

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER (6:30 p.m.)**

Board President Julio Morales called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 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 (arrived approximately 6:45 pm)
Owen Durney (arrived approximately 6:45 pm)	Julio Morales
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Chris Picini
Marian McKenna (arrived 7:20 pm)	Rob Powell
	Barbara Schatzman (arrived 7:20 pm)

**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, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, Building Principals Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Travis Davey, Sean Clark, Kathy Munisteri, other guests and members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Victor Correa led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

**A motion (Grossman / Powell ) to convene to executive session at 6:41 pm to discuss matters related to the transportation contract.**

Executive  
Session

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 5-Yes, Absent (Durney, McKenna, Mistler, Schatzman)*

**The meeting reconvened at 8:02 pm.**

Reconvene  
Public  
Session

Board President Morales announced that the following candidates are running for the South Country School District Board of Education:

BOE Candidates

Timothy Brower  
Gino Cruz  
Rocco DeVito  
Owen Durney  
Carol Herrmann  
Lawrence Hoff  
Marian McKenna  
Julio Morales  
Allison Stines

**2. 2013-2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Dr. Koenig and Mr. Delargy presented the proposed 2013-2014 budget to the Board of Education.

Budget  
Presentation

**3. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Proposed 2013-2014 Budget.
- First Reading- Policy #1510 Regular Board Meetings and Rules as revised.

Bd / Supt  
Discussion

Trustee Grossman left the meeting at 9:23 pm due to a family emergency.

A brief recess was called at 9:28 pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:43 pm.

Discussion ensued among Board members regarding the budget.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Community members Antoinette Huffine, Anne Hayes and Charles Delargy commented.

Public Participation

**4. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts an expenditure appropriation of \$119,585,724 to operate the schools for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and presents such appropriation to the district residents for approval on May 21,2013.

Budget Adoption

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Victor Correa	Yes
Owen Dumey	Yes
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	<i>Absent</i>
Marian McKenna	Yes
Jeannette Mistler	Yes
Julio Morales	Yes
Chris Picini	Yes
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	Yes

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

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

- B. **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby accepts, as amended, the petition requesting the placement of a voter proposition regarding universal busing on the ballot for the District's May 21, 2013, Annual Meeting, as follows:

Placement on Ballot  
Voter Proposition  
Busing

"Shall the Board of Education provide busing to all students in grades K to 12, regardless of the distance from their residence and the school they legally attend within the District at an estimated cost of \$564,636.24, and that the necessary amount therefore be raised by a levy upon the taxable property of the South Country Central School District at an estimated tax increase of \$1.0326 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

Adoption of the budget and this Universal Busing Proposition requires a tax levy increase of 4.00% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 0.9864% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting."

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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Victor Correa	Yes
Owen Dumey	Yes
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	<i>Absent</i>
Marian McKenna	No
Jeannette Mistler	Yes
Julio Morales	No
Chris Picini	No
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	No

Placement on  
Ballot  
Voter  
Proposition  
Busing  
*FAILS*

The motion **FAILS**.

**Trustee Morales made a motion to reconsider the previous vote, seconded by Trustee Durney.**  
**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 2-No (McKenna, Schatzman), Absent (Grossman).

Reconsider  
Previous Vote

**A motion (Morales / Durney) to approve Agenda Item B:**

**B. RESOLVED**, the Board of Education hereby accepts, as amended, the petition requesting the placement of a voter proposition regarding universal busing on the ballot for the District's May 21, 2013, Annual Meeting, as follows:

"Shall the Board of Education provide busing to all students in grades K to 12, regardless of the distance from their residence and the school they legally attend within the District at an estimated cost of \$564,636.24, and that the necessary amount therefore be raised by a levy upon the taxable property of the South Country Central School District at an estimated tax increase of \$1.0326 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

Placement on  
Ballot  
Voter  
Proposition  
Busing  
*APPROVED*

Adoption of the budget and this Universal Busing Proposition requires a tax levy increase of 4.00% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 0.9864% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting."

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Victor Correa	Yes
Owen Dumey	Yes
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	<i>Absent</i>
Marian McKenna	No
Jeannette Mistler	Yes
Julio Morales	Yes
Chris Picini	No
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	No

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

**An omnibus motion (Morales / Durney) to approve Agenda Items C & D:**

**C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the ground maintenance contract items A through E in accordance with bid 2012-03 to Green Velvet Landscape.

Awards Ground  
Maintenance  
Contract A-E  
Green Velvet  
Landscape

**D. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education awards the ground maintenance contract items F through I in accordance with bid 2012-03 to Jason Crane Landscaping.

Awards Ground  
Maintenance  
Contract F-I  
Jason Crane  
Landscaping

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

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

Superintendent  
Interview Dates

- Format and scheduling for additional Superintendent interview.
  - Board members – Central Office, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm.
  - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, Central Office, interview.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment

**A motion (Durney / Powell ) to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 pm:**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, Absent (Grossman).

Respectfully,

*Nancy Poulos*  
District Clerk

Attachments