

BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 041 NOVEMBER 20, 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 6:40 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, 2714 Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa (*arrived 7:33 pm*)

Julio Morales

Lisa Di Santo Grossman

Chris Picini

Carol Herrmann

Barbara Schatzman

Jeannette Mistler (*arrived 7:45 pm*)

Vanessa Vaughan, *Student Ex-Officio (arrived 7:10 pm)*

Board Members Absent: Rocco DeVito, Rob Powell.

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Travis Davey, Attorneys Christopher Guercio and Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to enter Executive Session at 6:42 pm to discuss an employee suspension and the Superintendent's evaluation process.

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

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 / Grossman) to approve the following:

1. Minutes of BOE Workshop Meeting of November 6, 2013
2. Treasurer's Report – October, 2013.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- The dedication ceremony for the Bellport High School Vietnam / Iraq War Veterans Memorial Monument was quite moving and a great tribute to our veterans. Sincere thanks to Mr. Ron Kinsella, Bellport High School staff members, Erin Molloy, Regina Hayes, the History Club and Principal Tim Hogan for their dedication and bringing this to fruition.
- The Middle School sound attenuation project is complete. The acoustic panels have been successfully installed and tested.
- The next Board of Education meeting will be held on December 4, 2013, at South Haven School. It will also be our first budget presentation workshop.

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Board Members

- High School Trick or Treat Street was successful. Food baskets are being put together for Thanksgiving Harvest Fest.
- Thanks to Dr. Giani for taking charge and resolving the noise abatement issue at the Middle School.
- Thanks to Mr. Cisek for volunteering to the FPL Woodworking club.
- Thanks to Mr. Lento of South Country Education Foundation – Gateway Playhouse Grant - for their generous donations to our programs.
- Sympathy on the recent passing of community member Mark Martinez, father of a Bellport alumnus.
- Public thank you to Mr. Ron Kinsella his dedication and work on the e Vietnam / Iraq War Memorial project. The District should consider having something similar done in recognition for all those who served in the Armed Forces. Important to consider the placement of any future memorials for public viewing.
- Congratuations to the Bellport Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Football team and their coaches, who raised \$3,800 for the American Cancer Society.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. First Reading of Policy #5530 - revision – Petty Cash
2. First Reading of Policy #5620 - revision – Inventories and Accounting of Fixed Assets.

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Grossman / Correa) to approve the following personnel items # 1-8, as noted on the attached personnel agenda:

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Leave of Absence/ Return from Leave of Absence
2. New Instructional Appointments - Probationary
3. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments
4. Non-Instructional New Appointment
5. Additional Work
6. Extra Duty Assignment
7. Substitutes
8. Rates for Long-Term Substitutes

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

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to approve the following Business Items:

1. Educational Services Agreements:
 - a. The Daytop Preparatory School
 - b. Sachem Central School District

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2. RFP #2013-04- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Consultant-Senecca Consulting.
3. Items for discard- Three (3) broken pin pads.
4. Budget Transfers.
5. Donation of \$41.00 to Kreamer Street from Target's "Give with Target" campaign.
6. Engagement Letter from Cullen & Danowski for \$65 million bond procedures review.
7. Health Services Agreement- Comsewogue School District.
8. 2013 Year End Audit Report- Cullen & Danowski.
9. South Country Education Foundation Fall Grants.
10. RFP #2013-06 Security Entry System – Key Signals.

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Residents Ron Kinsella, Toni Huffine and BTA President Wayne White commented.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Concerns regarding Common Core and over-testing of students.
- There will be another Common Core forum at Eastport-South Manor School District on November 26th from 6-8pm. There will also be a live stream from Senator LaValle's website <http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/kenneth-p-lavalle>.
- Thanks to Target Corporation for Kreamer St. donations.
- Thanks to Frank Lento and the South Country Education Foundation, Scott Allen of Gateway Playhouse and John Mensch of East End Bus Co for sponsoring the Gateway Playhouse program for our 3rd grade students.
- Bellport High School sponsoring a Harvest Festival, November 22nd, 6-8 pm for Grades K-5.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments