

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER (6:43 p.m.)**

Board President Julio Morales called a Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:43 p.m. The meeting took place at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, NY.

Call to Order

**Board of Education Members Present:**

Victor Correa	Julio Morales
Owen Durney ( <i>arrived 7:43 pm</i> )	Chris Picini
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	Rob Powell
Jeannette Mistler ( <i>arrived 7:43 pm</i> )	

**Board of Education Members Absent:** Marian McKenna, Barbara Schatzman

**Others Present:** Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard M. Koenig, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Charles Delargy, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Nelson Briggs, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Linda Rozzi, Assistant Director of Student Support Services, Theresa McGuire, Athletic Director Robert McIntyre, Building Principals Tim Hogan, Brian Ginty, Travis Davey, School Attorneys, Gregory Guercio, Douglas Spencer, other guests and members of the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Julio Morales led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

**A motion (Picini / Powell) to convene to executive session at 6:43 pm to discuss legal matters.**

Executive Session

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 5-Yes, Absent (Durney, McKenna, Mistler, Schatzman)*

**The meeting reconvened at 7:37 pm.**

Reconvene Public Session

**2. COMMENDATIONS**

Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Tortora introduced the 5th Grade Ballroom Dancing Team- Colors of the Rainbow Team Competition and Festival Silver Medal Winners:

Slydell Roberts	Sorrina Harrison
Jason Springsteen	Ariana Rodriguez
Jeremy Ynoa	Angelina Almeida
Anthony Reyes	Veronica Riddick
Mike Alvarado	Dania Hernandez
Joshua Leidig	Mariely Santana
Chris Buestan	

Commendations

**3. INFORMATION**

**A.** Report from Bellport High School Student Representative, Lauren Boglino

**B.** Report from the Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

Approval of Minutes

**4. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion (Grossman/ Powell ) to approve the following:**

A. Approval of minutes – Business Meeting of April 17, 2013

**VOTE: Motion carries.** 6-Yes, 1- Abstain (Picini), Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**A motion (Powell / Picini ) to approve the following:**

B. Approval of minutes – Budget Workshop Meeting of April 24, 2013 as amended:

**VOTE: Motion carries.** 6-Yes, 1- Abstain (Grossman), Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**A motion (Grossman / Picini ) to approve the following:**

C. Approval of minutes – Budget Hearing of May 8, 2013

**VOTE: Motion carries unanimously.** 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

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

D. Approval of minutes – Special Meeting of May 15, 2013

**VOTE: Motion carries.** 6-Yes, 1- Abstain (Picini), Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**5. SUPERINTENDENT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Budget Transfer Treasurer's Report

1. Budget Transfer Request and Treasurer's Report for April, 2013

**VOTE: Motion carries unanimously.** 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**A motion (Grossman / Powell ) to approve the following:**

**B. RESOLVED,** upon the recommendation of the Interim 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 Special Education. (CPSE.) \*April 18, 2013- Verne Critz- 1 student

CSE, SCSE & CPSE Recommendation ns

**VOTE: Motion carries unanimously.** 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**An omnibus motion (Picini/Mistler ) to approve Consent Agenda Items # C, & E through T:**

**C. RESOLVED,** upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2013-2014 Board of Education meeting calendar as amended.

Amended BOE Mtg Calendar 2013-2014

**E. RESOLVED,** upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to execute contracts for the following services:

<b>DISTRICT SERVICE</b>	<b>ANTICIPATED REVENUE</b>	
Amityville	Vision \$ 5,493.02	District Service Contracts
Port Jefferson	Vision \$15,303.45	
Sayville	Vision \$ 334.83	
Three Village	Vision \$33,696.36	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,827.66</b>	

**F. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Actuarial Solutions to provide the required actuarial analysis of Workers Compensation Self-Insurance in accordance with the provisions of GASB 10 at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00.

Actuarial Solutions

**G. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract for the 2013-2014 school year with Three Village School District. (See fee schedule for rate information.)

Three Village School District

**H. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the South Huntington Union Free School District at the rate of \$778.85 per student.

So Huntington School District

**I. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the health and welfare services agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Commack Union Free School District at the rate of \$876.78 per student.

Commack School District

**J. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$250 from Capital One Bank to be deposited in the General Scholarship Fund of the school district.

Donation Capital One Bank

**K. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$4,505 to be deposited in the General Scholarship Fund for the Julia Nofi Scholarship.

Donation Julia Nofi Scholarship

**L. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Bellport High School Significant Progress Award to be funded through previously established scholarship funds.

Establish BHS Significant Progress Award

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the scholarship is to be awarded under the following terms and conditions:

- One male and one female BHS senior will be selected (Each to receive \$500).
- Student must be eligible for free/reduced lunch.
- Student is well-rounded and participates in activities, either at BHS or within the local community.
- Student must have a minimum overall average of 80
- Student must be enrolling in a 2 or 4 year college for the fall of 2013
- Student has shown significant academic progress throughout HS

**M. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Complete Rehabilitation PT, OT SLP of the Hamptons, PLLC for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Complete Rehab PT, OT, SLP of Hamptons PLLC

**N. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Eden II Programs for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Eden II  
Programs

**O. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Health Source Group for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Health Source  
Group

**P. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Long Island Developmental Consulting for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

LI  
Developmental  
Consulting

**Q. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Management and Advisory Group Special Services, Inc. for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Mgmt &  
Advisory Group  
Special  
Services, Inc

**R. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Marion K. Salomon & Associates for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Marion K.  
Salomon &  
Assoc.

**S. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Metro Therapy Inc. for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Metro Therapy

**T. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the service provider contract with Reddy Consulting Services for the 2013 - 2014 school year at the rates attached.

