
| Q. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Just Kids Preschool. Just Kids Preschool provides the District with special education services. | Just Kids Preschool |
| R. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Kidz Therapy Services, LLC. Kidz Therapy Services, LLC provides the District with special education services. | Kidz Therapy Services, LLC. |
| S. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Leeway. Leeway provides the District with special education services. | Leeway School |
| T. RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Madonna Heights. Madonna Heights provides the District with special education services. | Madonna Heights |

Federal Part B
Flow Through
Allocations:

U. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc. Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc. provides the District with special education services.

Marion K
Salomon

V. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Maryhaven Center of Hope. Maryhaven Center of Hope provides the District with special education services.

Maryhaven
Center of Hope

W. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Metro Therapy, Inc. Metro Therapy Inc. provides the District with special education services.

Metro Therapy
Inc.

X. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Mid Island Therapy. Mid Island Therapy provides the District with special education services.

Mid Island
Therapy

Y. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with New Interdisciplinary School. New Interdisciplinary School provides the District with special education services.

New
Interdisciplinary
School

Z. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with NY Therapy. NY Therapy provides the District with special education services.

NY Therapy

AA. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with NYSARC, Inc. NYSARC, Inc. provides the District with special education services.

NYSARC Inc

BB. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Riverhead Charter School. Riverhead Charter School provides the District with special education services.

Riverhead
Charter School

CC. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with Suffolk County Department of Health Services. Suffolk County Department of Health Services provides the District with special education services.

Suffolk County
Dept of Health
Services

DD. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to enter into a contract for Receipt of Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations with United Cerebral Palsy of Great Suffolk. United Cerebral Palsy of Great Suffolk provides the District with special education services.

United Cerebral
Palsy of Suffolk

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

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to approve the following, moving Personnel Agenda Items #978 & 979 to Executive Session for discussion:

PERSONNEL

S. 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 unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

Approves
Personnel
Agenda:
Moving Items 978
& 979 to
Executive
Session

5. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Second Reading of Anti-Bullying and Harrassment Policy # 7552.

A motion (Durney /Schatzman) to approve Policy #7552, Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy.

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

Approves
Student
Bullying
Prevention &
Intervention
Policy #7552

6. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

- Thanks to staff at Bellport Middle School for wonderful play.
- Follow up request to investigate ad placement in South Shore Press.
- Request for presentation and public discussion of Audit Reports.
- Request for more detail in budget documents.
- Future BOE meetings 6:00 pm start, in anticipation of executive session matters first, and reconvening public session at approximately 7:30 pm, future venues to be decided.
- Congratulations for Black History Month assembly at High School.

Items Not
Listed on
Agenda

A motion (Kirk / Grossman) to convene to Executive Session at 10:47 pm to discuss personnel matters:

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

Meeting reconvened at 12:23 am.

Convene to
Executive
Session

Reconvene to
Public Session

A motion (Kirk / McKenna) to approve Personnel Agenda Item #979:

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

A motion (Schatzman / McKenna) to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 am:

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

Approval
Personnel
Agenda
Item 979

Meeting
Adjourned

Respectfully,
Nancy Poulos
District Clerk
Attachments