

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 029 SEPTEMBER 25, 2013
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Chris Picini called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa (<i>arrived 6:47 pm</i>)	Julio Morales (<i>arrived 7:05 pm</i>)
Rocco DeVito	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman (<i>arrived 6:40 pm</i>)	Rob Powell
Carol Herrmann	Barbara Schatzman
Jeannette Mistler (<i>arrived 6:38 pm</i>)	Vanessa Vaughan, <i>Student Ex-Officio Member</i>

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Dr. Vicki Mingin, Tim Hogan, Travis Davey, School Attorneys Christopher Guercio and Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 6:36 pm to discuss capital project legal negotiations, SCAA negotiations and the Superintendent evaluation process.

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

Public session reconvened at 8:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Oath of Office

District Clerk Nancy Poulos, administered the Oath of Office to Vanessa Vaughan, newly appointed Board of Education Student Ex-Officio member.

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 (Mistler / Grossman) to approve the following item:

1. **Board of Education Meeting Minutes:**
Business meeting, August 21, 2013
Workshop meeting, September 11, 2013.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain (Powell).

A motion (Herrmann / DeVito) to approve the following items:

2. Impartial Hearing Officer

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to retain the services of any person whose name appears on the listing, in according with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, when the parent of a child with disabilities decides to appeal a decision of the Committee on Special Education.

3. Treasurer's Report- August, 2013

4. Warrants/Claims Audit Reports

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani announced the following:

- A Suggestion Box has been implemented. A link has been posted on the home page of the District website to accept suggestions and comments from the community. This will generate an e-mail, which will be forwarded to the Superintendent.
- The freeze on the electronic version of the Individual Student Reports has been lifted by the County. The District will be mailing out the reports. Parents may also contact the building principals for results.
- The Middle School Air Conditioning project to reduce the noise levels is on tonight's agenda for Board approval. Thanks to Mr. Delargy and his Department for making this happen.
- A report on the High School Regents results will be presented at the next Board meeting, Wednesday, October 9th. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.
- Congratulations to Brookhaven Elementary School Librarian, Dorothy Durand, who has been nominated for the Life Changer of the Year Award through National Life Group, in recognition of her outstanding efforts in making a difference in the lives of her students.

Board members commented on the following:

- Information on the Extended Readiness (XR) Class Program that had formerly been in place in the District.
- Appointment of Board Committee members.
- Policy Committee - timeline to establish a policy on renaming the High School.
- Thanks to Brookhaven Elementary School for addressing Pre-K parent concerns and busing issues.
- Great idea to have suggestion box.
- Timeline to implement all Board Committees.
- Ways to promote High School Safe Halloween and Harvest Festival in the Village.
- Warm welcome to Vanessa Vaughan, Student Ex-Officio Board member.
- Appreciation to all staff for promptly addressing back to school concerns.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Resident Nancy Norman commented.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

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

A motion (Powell / DeVito) to adopt Board Policy #1511, Board of Education Meeting Agenda Format

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

2. First Reading Policy #7552-Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (DASA)

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Herrmann / Powell) to approve the following:

Upon the recommendation of Administration, the Board of Education approves the following:

1. CSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (DeVito / Powell) to approve the following personnel appointments as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment, Items H-1, & H4-H8, moving Item H2 to Executive Session for discussion :

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

A motion (Herrmann / Grossman) to approve personnel appointments, Items H-3.1, & H3.3 to H3.15, and H3.17 to 3.24 as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

A motion (Herrmann / Grossman) to approve the following personnel appointments, Items H-3.2, & H3.16 as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment::

(Trustee Powell disclosed that these appointments pertained to his daughter).

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell).

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

Administration recommends the approval of the following Business Items:

A motion (Powell / Herrmann) to approve the following Items # I-1 – I-8, , moving Item # I- 9 to Executive Session for discussion:

1. Third Party Administrator- Wright Risk
2. Instructional Services Contract- Northport- East Northport Schools
3. Target Takes Charge of Education Program Donations
4. Dancing Classrooms
5. Services Contract- Syntax
6. Items for Discard
7. Head Start Lease Revision
8. Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc.
9. Commercial Instrumentation Services

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Residents Ron Kinsella and Toni Huffine commented.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Welcome to Vanessa Vaughan, Student Ex-Officio Member.
- Thanks to Target Take Charge program, Knapp-Swezey Foundation, Frank P. Long PTA for sponsoring the Dancing Classrooms program.
- Thanks to Mr. Delargy for moving promptly on the Middle School Air Conditioning Issue.
- Thanks to Dr. Giani for implementing the Suggestion Box.
- BOCES Career Education opportunities.
- Increase technology use Districtwide.

A motion (Mistler / Herrmann) to convene to Executive Session at 9:20 pm to discuss a personnel and contractual matter:

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

Public session reconvened at 9:45 pm.

A motion (Herrmann/DeVito) to approve the following Board Consent Agenda Items:

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL Items 2.1 through 2.10

**I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS, ITEM # I-9:
9. Commercial Instrumentaion Services**

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Morales / Mistler) to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments