

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:05 p.m.)

Call to Order

Board President Victor Correa called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05p.m. The meeting took place at the South Haven School, Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, NY.

Board of Education Members Present:

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| Victor Correa | Marian McKenna (arrived 7:12 pm) |
| Owen Durney | Julio Morales (arrived 7:12 pm) |
| Lisa Di Santo Grossman | Jeannette Mistler (arrived 7:10 pm) |
| Kevin Kirk | Rob Powell |
| | 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, Director of Student Support Services, Jack Colombo, Assistant Director Theresa McGuire, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, Building Services Administrator, Gregory C. Miglino, Jr., Principals Bernie Soete, Stefanie Rucinski, Travis Davey, Sean Clark, Kathleen Munisteri, BTA President Wayne White, School Attorneys Douglas Spencer, Christopher Guercio, other guests and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Rob Powell leads all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

2. COMMENDATIONS

Commendation

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi and Guidance Chairperson Patricia McCallum recognized Bellport High School Student Connor Cipp, for being named as Bellport High School’s Ambassador at the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership seminar. Selection to the program is based upon grades, extracurricular activities, and overall commitment to the community. Connor is in the top 1% of his class, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Math Team, Football Team, Lacrosse Team and Athletes Helping Others.

3. REPORTS

Mrs. Linda Rozzi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, presented the following report to the Board:

Curriculum,
Instruction and
Technology
Department
Report

Curricular & Instructional Updates

- **Kreamer Street Can Tabs for Kids:** Mrs. Rozzi discussed the excellent assembly held in support of curing children’s cancer.
- **APPR Lead Evaluator Training:** Last month Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Rozzi attended a two-day workshop on mandated APPR Principal Evaluation Procedures. Also the district recently hosted Dr. Richard Bernato who spent two days this month training principals, chairs and AP’s on teacher observation & evaluation procedures that promote professional development communities and guide us towards a greater culture of reflective practice among all district educators. Working with the building level leaders these past two weeks, we discussed and modeled how to conduct a highly effective pre-observation conference, how to script a lesson for the purpose of objective data collection, as well as discussed and practiced strategies for more reflective post-observation conferences with the teaching staff. Additionally we explored the language of the teacher observation

rubric being considered under the district's APPR plan and collectively ended by defining on paper what the district's priorities are for instructional observations. Priorities defined were:

- a. Linking clear instructional aims to assessment that differentiates;
- b. Teacher demonstration/modeling of strategies/concepts prior to student practice;
- c. Lessons that promote higher- order questions and applications, and
- d. Using assessment to not only help the teacher assess if a session's aims were achieved but also to aid in future lesson development.

We also would like to start an electronic intra-district wiki dialogue among district staff on great instructional priorities to promote what good teaching resembles for our student body.

All mandated APPR trainings count towards certifying these district lead evaluators under the new regulation. Once they are complete the BOE will have to officially certify these members as lead evaluators through way of formal resolution at an upcoming Board meeting.

- **Writing Workshop Progress:** All K-5 buildings are moving along nicely with the writing workshop framework, the process of the workshop as well as multiple forms of publishing student work. The residency staff development has been embraced as teachers experiment with the workshop model. This year is a year for them to refine things and you can tell the teachers are taking writing very seriously as our elementary building hallways & classrooms are now adorned with excellent pieces of writing spanning the genres...historical fiction, essays, poetry, etc. Take a walk through and look at the work they are getting from the kids! In January we will be inviting the 6th grade teachers from BMS to take part in the coaching sessions with the staff developer, Ms. Pecorale.
- **Shared Decision Making Training:** SDM consensus training occurred after school on 11/29 and met the required annual mandated training. It went very well and feedback was positive.
- **Guidance Updates:** This month we continue to work closely with Dr. Anthony DeLuca as we explore the weighting system for AP and honors courses. Mrs. Rozzi has also spent the past few weeks meeting with the individual chair people and guidance discussing course selections and offerings for the 2012/2013 school year based on the consultant's recommendations as we move the high school towards onto a more college and career ready path. Linda Rozzi will prepare a summary for the BOE when these initial meetings are complete as to the minor changes necessary in course offerings.
- **January Regents:** Mrs. Rozzi met this past week with HS administration, chairs and guidance counselors regarding January Regents & RCT administration. Lists of required and recommended students, by exam, have been created. Moreover, all ELL and Special Ed accommodations have been planned and building proctoring schedules have already been refined well in-advance. Prep sessions begin on 1/3 and there is going to be a concerted effort by the entire team to get the message out about the after school prep courses leading up to exam week. In addition, a personalized principal's letter will be mailed home in early January regarding the tests required to take, by specific student.
- **Grades 3-8 After School Coursework:** These sessions began this week and attendance was high.
- **Senior Trip:** The high school senior advisors have been provided a copy of the BOE policy that dictates the types of senior trips the district would approve. The advisors are now in the process of

exploring possibilities and will report to the BOE at a later date. Mrs. Rozzi will keep in contact with them to make sure the trip proposal meets the BOE policy guidelines.

- **After School Designated Times at Bellport Middle School:** As you know the after school hours at Bellport Middle School were recently amended to accommodate the needs of all students involved in after school enrichment activities as well as sports. Apparently for a number of years the kids were faced between choosing extra help and/or enrichment over sports and vice-versa. What the district did was to break out the academic time separate from when sports start. Mrs. Rozzi was happy to report that it has been a very smooth transition and thanked Mr. Ginty and his administrative team for making this transition smooth for the students.

