

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

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

Call to Order

Board Vice President Kevin Kirk 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 Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

**Board of Education Members Present:**

Victor Correa (arrived 7:20pm)	Marian McKenna
Owen Durney (arrived 7:10pm)	Jeannette Mistler (arrived 7:10pm)
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Julio Morales
Kevin Kirk	Rob Powell (arrived 7:03pm)
	Barbara Schatzman

Roll Call

**Others Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Joseph L. Cipp Jr., Asst Superintendent for HR, Nelson Briggs, Asst Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Asst Superintendent for Business, Alan Phillips, Business Administrator, Charles Delargy, Building Services Adminstrator, Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Assistant Director Theresa McGuire, Principals Bernie Soete, Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, BTA President Wayne White, other guests and members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Kirk leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one present wished to address the Board.

Public Participation

**3. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Approval of Minutes - Business Meeting September 21, 2011

Approval of Minutes

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Durney, Mistler).*

**4. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. WHEREAS,** the estimated expenditure budget for the South Country Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$113,995,963 was approved by the affirmative vote of the public on May 17, 2011 and

School Tax Levy

**WHEREAS,** estimated non-tax revenue for the 2011-2012 school year is \$59,995,324 and

**WHEREAS,** the taxable assessed value for the 2011-2012 school year, for school district property located in the Town of Brookhaven, is \$26,675,490, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the 2011-2012 School Tax Levy in the amount of \$53,353,439 for the South Country Central School District be approved and levied upon the real property of the District.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Durney, Mistler).*

(NOTE: *This item was later revisited to conduct a roll call vote*)

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

- B. WHEREAS**, the estimated expenditure budget for the Brookhaven Free Library and the South Country Library for the 2011-2012 school year was approved by the affirmative vote of the public on April 5, 2011

South Country / Brookhaven Free Library Tax Levy

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2011-2012 Library Tax Levy in the amount of \$671,471 for the Brookhaven Free Library and \$2,399,027 for the South Country Library be approved and levied upon the real property of the District.

**VOTE:** Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Durney, Mistler).

**A motion (McKenna / Schatzman ) to approve the following:**

- C. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the consultant services contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Health Source Group. (See attached "Exhibit A" for rate information.)

Approves Health Source Group Consultant

**VOTE:** Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Durney, Mistler).

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

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby appoints as the Audit Committee, a committee of two (2) Board members and three (3) community members, the Board members namely Victor Correa and Kevin Kirk, and the community members James Koronkowiez, Larry Ryder and James Vaughan namely, to perform the duties required by law and such duties as may be required by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to regulation.

Audit Committee 2011-2012

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

**VOTE:** Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Durney, Mistler).

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

- E. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares the items listed on the attached "Schedule A" at Kreamer Street Elementary School as surplus to be disposed of in the best interest of the District.

Declares Surplus Items Kreamer St School

**VOTE:** Motion carries unanimously. 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Durney, Mistler).

**A motion (McKenna / Durney ) to approve the following:**

**PERSONNEL**

- F. RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the 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 Changes

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

A motion (Durney / Schatzman) to approve the following:

G. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Dr. Anthony DeLuca as an Administrative Mentor for the Guidance Department at a rate of \$500.00 per day, no more than twelve (12) days total, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. (Funded through Title IIA Grant).

Approves  
Anthony  
DeLuca  
Administrative  
Mentor  
Guidance Dept

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously. 8-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa).

Superintendent Consent Agenda Item # 4A was revisited in order to conduct a roll call vote:

A motion (Morales / McKenna ) to approve the following:

4A WHEREAS, the estimated expenditure budget for the South Country Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$113,995,963 was approved by the affirmative vote of the public on May 17, 2011 and

School Tax  
Levy

WHEREAS, estimated non-tax revenue for the 2011-2012 school year is \$59,995,324 and

WHEREAS, the taxable assessed value for the 2011-2012 school year, for school district property located in the Town of Brookhaven, is \$26,675,490, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2011-2012 School Tax Levy in the amount of \$53,353,439 for the South Country Central School District be approved and levied upon the real property of the District.

Victor Correa	Absent
Owen Durney	Yes
Lisa DiSanto Grossman	Yes
Kevin Kirk	Yes
Marian McKenna	Yes
Jeannette Mistler	Yes
Julio Morales	Yes
Rob Powell	Yes
Barbara Schatzman	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

5. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was a second reading of the following proposed Board Policy 5511 – Fiscal Accounting and Fund Balance Reporting.

SUBJECT: FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND FUND BALANCE REPORTING

GASB has issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions (GASB 54). The objective of this Statement 54 is to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Board Policy  
5511  
Fiscal  
Accounting /  
Fund Balance  
Reporting

Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balance amounts will be reported by the District according to the following classifications:

**Nonspendable** – consists of assets that are inherently nonspendable in the current period either because of their form or because they must be maintained intact, including prepaid items, inventories, long-term portions of loans receivable, financial assets held for resale, and principal of endowments.

**Restricted** – consists of amounts that are subject to externally enforceable legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** – consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint imposed by a formal action of the government’s highest level of decision-making authority before the end of the fiscal year, and that require the same level of formal action to remove the constraint.

**Assigned** – consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint that represents an intended use established by the Board of Education highest level of decision-making authority, or by their designated body or official. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the general fund, and in funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance.

**Unassigned** – represents the residual classification for the government’s general fund, and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the general fund, the unassigned classification should be used only to report a deficit balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

**General Policy**

Fund balance measures the net financial resources available to finance expenditures within current or future periods. The District’s Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance will be maintained to provide the District with financial stability and a margin of safety to fund unanticipated contingent expenditures that may occur unexpectedly during the fiscal year. The Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance used for these purposes may only be appropriated by resolution of the Board of Education unless voter approval is required.

Any portion of Fund Balance may be applied or transferred for a specific purpose either by voter approval if required by law or by formal action of the Board of Education if voter approval is not required. Amendments or modification to the applied or transferred fund balance must also be approved by formal action of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education shall delegate the authority to assign fund balance, for encumbrance purposes, to the person(s) to whom it has delegated the authority to sign purchase orders.

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications (e.g., expenditures related to reserves).

The Board will assess the current financial condition of the district and then determine the order of application of expenditures to which fund balance classification will be charged.

**A motion (Durney / Morales ) to adopt the foregoing Board Policy 5511 – Fiscal Accounting and Fund Balance Reporting.**

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

Board President Correa presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Replacement of Frank P. Long Library secretary.
- Status on vocational internship program.
- Status on lights in the Middle School parking lot.
- High School extra help sessions during Pep Rally.
- Request for list of lawsuits against the District.
- Noticeable improvement of traffic in front of High School.

**Adopts  
Board Policy  
5511  
Fiscal  
Accounting /  
Fund Balance  
Reporting**

- Excellent and productive meetings of the Health & Safety Committee and Special Education Parent Involvement Committee.
- New York Times article - "Incentives for Advanced Work".
- Brookhaven Free Library – Homework Help program.
- Issues concerning lack of motions from Trustees.

Board President Correa asked for a brief recess due to disruptive conduct from audience.

**A motion (Schatzman / Kirk ) to convene to Executive Session at 7:50 pm to discuss legal matters:**

**Convene to Executive Session**

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 7-Yes, 2-No, (Grossman, Powell).

**Public Session reconvened at 8:35 pm.**

**Reconvene Public Session**

**BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS** *(continued)*

- Litigation issues and release of information to public.
- Superintendent evaluation form – request for electronic format.
- Transportation for athletic events.
- TRACKS – LIRR Safety Program Grades K-8.
- Audit of TANS.

**A motion (McKenna / Schatzman) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm:**

**Meeting Adjourns**

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

Respectfully,

*Nancy Poulos*

District Clerk

Attachments