

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 065 MARCH 9, 2016
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 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the District Central Office, 189 Dunton Ave, East Patchogue, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Rocco DeVito	Julio Morales
Lisa Di Santo	Chris Picini
Carol Herrmann	Danielle Skelly
Antoinette Huffine	Allison Stines
Regina Hunt	Natalie Maida, <i>Student Ex-Officio Member</i>

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Dr. Sam Gergis, Dr. Cherièse Pemberton, Kerry Carson, Sara Cioffaletti, School Attorney John Sheahan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Herrmann / Devito) to convene to executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Trustee Stines led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES / SMOKE FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency, noting that we are a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and school grounds and also stated the District's policy on public commentary.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA –APPROVALS

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

1. Minutes of Business Meeting, March 2, 2016.

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

D. Communications and Announcements

1. Superintendent's Report

- Property tax free credit checks are still being mailed out by the Dept of Taxation & Finance. The remainder should be mailed out by April.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Meehan and the Guidance Dept for a wonderful College and Career Fair.
- Congratulations to two of our senior athletes, Kiara Burke and Mary Mackie, who committed to Divisional II Colleges (University of Mount Olive and Mercy College) for Girls Lacrosse at the National Letter of Intent Signing Ceremony at the High School.
- Save the date for the grand opening of the Family Engagement Center on Friday April 8, 2016.

2. Trustee Reports

- Albany Report - Concerns for balancing plight of retirees and opposition to senior tax cuts.
- Thanks to the music department for the wonderful High School Winter Music Concert last evening. There will be another this Thursday and all are encouraged to attend.
- Thank you to Dr. Giani for providing the cost on the remedial programs.

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- Student Ex-officio member, Natalie Maida, was in Albany to advocate for music in our schools.
- Over \$3000 was made in the Stay Awake-A-thon for HELP Suffolk
- Sponsor money needed for 5K race.
- Many activities scheduled for Spirit Month at the High School.
- Suggestion that future scheduling take into account the Frost Valley trip and Middle School concerts.

E. Public Commentary (Agenda Items Only)

Pedro Rivera (*resident*): Thanked Board for support of the Robotics Program.

Khadija Yanni (*resident*): Spoke in support of the Robotics Team.

F. Items for Discussion/Action

1. Budget Presentation: Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Giani gave a budget presentation focusing on Curriculum and Instruction.

A motion (Hunt / Stines) to approve the following:

2. 2016-20117 School Calendar

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

1. CSE/SCSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (Huffine / Skelly) to approve the following personnel agenda items:

1. Salary Schedule
2. Additional Work
3. Extra Duties Assignment
4. Substitutes
5. Extra Duties Assignment
6. Instructional New Appointments

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Health and Welfare Services Agreement-Hauppauge Public Schools
2. Health and Welfare Services Agreement-Sayville Public Schools
3. Health and Welfare Services Agreement-Smithtown Central School District
4. Special Education Services Contract- Riverhead Central School District
5. Federal Single Audit- June 30, 2015
6. Corrective Action Plan for Federal Single Audit

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

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A motion (Hunt / DeVito) to approve the following:

7. Appointment of Underwriter for the Refunding of Bonds

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 9, 2016, DECLARING THE FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSALS FOR THE REFUNDING OF BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District") has received proposals for the refunding of certain outstanding Bonds of the District, and based upon the written advice received from the District's Financial Advisor, Munistat Services, Inc., it is hereby determined that the proposal of Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. is hereby accepted and such firm is appointed to serve as underwriter.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Rocco DeVito	<u>Yes</u>
Lisa Di Santo	<u>Yes</u>
Carol Herrmann	<u>Yes</u>
Antoinette Huffine	<u>Yes</u>
Regina Hunt	<u>Yes</u>
Julio Morales	<u>Yes</u>
Chris Picini	<u>Yes</u>
Danielle Skelly	<u>Yes</u>
Allison Stines	<u>Yes</u>

The resolution was declared adopted.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Ronald Kinsella (*resident*): Expressed his concerns regarding the Economic Development Zone.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Concerns regarding the new location for the South Country Ambulance and its impact on our school.
- Thank you to Dr. Giani for the information on security costs and request revisit security costs.
- Request to look into the sound and lighting equipment at the High School Auditorium.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Skelly) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm:

VOTE: *Motion carries unanimously. 9-Yes, 0-No.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments