

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 084 MARCH 20, 2013**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER (6:17 p.m.)**

Board President Julio Morales called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:15 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 (arrived approximately 6:20 pm)	Julio Morales
Owen Durney	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Rob Powell
Jeannette Mistler (arrived approximately 6:22pm)	Barbara Schatzman

**Board of Education Members Absent:** Marian McKenna

**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, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, Building Principals Tim Hogan and Brian Ginty, School Attorneys, Douglas Spencer and Christopher Guercio and other guests and members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Morales led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

**A motion (Durney / Powell) to convene to executive session at 6:19 pm to discuss a settlement agreement with the BTA and student suspension appeal.**

Executive  
Session

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 6-Yes, Absent (Correa, McKenna, Mistler)

**The meeting reconvened at 7:25 pm.**

Reconvene  
Public  
Session

**2. INFORMATION**

Linda Rozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology and Bellport High School Student Representative, Lauren Boglino reported to the Board.

**3. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of minutes – Workshop Meeting of March 6, 2013.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 1- Abstain (Schatzman) Absent (McKenna)

Approval of  
Minutes

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

- b. Approval of minutes – Budget Workshop Meeting of March 13, 2013.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 1- Abstain (Durney) Absent (McKenna)

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**An omnibus motion (Durney/Picini) to approve the following agenda items A-S and U:**

**A.** Treasurer's Report for February, 2013.

Treasurer's  
Report

**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 Special Education. (CPSE.)

CSE, SCSE &  
CPSE

**C. WHEREAS**, the District seeks to select a Bellport High School student to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Education;

Authorizes  
Voter  
Proposition  
Ex-officio  
Student BOE  
Member

**WHEREAS**, New York State Education Law Section 1804 allows an ex-officio student member to sit on the Board of Education if they are a senior at Bellport High School and have attended Bellport High School for at least two (2) years prior to their selection;

**WHEREAS**, New York State Education Law Section 1804 expressly states an ex-officio student member is not entitled to cast a vote on any action(s) submitted for Board approval, can sit and participate with the Board at all Board meetings and hearings, except Executive Sessions of the Board;

**WHEREAS**, New York State Education Law Section 1804 allows for membership on the Board of Education by an ex-officio student member only with the approval of a voter proposition;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District hereby authorizes the placement of a voter proposition at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 21, 2013 which would authorize membership on the Board of Education of a student ex-officio member of the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District and directs the District Clerk to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election.

Health / Welfare  
Services  
Agreement:

**D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Patchogue-Medford School District at the rate of \$747.14 per student.

-Patchogue  
Medford School  
District

**E. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Bay Shore Union Free School District at the rate of \$727.59 per student.

-Bay Shore  
School District

**F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Riverhead Central School District at the rate of \$667.80 per student.

-Riverhead  
School District

**G. WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the South County Central School District has the authority to hold in trust for the purpose of awarding scholarships, a gift or grant of whatever kind given to the Board and to apply the funds according to the instructions of the donor pursuant to subdivision 12(a) of Section 1709 of the Education Law; and

Accepts  
Donations to  
fund Margaret  
Theresa Palermo  
Scholarship

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sullivan Palermo, Ms. Theresa Palermo, Mr. Sullivan Palermo Jr., Mr. Robert Palermo, Mrs. Anne Marie (Palermo) Arthur, and Mr. Martin Palermo, the family of Margaret Theresa Palermo, a former employee and resident in the District have offered to fund a college scholarship for a student of the District;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the donation of (\$TBD) dollars from Mr. Sullivan Palermo, Ms. Theresa Palermo, Mr. Sullivan Palermo Jr., Mr. Robert Palermo, Mrs. Anne Marie (Palermo) Arthur, and Mr. Martin Palermo, to fund a scholarship for a South Country student to be awarded under the following terms and conditions:

1. The scholarship shall be called the “Margaret Theresa Palermo Scholarship”;
2. The scholarship shall be awarded annually to a student (recipient) who is going into the field of Culinary Arts or a Fire Science program;
3. The amount of the scholarship award shall be five hundred (\$500) dollars to be disbursed upon the recipient’s acceptance to and enrollment in a two or four year college or university;
4. Said scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, room and board, books, or other necessary college expenses such as student college fees and lab fees; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the donors and accepts said gift with appreciation for the expression of care and concern for District youth and on behalf of the student (recipients) who will directly benefit from the scholarship, and in memory of Margaret Theresa Palermo.

**H. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the consolidated 2013-2014 school year calendar as presented. School Calendar  
2013-2014

**I. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following resolution regarding the agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for cooperative bids: ES BOCES  
Cooperative  
Bids Agreement

**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

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**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

**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.

**J. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Smithtown Central School District at the rate of \$865.84 per student.

Health / Welfare  
Services  
Agreement:

-Smithtown  
School District

**K. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Sachem Central School District at the rate of \$971.76 per student.

-Sachem  
School District

**L. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Central Islip School District at the rate of \$1,024.58 per student.

