

**WORKSHOP MEETING PAGE 025 SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**  
**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Chris Picini called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:21 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 ( <i>arrived 6:32 pm</i> )	Barbara Schatzman ( <i>arrived 6:29 pm</i> )
Jeannette Mistler ( <i>arrived 6:27 pm</i> )	

Board Members Absent: Rob Powell

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Dr. Vicki Mingin, Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Sean Clark, Dr. Kathy Munisteri.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 6:22pm to discuss a settlement agreement and release with an employee and capital project legal negotiations.

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 5-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Grossman, Mistler, Powell, Schatzman).

Public session reconvened at 7:47 pm.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Board President Picini called upon all present to stand for a moment of silence, commemorating the anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.

**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 (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following items:**

1. **Student Ex-Officio Board Member**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves Vanessa Vaughan as Student Ex-Officio Board Member, effective 9/25/13 through 6/30/14.

2. **Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education shall arrange for the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer from the Impartial Hearing Officer list, in accordance with the rotational selection process established in Section 200.2 of the Part 200 Regulations of the commissioner and the administrative procedures established by the Board of Education.

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

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**D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thanks to all staff members for a great first day of school.
  - Buildings and grounds looked great – special thanks to custodians and maintenance crews.
- Transportation issues being addressed by Dr. Giani and Mr. Delargy.
- New faculty for the 2013-2014 school year were introduced and welcomed.
- Textbook discard procedures.
- An electronic suggestion box is being implemented to accept suggestions from the community. Emails will be sent to [suggestions@southcountry.org](mailto:suggestions@southcountry.org) and will be forwarded to the Superintendent.
- Plans are in place for the Veterans Memorial Project and Ceremony in November.
- Quotes received from vendors regarding the Bellport Middle School A/C unit noise reduction issue. Additional detail to be provided at the next Board meeting.
- Individual student reports –Suffolk County files frozen.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

There was no public commentary for agenda items.

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**1. New York State ELA and Math Assessment Results**

Margaret Evers, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, gave a presentation explaining the new assessment results and the District’s action plan, followed by questions and answers with Board members.

**2. Board of Education Advisory Committees**

Dr. Giani explained the new proposal for Board Advisory Committees . In an effort to move forward, Board President Picini asked that everyone finalize their requests with him by next week.

**3. Change of Venue for Board of Education Meetings**

After discussion, it was decided that until further notice, all future Board meetings would be held at the South Haven School.

**G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

No action.

**H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following personnel appointments:**

**H1 New Instructional Appointments**

<b>Probationary</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Certification</i>	<i>Salary</i>
1.1	BTA	Azzurro, Alexandra	Teacher-Reading - Kreamer St. & Verne W. Critz Elementary Schools (Replacing B. Huey)	9/3/13-9/3/16	Reading	\$54,525 (M1)
<b>Interim Administrator</b>						
<i>No.</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Salary</i>	<i>Replacing</i>
1.2	NC	Cerillo, John	Interim Assistant Principal-Bellport Middle School	9/12/13-TBD	\$400.00/day	D. Fauvell

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**H2-Additional Work , #s 2.1 through 2.22**

<b>Approve Additional Work</b>					
<b>Special Class Instructional Approaches</b>					
<i>Funded through IDEA 611 Grant</i>					
<i>No</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Effective Dates</i>	<i>Rate of Pay</i>
2.1	BTA	Rebecca Donovan	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.2	BTAA	Mona Warner	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.3	BTAA	Deanna Phillips	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.4	BTAA	Vicki Barthelmess	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.5	BTA	Christina Sordyl	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.6	BTA	Alice McAleese	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.7	BTA	Donielle Brower	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.8	BTA	Amanda Mason	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.9	BTA	Jennifer Young	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.10	NC	Rene Caldwell	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.11	NC	TBD	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.12	NC	TBD	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.13	NC	TBD	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.14	CSEA	Sabrina Walls	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.15	BTA	Gabrielle Coyne	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.16	BTA	Tracy Egger	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.17	BTA	Gail Freeman	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.18	BTA	Vicki Zseller	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.19	BTA	Dr. Jacqueline Berger	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.20	NC	Dr. Vicki Mingin	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.21	CSEA	Jennifer Wharton	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate
2.22	SCAA	Brian Ginty	Training	2013-14	Contractual Rate

<b>Schools/Buildings</b>	<b>Units</b>
BHS = Bellport High School	BTA=Teachers
BMS = Bellport Middle School	BTAA=TA, Aides & Monitors
FPL = Frank P. Long Intermediate	SCAA=Principal & AP
KRM = Kreamer St. Elementary	CSEA=Clerical, Custodial, B&G, Laborers, Nurses, Lab Asst.
VWC = Verne W. Critz	NC=Non-Contractual
SHA = South Haven Academy	
SSS = Student Support Services	
DW = District Wide	
CO = Central Office	
BRK = Brookhaven Elementary	

**VOTE:** Motion carried. 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Powell).

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**I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS**

**A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to approve the following consultant services contracts:**

1. Island Therapies of Suffolk, LLP.
2. The Therapy Center for Children

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Powell).

**J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

BTA President Wayne White, PTA Council President Phyllis Virno, residents Regina Seltzer and Toni Huffine, commented on non-agenda items.

**K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

- Date to start Board Committees.
- Wish for elimination of South Haven Alternative program.
- Ways to encourage more parents to attend Board meetings.
- Poverty levels and assessment results.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Schatzman / Correa) to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm.**

**VOTE:** *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Powell).

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

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District Clerk

Attachments