

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:16 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:16 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School Auditorium, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

Roll Call

Victor Correa	Marian McKenna
Owen Durney (<i>present at 7:35 pm</i>).	Jeannette Mistler
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Julio Morales
Kevin Kirk	Rob Powell
	Barbara Schatzman

Others Present: Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard M. Koenig, 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, Principals Bernie Soete, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, BTA President Wayne White, CSEA President Peter Maddalone, other guests and members of the community.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

Assistant Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips, leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion (Schatzman / Morales) to convene to Executive Session at 6:17 pm to discuss a confidential personnel matter:

Convene to Executive Session

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

Meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Reconvene Public Session

Trustee Durney was present when the meeting reconvened.

Board President Correa introduced Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard M. Koenig, welcoming him to the District.

3. COMMENDATIONS

Commendations

Bellport Middle School Principal Brian Ginty and Math Team Advisor, Spencer Stickley, presented certificates to the following Bellport Middle School Math Team Students in recognition of their achievement:

Kwalu Ababio	Sarah Dunbar	Rachel Milia
Erin Berja	Brian Irace	Matthew Pfisterer
Enes Bozok	James Jankowski	Ahmed Shata
Thomas Brock	Marielle Jankowski	Maggie Shata
Emily Caruso	Jack Kiernan	Lacey Walsh

Bellport Middle School Principal Brian Ginty and History Team Advisor, Cliff Piraino, presented certificates to the following Bellport Middle School History Team Students in recognition of their achievement:

Anthony Barone	August Johnson	Rachel Milia
James Jankowski	Jack Kiernan	Ahmed Shata
Marielle Jankowski	Pablo Martinez	Maggie Shata
		Lacey Walsh

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rocco DeVito (resident): Requested updated budget report proposal reflecting changes.
Lawrence Hoff (resident): Advocated for student and education oriented budget.
Antoinette Huffine (resident): Questioned plant supervisor position and judgement.
Anne Hayes (resident): Commented on community involvement in filling positions and budget expenditures.
Regina Seltzer (resident): Commented on Superintendent settlement and related costs.
Steven Wienczek (resident): Commented on Superintendent position, charges for FOIL documents, transparency and budget matters.
Loretta Drew (resident): Commented on redactions in Special Investigator’s Report.
Ronald Kinsella (resident): Commented on taxes in general and within our District.
Nancy Norman (resident): Commented on Middle School air conditioning exhaust fan.
Tom Bermel (resident): Spoke of the landfill and air quality issues at Frank P. Long School.
Jacquelyn Schwicke (resident): Commended Bellport Middle School staff custodians, nurse’s office, and the South Country Ambulance for their swift response and support during an incident she was involved in.
James Vaughan (resident): Expressed appreciation for Board of Education and concerns for budget being passed

Public Participation

During public participation, Board President Correa announced that an additional Budget meeting is scheduled for April 16th, at 7pm, anticipating public session to begin at approximately 8pm.

Board President Correa left the room at 8:55 pm, at which point Board Vice President Kirk presided over the meeting.

4. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of minutes- Budget Workshop Meeting of March 14, 2012, as amended.
- Approval of minutes- Special Meeting of March 18, 2012.
- Approval of minutes- Special Meeting of March 20, 2012.

Approval of Minutes

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

Board President Correa returned to the room at 9:00 pm and presided over the meeting.

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

- B. **WHEREAS**, voter propositions must be submitted 30 days prior to the date set for the Annual Meeting and Election unless otherwise specified by Board rule or a statute governing the subject matter of the proposition; and

Rejects Petition to Reduce Number of Board Members

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1703 provides that no vote shall be taken upon a proposition to increase or decrease the number of members of such board of education unless the notice of the annual meeting shall contain a statement to the effect that the voters of such district will vote upon such proposition; and

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 2003(1) requires that the Notice of Annual District Election be published at least 45 days prior to the election; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2012, the Board of Education received a Petition seeking to decrease the number of members sitting on the Board of Education from nine (9) to seven (7); and

WHEREAS, the Petition seeking to decrease the number of members sitting on the Board of Education was not submitted within a reasonable period of time so as to allow time for approval by the Board of Education and submission to the official District Newspapers, prior to the forty-five (45) day publication deadline for the Notice of the Annual Meeting and Election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rejects as untimely the Petition requesting the placement of a voter proposition on the ballot for the District's May 15, 2012 annual meeting seeking to decrease the number of members sitting on the Board of Education from nine (9) to seven (7).

VOTE: *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 3-Abstain (Grossman, Mistler, Morales).

Discussion ensued with Board members regarding Education Law and the time limits on this particular proposition. Trustee Schatzman noted that this matter has been addressed many times in the past. Notwithstanding the merit of the proposition, it was suggested again that care should be taken by the petitioners to submit in sufficient time.

5. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the South Country Central School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

Approves
Agreement with
ES BOCES -
Cooperative Bids

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

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

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

- B. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with TCPN (The Cooperative Purchasing Network) and various vendors for building materials and MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Organizational supplies) at no cost, for the balance of the 2011-2012 school year.

Agreement
TCPN & MRO

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

An omnibus motion (Durney / Grossman) to approve Superintendent Consent Agenda Items #C, D & E:

Approves
Health / Welfare
Services
Agreement:

- C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with Patchogue Medford UFSD at the rate of \$725.10 per student.

Patchogue
Medford
Schools

- D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with Sachem Central School District at the rate of \$971.83 per student.

Sachem
Schools

- E. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2011-2012 school year with South Huntington UFSD at the rate of \$807.94 per student.

South
Huntington
UFSD

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

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

- F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares one (1) wooden kitchen table (#20091362) at Kreamer Street Elementary School as surplus, to be disposed of in the best interest of the district.

Declares Surplus
Equipment –
Kreamer St

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

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

- G. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Boys Track Team to attend and compete in the Penn Relays on April 27th and 28th, 2012 at a total cost of \$3,730.00 and the Girls Track Team to attend and compete in the Penn Relays on April 25th and 26th, 2012 at a total cost of \$2,262.00

Approves Track
Teams
Attendance
Penn Relays

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

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

PERSONNEL

H. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Acting 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. 9-Yes, 0-No.

Superintendent Consent Agenda Item #I was removed from the Agenda, to be discussed in Executive Session.

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

J. **WHEREAS** at the meeting on March 21, 2012, the Board of Education appointed Dr. Howard Koenig as Acting Superintendent of Schools,

Sets Acting
Supt Salary

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby sets the Acting Superintendent's salary at the per diem rate of \$900 per day.

VOTE: Motion carries. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (McKenna).

6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Thanks and appreciation to Mr. Hogan for Parent Teacher Conferences and Mr. Colombo for obtaining laptops for special needs students.
- Follow up on Parent Portal access for Guidance Counselors.
- Request for additional data on internship program. (number of students involved, exit survey, student input).
- Trustee Morales corrected his prior statement regarding Superintendent Cipp, noting his contributions and dedication to the community.
- Appreciation to staff for Family Art Day.
- Mentoring Program – phenomenal.
- Budget concerns and need for additional meeting.
- Welcome to Dr. Koenig.
- Thanks to Painters Restaurant for fundraising dinner to benefit autism.

Board / Supt
Discussion
Items

A motion (Kirk / Powell) to convene to Executive Session at 9:38 pm to discuss a confidential personnel matter:

Convene to
Executive
Session

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

Meeting reconvened at 11:37 pm.

Reconvene
Public Session

Trustee Schatzman was not present when the meeting reconvened.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Joanne Colosa, Joyce Kinney and Darlene Towlen as Election Inspectors for the 2011-2012 school year, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Appoints
Election
Inspectors

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

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

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants the appeal of the parents of the student named in Executive Session from a hearing held pursuant to Education Law 3214 and authorizes the District Clerk to notify the parents of the Board's determination.

**Grants
Appeal re
Student
Named in
Executive
Session**

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

Trustee McKenna requested it be noted for the record that she was refusing to vote on the aforementioned resolutions on principle. She feels voting on items after a late executive session when the majority of the public is not present violates the spirit of the open meeting law and sets a poor precedence.

Trustee Schatzman returned to the room at 11:31 pm.

A motion (Kirk / Powell) to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 pm:

**Meeting
Adjourns**

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

Respectfully,

Nancy Poulos

District Clerk

Attachments