-Central Islip  
School District

**M. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant services agreement with All Suffolk Auto School for the 2013-2014 school year at the rate of \$270.00 per student.

Consultant  
Services  
Agreement All  
Suffolk Auto  
School

**N. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,000.00 from MSG Varsity to be used for supplies.

Donation from  
MSG Varsity

**O. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$1,000 to the Ruth Reynolds Music Scholarship.

Donation Ruth  
Reynolds Music  
Scholarship

**P. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the rates for emergency snow plowing for the 2012-2013 school year, as established by the Town of Brookhaven set forth in the attached.

Emergency  
Snow Plowing  
Rates

**Q. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Penny Vorwald for the 2012-2013 school year at the rates set forth on the attached.

Service Provider  
Contract Penny  
Vorwald

**R. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250.00 to be deposited in the General Scholarship Fund of the District.

Donation for  
General  
Scholarship  
Fund

**S. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes an agreement between the South Country Central School District and H.M.B. Consulting for development of the proposal for food service for the 2013-2014 school year.

Consultant  
Services  
Agreement  
HMB  
Consulting

**U. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education rejects the Grounds Maintenance Bid for grounds maintenance needs as not being in the best interest of the South Country Central School District.

Rejects Ground  
Maintenance  
Bid

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

**A motion (Grossman / Mistler) to amend Agenda Item #T to provide for separate vote on each publication:**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 3- No (Correa, Durney, Schatzman), Absent (McKenna).

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

**T(a)RESOLVED**, that pursuant to law, notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election must be published four (4) times within the seven weeks preceding the date of the meeting and election, in two newspapers having "general circulation" with the first occurring 45 days before the date of the Annual Meeting and Election;

Legal Notice  
SCCSD Budget  
Vote  
SS Press

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the legal notice will appear in the South Shore Press on the following dates: April 3, 2013, April 17, 2013, May 1, 2013 and May 15, 2013.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 5-Yes, 2- No (Grossman, Mistler), 1-Abstain (Morales), Absent (McKenna).

**A motion (Schatzman / Picini ) to approve the following:**

**T(b)RESOLVED**, that pursuant to law, notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election must be published four (4) times within the seven weeks preceding the date of the meeting and election, in two newspapers having "general circulation" with the first occurring 45 days before the date of the Annual Meeting and Election;

Legal Notice  
SCCSD Budget  
Vote  
LI Advance

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the legal notice will appear in the Long Island Advance on the following dates: April 4, 2013, April 18, 2013, May 2, 2013 and May 16, 2013

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

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

**PERSONNEL**

**V. 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.

Personnel

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

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

**W. WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has reviewed the record of a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Education Law §3214 (3)(c) concerning a certain Student “A”;

Grants Appeal  
Student “A”

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has duly deliberated concerning the record of said proceeding and considered the arguments raised by the appellant parent of Student “A”.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby grants the appeal of the parent of Student “A” in its entirety and directs that the Student’s record be expunged of any reference to said Superintendent’s suspension, and further directs that the District Clerk notify the student of this determination.

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

**4. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- First reading of Anti-Bullying/Cyber-Bullying and Harassment Policy as amended.

Anti-Bullying /  
Cyber Bullying  
Harassment  
Policy

**A motion to waive the second reading and adopt the Bullying and Harassment policy was made and withdrawn by Trustee Durney.**

**A motion was made (Morales / Durney ) to temporarily suspend for this evening, the District policy requiring a second policy reading :**

**VOTE:** *Motion fails.* 4-Yes, (Correa, Durney, Morales, Schatzman), 4-No (Grossman, Mistler, Picini, Powell), Absent (McKenna).

The Superintendent acknowledged the following:

- Varsity Dance Team - excellent accomplishment in recent competitions.
- Jim Uzzi -2013 Support Music Merit Award – NAMM Foundation.
- Art Department – South Country District Art Festival, March 23, 2013.

Items Not Listed  
on Agenda

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

- Status of District security issues.
- Appreciation for student accomplishments outside of test scores.
- Congratulations to Dance Team.
- Appreciation to Athletic Director Bob McIntyre for Lacrosse Fighting Cancer Shootout.
- Appreciation Brookhaven Talent Show, Family Math Day.
- Praise for Principal Ginty and staff for Washington DC trip.
- Status of District Policy Manual.
- High School Suspensions.
- Status on student issues – bleachers at Bellport Middle School.
- Superintendent Search
  - Discussion ensued among Board members regarding scheduling dates to interview Superintendent candidates. Trustees Correa, Durney and Schatzman wanted the record to note of their objections should the interviews be held with only 6 Board members present. They requested the interview dates be arranged to accommodate all board members’ attendance - not just a majority.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Community member Antoinette Huffine commented.

Public  
Participation

**Board members resumed their discussion on interview dates and scheduled April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5pm, Central Office, for Superintendent candidate interviews.**

Superintendent  
Candidate  
Interview Dates

**A motion (Picini, Powell) to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm**

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

Meeting  
Adjourned

Respectfully,

*Nancy Poulos*  
District Clerk