Instructional Technology Updates:

- **Technology Integration Specialist Updates:** Mrs. Rozzi reported on the many wonderful technological initiatives taking place in the buildings with the help of the Technology Integration Specialists, particularly at the middle and high school levels in science!

Committee Updates:

- **Elementary Science Pilot:** We will be having a follow-up meeting with all elementary folks who have signed up to pilot an elementary science curriculum, K-3. We will be meeting with this group next on January 23rd to check in on the use of the materials, as well as how the virtual e-book component is working for them. Again, the best aspect is that both the virtual student lab book as well as teacher demos can be accessed through the use of the Eno board in the classrooms.
- **District Mathematics Team:** We had a meeting this month comprised of 18 people from around the district, ranging from all grade levels. The goals of this district-wide team will be to explore elementary mathematics programs that now align to the common core standards; the team is in the process of researching and reaching out to other districts as to what pilots we here at South Country should consider.
- **Literacy Coaches' Team:** The team and Mrs. Rozzi developed draft district guidelines for independent nightly required reading, grades K-5. The preliminary draft was shared today with principals and still open for discussion. It is expected this will be implemented in September, district wide to help our youngsters develop and build their stamina as readers. Coaching initiatives continue in all K-5 buildings, particular work to note is the coaching on the writing workshop model, the coaching going on with teachers on the guided reading framework as a way to differentiate, as well as collegial circles taking place on Test Talk strategies.
- **District Technology Team:** The district team met recently and discussed hosting teacher webpages through Word Press, which is a platform currently hosted by the district network. The team will also spend the upcoming couple of months exploring current technology policies of the district and making recommendations to the BOE for inclusion in the new policy manual.

Correspondence:

- **Correspondence was received from the NYS Education Department** regarding the proposed technological requirements for computer-delivered assessments for 2015 school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Antoinette Huffine (resident): Commented about the last Board of Education meeting and the Building Services Administrator.

Inger Molina (resident): Questioned District policies and requested Board investigate an incident that occurred at the last Board meeting.

Rocco DeVito (resident): Requested District organizational chart be distributed and questioned costs of litigation.

Loretta Dru (resident): Had questions regarding appointment of special investigator.

Public Participation

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approval of Minutes - Workshop Meeting of December 7, 2011, as amended.

Approval of Minutes

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

4. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA

An omnibus motion (McKenna / Kirk) to approve Superintendent Consent Agenda Items #5 B through 5H:

Approval Items 5B-5H

B. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the special education services contract for the 2011-2012 with Andrus Children Center at the approximate rate of \$45,000.

Andrus Children Center

C. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the special education services contract for the 2011-2012 school year with West Islip Union Free School District at the approximate rate of \$4,000.

Special Education Services Contract West Islip

D. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby declares items listed on the attached "Schedule A" at Bellport High School and Kreamer Street Elementary School as surplus and directs the disposal of such items in the best interest of the District.

Declares Surplus Items BHS

E. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE) & Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE).

Approves CSE, SCSE & CPSE

F. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Dr. Richard Bernato to conduct mandated Lead Evaluator training for two additional days, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm for Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors and Department Chairs at the rate of \$200.00 per hour. (Funded by Race to The Top funds). Dates to be determined.

Approves Dr. Bernato – Lead Evaluator

G. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Trustee Owen Durney to attend the New York State School Boards Association Winter Law Conference, "Solving the School Budget Puzzle-Tax Levy Limits and the Challenges Ahead" to be held on January 12, 2012 at the Islandia Marriott in Islandia New York at a total cost to the District of \$230.00.

Approves NYS SBA Winter Conference Attendance

H. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract for the 2012-2013 school year with BOCES Management Services to provide the required OPEB Actuarial Valuation in accordance with the provisions of GASB 45 at a cost not to exceed \$8,652.

Approves BOCES Mgmt Services – OPEB – GASB 45

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

A motion (Durney / Kirk) to approve Superintendent Consent Agenda Item #5 A:

A. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Treasurer’s Report for November, 2011

Approves
Treasurer’s
Report

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

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve the following, moving Personnel Agenda Items # 880, 881, 882, 885 & 886 to Executive Session for discussion:

Approves
Personnel
Agenda, moving
880, 881, 882,
885 & 886 to
Exec Sess.

PERSONNEL

U. **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.

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

6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Success of Frank P. Long Dancing Classrooms Program.
- Request for public presentation on Audit process.
- Status of Teacher negotiations.

Board / Supt
Discussion
Items

A motion (McKenna / Schatzman) to convene to Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss personnel matters:

Convene to
Executive
Session

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

Meeting reconvened at 11:26 pm.

Reconvene
Public Session

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

5J: RESOLVED, upon consideration of an appeal from a proceeding held pursuant to Education Law § 3214 by the parents of student “█”, the Board of Education hereby grants the appeal in part and denies it in part and directs the District Clerk to notify the parents of this determination.

Approves /
Denies Appeal

VOTE: Motion carries. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain (McKenna).

A motion (Kirk / Schatzman) to approve Personnel Agenda Items # 882, 885 & 886:

Approves
Personnel
Agenda Items
882, 885 & 886

VOTE: Motion carries. 8-Yes, 0-No, 1- Abstain (McKenna).

A motion (Kirk / Durney) to approve Personnel Agenda Item # 881:

Approves
Personnel
Agenda Item
881,

VOTE: Motion carries. 7-Yes, 0-No, 2- Abstain (Mistler, Powell).

A motion (Kirk / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 pm:

Meeting
Adjourned

VOTE: Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully,
Nancy Poulos
District Clerk
Attachments