Reddy  
Consulting  
Services

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).*

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

**D. TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 22, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

TAN Resolution

**BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BROOKHAVEN, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of South Country Central School District at Brookhaven, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$25,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a)The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and the

- proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
  - (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
  - (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Victor Correa	<i>Yes</i>
Owen Durney	<i>Yes</i>
Lisa Di Santo Grossman	<i>Yes</i>
Marian McKenna	<i>Absent</i>
Jeannette Mistler	<i>Yes</i>
Julio Morales	<i>Yes</i>
Chris Picini	<i>Yes</i>
Rob Powell	<i>Yes</i>
Barbara Schatzman	<i>Absent</i>

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

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

**U. WHEREAS**, every student deserves a quality public education dedicated to preparing engaged citizens, creative and critical thinkers, and lifelong learners ready for college and careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the decline in state support for public schools has forced our district to reduce programs and limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the state such as the common core standards creating an uneven rollout of the standards among school districts around the state; and

**WHEREAS**, while the implementation of the Common Core will ultimately help students, teachers and teaching and learning, the growing reliance on and misalignment of standardized testing is eroding student learning time, and narrowing the curriculum and jeopardizing the rich, meaningful education our students need and deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the state's growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal elementary and secondary education act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners in assessing their learning, resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, it is time for policymakers to recalibrate the number, duration and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Board of Regents and other policymakers to reduce the use of and over-reliance on standardized testing; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to reduce federal testing mandates and support the role of and focus on multiple measures of student learning and school quality in accountability systems.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries.* 6-Yes, 1-Abstain (Grossman), Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**A motion (Picini / Mistler ) to approve the following:**

**PERSONNEL**

**V. RESOLVED**, 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.

Personnel

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

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

**W. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of education approves the resignation of Linda J. Rozzi from the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, with sincere thanks and gratitude for all of her efforts on behalf of the students, staff and community of the South Country Central School District, effective June 30, 2013.

Resignation  
Linda J. Rozzi

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**A motion (Picini / Powell ) to approve the following:**

**Y.** Shall the Board of Education approve the request for defense and indemnification submitted by "Employee A" as noted on the attached confidential schedule in connection with the Federal Court

Request for  
Defense /  
Indemnification  
Emp "A"

litigation discussed in executive session; and the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Section 3811, 3028 and 3023 of the Education Law as applicable, are hereby conferred upon the aforementioned person; and it is further resolved that the District shall accordingly, indemnify and save harmless such person, for any costs, attorneys' fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while such person was acting within the scope of his public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).*

**In the absence of a motion or second to accept, NO ACTION was taken upon the following resolution:**

**Z.** Shall the Board of Education approve the request for defense and indemnification submitted by "Employee B" as noted on the attached confidential schedule in connection with the Federal Court litigation discussed in executive session; and the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Section 3811, 3028 and 3023 of the Education Law as applicable, are hereby conferred upon the aforementioned person; and it is further resolved that the District shall accordingly, indemnify and save harmless such person, for any costs, attorneys' fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while such person was acting within the scope of his public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

Request for  
Defense /  
Indemnification  
Emp "B"

**A motion (Correa / Powell ) to approve the following:**

**AA. RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of \$100 to be deposited in the General Scholarship Fund for the Ellen Schain Outstanding Business Award.

Donation Ellen  
Schain  
Outstanding  
Business Award

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously. 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).*

**A motion (Picini / Mistler ) to approve the following:**

**X. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF EAST PATCHOGUE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 22, 2013, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013 AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING.**

Special District  
Meeting –  
Budget Vote  
6/18/13

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District of East Patchogue, in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the District shall be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 for the purpose of voting upon the annual appropriation to fund the operations of the School District in the 2013-2014 school year.

Section 2. The Notice of Special District Meeting to be held on June 18, 2013 shall be published by the District Clerk who is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Notice in substantially the form annexed hereto.

Section 3. Said Notice shall be published once in each week within the two (2) weeks next preceding the Special District Meeting in two (2) newspapers having general circulation in the District, the first publication to be at least fourteen (14) days before such Special District Meeting, namely on June 4, 2013.

Section 4. The Budget Hearing shall be held on June 5, 2013.

Section 5. The Budget Proposition at said Special District Meeting shall be voted upon by voting machine.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**6. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Second Reading- Policy # 1510 as amended; Regular Board Meeting Rules

Adoption of  
Board Policy  
#1510

**A motion (Picini / Mistler) to approve the following:**

Board Policy # 1510 as amended; Regular Board Meeting Rules

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

**7. ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

- Congratulations to Trustee-elects, Rocco DeVito and Carol Herrmann.
- Thanks to candidates and all who came out to vote.
- Appreciation to Andrew Budris and students for conducting Budget Vote Exit Poll.
- Thanks to Bellport Middle School staff for Community Service Day, Mrs. Stiriz and Mr. Finnegan for music concerts.
- Appreciation for service given to District by Mrs. Linda Rozzi.
- Appreciation for Frank P. Long Read-in Day, sponsored by South Country Education Foundation.
- PASS Program at Patchogue-Medford.

Items Not on  
Agenda

**8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Community members Toni Huffine, June Johnson and Sheryl Moodt commented.

Public  
Participation

**Special Meeting**

The Board will conduct a special Board meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 7:30 pm to discuss the budget to be submitted to the voters on June 18, 2013.

Special Board  
Meeting

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion (Picini / Durney) to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm:**

Adjournment

**VOTE:** *Motion carries unanimously.* 7-Yes, Absent (McKenna, Schatzman).

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Poulos  
District Clerk

Attachments