

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 023 AUGUST 27, 2014  
SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of Board President, Chris Picini, and Vice President, Carol Herrmann, District Clerk, Nancy Poulos, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Office, 189 Dunton Ave, E. Patchogue, NY.

*Board of Education Members Present*

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo Grossman (*arrived approximately 7:43 pm*)

Antoinette Huffine

Julio Morales

Rob Powell

Danielle Skelly

Allison Stines

*Board of Education Members Absent:* Carol Herrmann, Chris Picini.

*Others Present:* Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Dr. Donna Martuge, Kerry Carson, Robert McIntyre, Brian Ginty, Tim Hogan, School Attorney, Douglas Spencer.

Mrs. Poulos called for nominations for a temporary chairperson to preside over the meeting. Trustee DeVito nominated Trustee Rob Powell, seconded by Trustee Skelly. Trustee Powell nominated Trustee Morales. There was no second. Trustee Powell nominated Trustee Huffine, who declined. Upon receiving no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed.

The nomination to elect Trustee Rob Powell as temporary chairperson was approved by a majority vote (5-Yes, 0-No, *Abstain*-Powell, *Absent* – Grossman, Herrmann, Picini) and Trustee Powell presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (DeVito / Grossman) to convene to Executive Session to discuss a student settlement agreement and a personnel matter.at 7:45 pm.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously . 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Picini).*

Public session reconvened at 8:05 pm.

Trustee Huffine led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Trustee Powell 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 (Stines / Huffine ) to approve the following:**

1. Minutes- Business Meeting of August 6, 2014

**VOTE:** *Motion carries. 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Morales), Absent (Herrmann, Picini).*

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**A motion (Skelly / Huffine) to approve the following:**

2. Treasurer's Report- July, 2014
3. Student Settlement Agreement
4. Parents' Bill of Rights

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously* . 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Picini).

**D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Giani

- Reported on the success of the Frank P. Long Reading Program and Parent Workshop.
- New Teacher Orientation Day was held today.
- Superintendent's Conference Day scheduled for Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Schools will be opening September 3<sup>rd</sup>, with class sizes similar to last year.

Board of Education

- Thank you to Laurie O'Hara who did an amazing job with the Summer Field Day.
- Appreciation and thank you to the Middle School night shift custodians for the new bulletin boards.
- School Board Retreat was a wonderful opportunity for Board members.
- Thank you to John Rogers.
- Thank you to Christine Napolitano for her work with the students in "Celebrating What's Important to Me".
- A personal thank you from Trustee Powell to South Country teachers for helping his daughter achieve her goals.

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

*None.*

**F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

1. Board Priorities 2014-15

Board members gave some suggestions for the 2014-2015 school year, which included partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club, using South Haven as a Pre-K Center, instituting a full-time Pre-K program with busing, usage of underutilized buildings to increase revenue, additional dates for Board members to reflect on retreat goals.

2. Bellport Village Sidewalk Request

Support for the Village's request to the Legislature for constructing sidewalks from the Village to Beaver Dam Rd.

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

**A motion (DeVito / Skelly ) to approve the following:**

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously*. 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Picini).

**H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A motion (Huffine / DeVito ) to approve the following personnel agenda items, H2, H3, H4, H6, H7, H8, H9 and H10:**

2. Recalls
3. New Instructional Appointments
4. Non-Instructional New Appointments

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6. Additional Work
7. Extra Duty Assignments
8. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments
9. Tenure Recommendations
10. Substitutes

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Picini).

**A motion (Morales / Huffine ) to approve the following personnel agenda items, H1.1 through H1.6:**

1. Retirements/Leaves of Absences

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann,Picini).

**A motion (DeVito / Grossman ) to approve the following personnel agenda item, H1.7:**

1. Retirements/Leaves of Absences

**VOTE:** *Motion is DEFEATED.* 0-Yes, 7-No, Absent (Herrmann,Picini).

**A motion (Stines / Skelly ) to approve the following personnel agenda items, H5.1 to H5.22 and H5.24:**

5. Long Term Substitutes

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann,Picini).

**A motion (Stines / Skelly ) to approve the following personnel agenda item, H5.23:**

5. Long Term Substitutes

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Powell), Absent (Herrmann,Picini).  
(Trustee Powell disclosed that this item referred to his daughter)

Dr. Giani congratulated the new hires.

**I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS**

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

1. Donations from B.J.'s Wholesale Club to Kreamer St. of \$1000 and \$1500 in school supplies
2. Donation of \$50 to the Katie Kokis Scholarship fund from Dorothy Hulse
3. Donation of \$20,000 from The Knapp/Swezey Foundation, Inc. to help fund The Dancing Classrooms Program
4. Discards from the Middle School Technology Department
5. Discards from Central Administration
6. Education Services Contracts with:
  - UCP of Greater Suffolk, Inc.
  - Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc.
  - Maryhaven Center of Hope
  - School for Language and Communication Development
7. Consultant Services Agreement with Richard W. Johnson, PT
8. Donation of Furniture to Bellport Middle School Reading Program

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann,Picini).

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

Ron Kinsella (resident): Commented on the sidewalk request, the Greater Bellport Land Use Plan, night security, lights at Brookhaven Elementary School.

Jason Neal (resident): Reported on programs and events offered at the Boys and Girls Club.

**K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

- Thanks to Mr. Neal for the update on the Boys and Girls Club.
- Thank you to BJ's Wholesale Club, Dorothy Hulse, and Knapp-Swezey Foundation for their donations to our District.
- Having the Board Agenda projected electronically at Board meetings.
- Thank you to Trustee Powell for chairing the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (Stines / DeVito ) to convene to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:15 pm.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously . 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Picini).*

Public session reconvened at 9:45 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Morales / Stines) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously . 7-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Herrmann, Picini).*

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Poulos*

Nancy Poulos  
District Clerk

Attachments