

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER (6:18 p.m.)**

Board President Julio Morales called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:18 p.m. The meeting took place at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, NY.

Call to Order

**Board of Education Members Present:**

Victor Correa	Jeannette Mistler
Owen Durney (arrives at 6:40 pm)	Julio Morales
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Rob Powell
Marian McKenna	Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

**Board Members Absent: Chris Picini**

**Others Present:** Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard M. Koenig., Assistant Superintendent for Business, Charles Delargy, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Nelson Briggs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Assistant Director of Student Support Services, Theresa McGuire, School Attorneys Douglas Spencer and Christopher Guercio, other guests and members of the community.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

School Attorney Douglas Spencer lead all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Trustee Schatzman stepped away from the Board table at 6:19 pm.*

**A motion (Mistler /Powell) to convene to Executive Session at 6:19 pm to discuss BTAA negotiations.**

Convene to Executive Session

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 3-Absent (Durney, Picini, Schatzman)*

**The meeting reconvened at 7:44 pm.**

Reconvene Public Session

**3. REPORT FROM OFFICE OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & TECHNOLOGY**

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Linda Rozzi reported briefly on the schedule for summer mailings, spring student assessment results, summer school and upgrades to Frank P. Long Smart Boards.

Report from Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

**5. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion (Mistler/Powell) to approve the following:**

A. Approval of minutes - Workshop Meeting of August 1, 2012

Approval of Minutes

**VOTE:** *Motion carries. 6-Yes, 2-Abstain (McKenna, Schatzman) 1- Absent (Picini)*

**6. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion (Morales /McKenna) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**A. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Treasurer's Report

A. Treasurer's Report for July, 2012

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**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Durney/Morales) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**B. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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).

Recommendations  
CSE, SCSE &  
CPSE

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Mistler/Schatzman) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of the mentor texts listed on the attached “Schedule A”, donated in memory of Terry R. Gross, to be used in the best interest of the District.

Donation of  
mentor texts

Former Director of Student Support Services speaks briefly about Terri Gross’s contributions to the South Country Central School District.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Powell /Durney) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts an additional subsidy amount of the 2010 Medicare Part D refund on the amount of \$47,614.17 and earmarks that amount to be used to fund future Medicare expenses.

Medicare  
Part D refund

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Durney/Powell) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**E. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the items listed on the attached “Schedule A” at Bellport High School, South Haven School and Frank P. Long Intermediate School as surplus to be disposed of in the best interest of the District.

Items for  
discard

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Durney/Powell) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards a contract to the following lowest responsible vendors of Print Bid #2012-01:

- A to Z Printing- Items 3, 4, 14-18, 20-28
- Courier Printing- Item 13
- Island Pro Digital- Item 19
- Precision Envelope- Item 1, 5
- Sav-On Printing- Item 2, 12

Award of  
Print bid

- Southern Dutchess News/School Paper Express- Item 7-11
- Stevenson Printing- Item 6

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)*

**A motion (Mistler/Correa) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**G. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the program known as Dancing Classrooms with the condition that the program operates at no cost to the District.

Dancing  
Classrooms

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)*

**A motion (Durney/Grossman) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**H. WHEREAS**, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi has completed the necessary series of professional development workshops pursuant to the New York State Education Department's guidelines; and

Lead  
APPR  
Evaluator

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received certifications from both Nassau BOCES and Eastern Suffolk BOCES that Lead APPR Evaluator training occurred in all 9 mandated components, with a completion date of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi to serve as South Country School District's Lead APPR Evaluator for the purpose of evaluating the Principals of the District.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)*

**A motion (Correa/Durney) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**I. WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2010, the "Dignity for All Students Act" ("DASA") was signed into New York law, in an effort to "afford all students in public schools an environment free of discrimination and harassment"; and

Dignity  
Act  
Coordinators

**WHEREAS**, the legislation amends the New York Education Law, by *inter alia*, requiring the currently mandated course of instruction in grades kindergarten through twelve to include a component to raise awareness and sensitivity to discrimination or harassment and civility, and requires school districts to include DASA language into school district's Codes of Conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Regents adopted emergency Regulations, which became effective May 22, 2012, which require, *inter alia*, school districts to establish guidelines to implement school employee training programs which promote a positive school environment free from harassment and discrimination, and to discourage and respond to such incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regulations also require the appointment of, and dissemination of information regarding, the Dignity Act Coordinator(s); and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to appoint Dignity Act Coordinators in compliance with the Regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of the South Country Central School District herewith appoints the following trained individuals as Dignity Act Coordinators:

- Mr. Sean Clark, Kreamer Street elementary School
- Mr. Travis Davey, Brookhaven Elementary School
- Mr. Brian Ginty, Bellport Middle School
- Mr. Timothy Hogan, Bellport High School
- Ms. Theresa McGuire, Student Support Services
  
- Dr. Kathleen Munisteri, Verne Critz Elementary School
- Mrs. Linda J. Rozzi, Central Office
- Mrs. Stefanie Rucinski, Frank P. Long Intermediate School

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Powell/Durney) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**J. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Code of Conduct as amended.

Amendment  
to Code  
of Conduct

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (McKenna/Correa) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**K. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a field trip For the Girls' Dance Club to travel to Orlando, Florida, Thursday March 7, 2013 through Monday, March 11, 2013 to compete in a national dance competition. (There is no cost to District for this trip)

Field Trip-  
Girls' Dance  
Club

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Durney/Powell) to approve the following Superintendent consent item: (minus item #'s 105, 169, 199, 200 375.)**

Personnel

**L. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim 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.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Mistler/Correa) to approve item # 105 of the Personnel agenda.**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 1- Abstain (Powell) 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Powell/Durney) to approve the following Superintendent consent item:**

**M. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Jeffrey D. Smith, J.D., John Albin & Louis Gambeski as Superintendent Hearing Officer at the rate of \$65.00 per hour (2 hour minimum) for the 2012-2013 school year.

Superintendent  
Hearing  
Officers

**Item M was tabled.**

**Items N through R were tabled to the September Workshop meeting.**

## **7. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Board  
/Superintendent  
Discussion  
Items

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

- Second Reading- Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Staff- Amend Policy 6110

by adding: “No member of the Board may be hired as an employee of the District or engage in any financial arrangement with the District within the first year of their departure from the Board of Education”

**Amendment to Policy #6110- Code of Ethics**

- Second reading of the policy manual prepared by Erie BOCES Policy Services, updated to conform to New York State laws and the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**Adoption of Policy Manual**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

- Superintendent Search- List of search firms who conduct searches
- Newsletters and Communication Services
- Board Retreat
- School Nurses

**8. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

The following items were discussed:

**Items not listed on the agenda**

- Wall of Honor
- Brief welcome/introduction from Tim Hogan; Principal, Bellport High School
- Curriculum writing
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Elementary school class sizes
- Nurse Practitioner position
- Art program summer camp
- Autism Program
- Student participation in student government
- Student GPA's- Weighted and Un-weighted

**9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following community members made comments: Antoinette Huffine, Regina Seltzer, Joanne Long Merrill and Leslie O'Connor.

**Public Participation**

**A motion (Durney /Mistler) to convene to executive session at 9:48 pm to discuss personnel matters.**

**Executive Session**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

**The meeting reconvened at 10:20 pm.**

**Reconvene Public Session**

**A motion (Correa /McKenna) to approve item #169 of the Personnel Agenda:**

**Personnel Agenda Item #169**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries* 7-Yes, 1- Abstain (Morales), 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Mistler /Powell) to approve item #199 and item #200 of the Personnel Agenda as amended.** (*Position amended to Guard substitute and rate amended to \$21 per hour.*)

**Personnel Agenda Item #199 & #200**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries* 5-Yes, 3- Abstain (Correa, McKenna, Schatzman), 1-Absent (Picini)

**A motion (Powell/Mistler) to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 pm:**

**Meeting adjourns**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 8-Yes, 1-Absent (Picini)

Respectfully,

*Sara Cioffaletti*

District Clerk Pro-tem