

SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
189 No. Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)**

Board of Education President, Gregory C. Miglino Jr, called a Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, Montauk Highway, Brookhaven, NY.

Call to Order

Board of Education Members Present:

Roll Call

Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Gregory C. Miglino Jr
James Jankowski	Rob Powell
Kevin Kirk	Barbara Schatzman (arrived 7:04 pm)
Marian McKenna	Lee Snead

Absent: Trustee Victor Correa

Others Present: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Interim Asst Superintendent for Business, Michael Buzzeo, Interim Asst Superintendent for HR, Richard Kollar, Asst Superintendent of Educational Support Services, Stanley Pelech, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Athletic Director, John Frankie, BHS Principal Nelson Briggs, BMS Principal Brian Ginty, Frank P. Long Principal Stefanie Rucinski, Elementary School Principals, Sean Clark, Lisa Greiner, Kathy Munisteri, other guests and members of the community.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance

John Frankie leads the Board and all others present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **COMMENDATIONS**

Commendations

Bellport High School student Hilda De Los Santos and Inkwell Club Advisor, Mr. Donald Uhrie, were presented with certificates of appreciation in recognition of the poem written by Ms. De Los Santos and the accomplishments of the Inkwell Club. The Inkwell Club was started by Mr. Uhrie to encourage creative writing. Ms. De Los Santos recited the poem to all present.

Athletic Director, John Frankie, acknowledged students Derek Palafox and Jaquan Holland for their accomplishments in the New York State Track and Field Championships. Derek qualifies for All-State status and Jaquan, running a personal best of 34.62, was crowned as the New York State Public High School State Champion in the 300 meters. Mr. Frankie also noted that Hilda De Los Santos, in addition to her literary talents, is an All- League runner in the 300 meters.

4. **PRESENTATION**

Presentation
Bellport HS
Fire 1963
Valley National
Bank

Trustee Kevin Kirk and Superintendent Cipp, presented certificates of appreciation to Claudia Sykes and Betty Budny, employees of the former Valley National Bank, for their heroic efforts in assisting the South Country School District during the historic fire at Bellport HS in 1963. Valley National Bank was located where the present Chase Bank is. The bank was used as a triage unit during the fire and their employees provided invaluable support. Employees Anne Langfeldt and Fran Aviano, were also acknowledged, but were not present to receive their certificates.

Trustee Lee Snead presented the board with an original proclamation from bank officials that had been presented to those employees at Valley National Bank. This framed document will be

proudly displayed at Bellport Middle School, the original site of the fire, in tribute to what happened that day.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation

Toni Huffine: Inquired on the status of the search for Superintendent, petition for signatures to decrease size of the board.

Andrew Budris: Commented on Parent Portal and teacher negotiations.

Dee LaBalbo Kempf: Inquired on resident input for budget process.

6. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Snead / McKenna) to approve the following resolution:

Approval of Minutes, Business Meeting of February 24, 2010

Approval of Minutes
2/24/10

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

7. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

A. A motion (Kirk / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Services Agreement with the Center Moriches Union Free School District at the rate of \$729.00 per student.

Health & Welfare Agreement Center Moriches School District

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

B. A motion (Kirk / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the District of Location Contract for the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year with the Center Moriches Union Free School District at the rate of \$17,726.74 per student.

District of Location Contract Center Moriches School District

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

C. A motion (Kirk / McKenna) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Services Agreement with West Islip Public Schools at the rate of \$635.25 per student.

Health & Welfare Agreement West Islip Public Schools

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

D. A motion (Kirk / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Health and Welfare Services Agreement with Sayville Public Schools at the rate of \$729.47 per student.

Health & Welfare Agreement Sayville Public Schools

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

E. A motion (McKenna / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the discard of the following items:

Disposal of
Items BMS and
Brookhaven
Elementary

Building	Item	Serial Number/Model Number
Bellport Middle School	Well Griddle	SER#4620 SCSD# 000568
Brookhaven Elementary School	Market Forge Steamer	Mod#M140 Ser#156158 SCSD# Non Legible
Brookhaven Elementary School	Market Forge Steamer	SER# 156315 SCSD# Non Legible
Brookhaven Elementary School	Montague Co Oven	Mod#115 A-E Ser#G3-0361424 (SCSD#20090126 Top) (SCSD#20090125 Bottom)

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

F. A motion (Schatzman / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

Approves
Field Trip
Washington
DC - BMS

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a field trip for approximately 160 eighth grade students from the Bellport Middle School to travel to Washington D.C. March 23rd through March 25th, 2010. There is no cost to the District for this field trip.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

G. A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

Approves
Field Trip
Frost Valley -
BMS

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a field trip for approximately 250 seventh grade students from the Bellport Middle School to travel to Frost Valley YMCA April 12th through April 14th, 2010. There is no cost to the District for this field trip.

VOTE: *Motion carries* 7-Yes, 1-No (Miglino), 1-Absent (Correa).

H. A motion (Kirk / Snead) to approve the following resolution:

Contract
Coughlin
Foundotos
External
Auditing 2009-
2010

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Interim Superintendent's recommendation and awards a contract to Coughlin Foundotos in the amount of \$48,500.00 to provide external auditing services for the 2009-2010 school year.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

I. A motion (Kirk / Powell) to approve the following resolution:

Approves
MOA with BTA

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Bellport Teachers Association.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

J. A motion (Kirk / Powell) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts donations in the amount of \$1,592.52 from The Character Counts Program and directs that the same amount be forwarded to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Accepts Donations from Character Counts to forward to Make a Wish Foundation

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

K. PERSONNEL

A motion (Schatzman / McKenna) to approve the following resolution, moving Item # 1447 into Executive Session for discussion:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resignations, terminations, leaves of absence, position abolitions, employment appointments, tenure appointments, and salary changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

Approves Personnel Agenda

Item#1447 moved to Executive Session.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

It is noted for the record that Item #1472 is related to Trustee Barbara Schatzman and Item #1452 is related to Superintendent Cipp.

A brief five minute recess was called at 7:55pm. The meeting resumed at 8:00 pm.

Recess

8. PRESENTATION

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business, Mr. Michael Buzzeo, presented budget information for 2010–2011 regarding pupil transportation, plant facilities and security.

2010-2011 Budget Information

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board members discussed the budget proposals presented. Mr. Buzzeo will address the questions raised by board members via e-mail.

Discussion Items

The Superintendent search process was discussed.

- Venues for advertising were discussed which included the Mike Heaney List Serve, the New York Times and Education Week.
- Establishment of a search committee with subcommittee.
- Items of importance to consider.

CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION (9:16 PM)

A motion (Snead / Jankowski) to move into Executive Session in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f).

Close Public Session.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION (12:10 AM).

Reconvene Public Session

A motion (Jankowski / Snead) to approve Item # 1447 from the Personnel Agenda:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resignations, terminations, leaves of absence, position abolitions, employment appointments, tenure appointments, and salary changes in accordance with applicable provisions of Education Law and Civil Service Law, as cited in the Personnel Changes attachment.

Approves
Item #1447
from
Personnel
Agenda

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

WALK ON RESOLUTIONS**A motion (Powell / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:**

RESOLVED, that the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp, Jr. recommends Louis V. Gambeski as the 3214 Hearing Officer at the rate of \$65.00 per hour, effective March 11, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

Approves
Louis
Gambeski
as Hearing
Officer

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

A motion (Kirk / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of Park East Construction, the Board of Education approves for Bellport Middle School from Health & Educational Equipment Corp., the sum of \$4,043.27 to furnish and install one matching unit for a book return and depressible book truck, Model 4447.

Approves
Health &
Educational
Equipment
Corp – BMS
Library

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

A motion to table (Powell / McKenna) the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby dissolves the facility known as the Teacher Center, effective June 30, 2010, and furthermore, that no further course offerings be posted from this date forward and that only semester course offerings currently in progress be continued.

Motion to
table
Teacher
Center
Resolution
fails.

VOTE: *Motion to table fails.* 3-Yes (McKenna, Powell, Schatzman), 0-No, 5-Abstain (Grossman, Jankowski, Kirk, Miglino, Snead), 1-Absent (Correa).

A motion (Snead / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby dissolves the facility known as the Teacher Center, effective June 30, 2010, and furthermore, that no further course offerings be posted from this date forward and that only semester course offerings currently in progress be continued.

Motion to
approve
dissolving
Teacher
Center fails.

VOTE: *Motion to approve fails.* 4-Yes (Jankowski, Kirk, Miglino, Snead), 3-No (McKenna, Powell, Schatzman), 1-Abstain (Grossman) 1-Absent (Correa).

A motion (Kirk / Snead) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs that the district’s Internal Auditor, Nawrocki Smith, LLP, be directed to audit any and all grants associated with the Teacher Center from July 2007 to present.

Approves
Nawrocki
Smith LLP
to Audit
Teacher
Center
Grants

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa).

A motion (Schatzman / Jankowski) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal of Student A as more extensively discussed in Executive Session.

Approves
Denial of
Appeal
Student A

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

A motion (Schatzman / Kirk) to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal of Student B as more extensively discussed in Executive Session.

Approves
Denial of
Appeal
Student B

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

Note: Mr. Miglino will direct the Business Department and Superintendent to meet with the individuals involved with the Teacher Center prior to the next meeting (3/17).

ADJOURNMENT (12:23 PM)

A motion (McKenna / Snead) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting
Adjourns.

VOTE: *Unanimous* 8-0. 1-Absent (Correa)

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Poulos,

District Clerk,

Attachments: Personnel Agenda
Budget Handout