

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 021 AUGUST 21, 2013
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Chris Picini called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:25 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa	Julio Morales
Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Barbara Schatzman (<i>arrived 6:30 pm</i>)
Jeannette Mistler	

Board Members Absent: Carol Herrmann, Rob Powell

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Tim Hogan, Sean Clark, Travis Davey, Gregory Guercio.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Mistler led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (DeVito / Morales) to enter Executive Session at 6:27 pm to discuss a stipulation of agreement regarding out of District placement, negotiations with SCAA and capital project legal negotiations.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell, Schatzman).

Public session reconvened at 8:00 pm.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE / SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board President Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency and reminded all present that the South Country School District is a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVALS

A motion (Correa /Morales) to approve the following items:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – July, 2013

Student Ex-Officio Board Member Selection Process

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the following process to select a student ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Board:

1. The Principal of the High School shall make the recommendation from the members of the student government.
2. The student must be a senior.
3. The student must have attended Bellport High School for at least two (2) years prior to his / her selection.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

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Minutes

A motion (DeVito / Morales) to approve the Board of Education minutes for the workshop meeting of August 7, 2013

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Summer Art Program was a wonderful experience for students. Thank you to all involved.
- Mrs. Evers will give a presentation on the Test Scores at the September 11th Board meeting. New teachers will also be introduced.
- In follow up to the air conditioning issue at the Middle School, the District has received product samples, guaranteed to reduce the sound problem. The Business office is seeking quotes from vendors, which will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- Due to system upgrades in Parent Portal, scheduling information was inadvertently shown. This information will be opened to parents beginning Friday.
- Board members were invited to accompany Dr. Giani on a walk-through of the buildings on Wednesday, August 28th, prior to school opening.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Anne Hayes, Matthew Still, Patricia Rock, Jason Neal and Karen Hughes commented.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Strategic Planning Goals

A motion (Correa / DeVito) to accept the Strategic Planning Goals.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

2. Second Reading Policy #1511- Board of Education Meeting Agenda Format

A motion (Morales / DeVito) to approve Policy # 1511 was followed by a *motion to table* (Morales / DeVito)

VOTE: *Motion to table carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Morales), Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

3. Facility Re-naming

In response to public comments and the petition received to rename the High School in honor of John Conquest, it was recommended that the Board develop a policy prior to addressing the matter. Dr. Giani will work with the policy committee and report back to the board in a timely fashion.

4. Middle School Athletic Teams

A motion (Mistler / Schatzman) to approve the addition of four (4) Bellport Middle School Athletic teams, provided that any costs incurred would be funded from the Athletic Department budget.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Correa / DeVito) to approve the CSE and SCSE recommendations:

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Grossman / Schatzman) to approve personnel agenda items H-1 through H-6 and H-9 through H-11:

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

A motion (Morales / DeVito) to approve personnel agenda items H-7, #1 through 6 and #9 through 11:

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

A motion (Grossman / Schatzman) to approve personnel agenda item H-7, #8:

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (DeVito), Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

A motion (Grossman / Schatzman) to approve personnel agenda items H-8, #1 through 13 and # 15 through 19:

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Bellport Teachers' Association Side Letter of Agreement

2 Contracts

- a. Maxim Staffing Solutions Consultant Services Contract
- b. Tender Age PT, Inc. Consultant Services Contract
- c. All About Kids Consultant Services Contract
- d. St. James Tutoring, Inc. Consultant Services Contract
- e. Achieve Beyond Consultant Services Contract
- f. Little Flower Union Free School District Educational Services Contract
- g. Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District Service Provider Contract
- h. Positive Behavior Support Consulting & Psychological Resources, PC Consultant Services Contract

3. Guercio & Guercio- Hourly rate for litigation support services.

4. Grounds Maintenance Bid 2013-03- Jason Crane Landscaping, Inc.

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5. **Credit change order- Rolands Electric, Inc.**

6. **Item for discard- Shredder.**

7. **Discard of textbooks.**

8. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the Compromise and Release Agreements with the Parents of Students ■■■ and ■■■ and authorizes the President of said Board to execute the agreements in its behalf.

VOTE: Motion carried. 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Residents Regina Seltzer, Patricia Darlene Mercurio and Toni Huffine commented on non-agenda items.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Report of a rally held at Comsewogue School District against Common Core.
- Update on Middle School Air Conditioning Unit noise issue.
- Apprenticeship / Vocational / Mentoring programs.
Request for report on number of students enrolled in vocational BOCES programs and costs.
- Resolution of Eschool problems.
- Request for review of Attendance policy and adherence to.
- Status on interview process.
- Board retreat scheduled for September 21st.

A motion (DeVito / Morales) to enter Executive Session at 9:19 pm to discuss capital project legal negotiations.

VOTE: Motion carried. 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

Public session reconvened at 10:45 pm.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Correa / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 pm.

VOTE: Motion carried. 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Powell).

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments