

**BUSINESS MEETING PAGE 036 OCTOBER 23, 2013
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 6:35 p.m. The meeting took place at the Bellport Middle School, 34 Kreamer St, Bellport, NY.

Board of Education Members Present

Victor Correa (*arrived 7:00 pm*)

Rocco DeVito

Lisa Di Santo Grossman

Carol Herrmann

Jeannette Mistler (*arrived 6:42pm*)

Julio Morales (*arrived 6:40 pm*)

Chris Picin

Rob Powell

Barbara Schatzman

Vanessa Vaughan, *Student Ex-Officio*

Others Present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Giani, Nelson Briggs, Charles Delargy, Margaret Evers, Tim Hogan Brian Ginty, Stefanie Rucinski, Kathleen Munisteri, Attorneys Christopher Guercio and Douglas Spencer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion (Powell / DeVito) to enter Executive Session at 6:37 pm to discuss capital project legal negotiations and contract negotiations for central office staff members.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 6-Yes, 0-No, Absent (Correa, Mistler, Morales).

Public session reconvened at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Frank P. Long Student Nicholas Saladino, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

B. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE / SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board President Picini discussed the exits to be used in the event of an emergency and reminded all present that the South Country School District is a smoke-free District, with smoking prohibited in all buildings and on school grounds.

C. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVALS

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

1. (a) Minutes of BOE Business Meeting September 25, 2013

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

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

1. (b) Minutes of BOE Workshop Meeting October 9, 2013.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 8-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Correa).

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

2. Treasurer's Report of September, 2013.

3. Warrants / Claims Audit Reports.

4. NYSSBA's 2013 Policy Workshop

- The Board of Education hereby approves Trustee Chris Picini to attend NYSSBA's 2013 Policy Workshop on November 21, 2013 at the Islandia Marriott, at a total cost to the District of \$150.

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

D. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Giani

- In recognition of School Board Appreciation Week, each school building presented Board members with their personal portrait, created by their students. Board members also were given keepsake notebooks written by the students in tribute to their service. Dr. Giani acknowledged the dedication and service given by the Board and praised the students and staff for their outstanding work.
- The Board is seeking applications from community members to serve on Board Advisory Committees. Information is posted on the district website.
- The PTA Council in conjunction with the District, will be holding their first “Parent University”, Wednesday, October 30th, 6:30pm in the Bellport Middle School Auditorium.

Board Members

- Thanks to Mrs. Palladino and all staff involved with Hispanic Heritage Month event.
- Signs for the High School’s “Trick or Treat St” has been posted throughout the Village.
- Homecoming day showed great school spirit and community pride.
- Great to see all teams recognized during High School Pep Rally.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None.

F. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Second reading of Policy #7552 – Student Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy (DASA).

A motion (DeVito / Herrmann) to approve Policy #7552 – Student Bullying Prevention & Intervention.

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

2. Board of Education Priorities

A motion (Morales / DeVito) to approve the Board of Education Priorities for the 2013-2014 School Year.

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

G. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion (Herrmann / Mistler) to approve the following items:

1. CSE Minutes
2. CPSE Minutes

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

H. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL

A motion (DeVito /Correa) to approve the following personnel items # 1-10:

1. Resignations/Retirements/ Leave of Absence/ Return from Leave of Absence
2. New Instructional Appointments- Probationary
3. Long-Term Substitutes
4. Tenure Recommendations
5. Salary Schedule Changes/Adjustments
6. Non-Instructional New Appointment- Full-time
7. Extra Duty Assignments
8. Additional Work
9. Substitutes
10. Memorandum of Agreement- South Country Administrators Association.

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

A motion (Herrmann / Mistler) to approve the following personnel item # 11:

11. Settlement Agreement – SED Case # 22777.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 7-Yes, 2-No (Correa, Schatzman)

I. BOARD CONSENT AGENDA – BUSINESS

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

1. Donation of musical instruments.
2. Translation service agreement with Centris Group, LLC.
3. Sales agreement with Supreme Energy, Inc.
4. Agreement for sand & salt with Town of Brookhaven.
5. Adoption of Town of Brookhaven snow plowing rates and vendors.
6. Lease agreement with Ralph Lettieri.

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

J. PUBLIC COMMENTARY (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Residents Wendy Palladino, Regina Seltzer and Toni Huffine commented.

K. CLOSING REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Sincere appreciation and thanks to all for the beautiful portraits and expressions of appreciation.
- Wonderful display of talent by the students.
- Special thanks to Dr. Giani for his leadership and being behind the effort for Board appreciation.
- Great to see collaboration between students, staff and administration.
- Thanks to all involved with Hispanic Heritage.
- Thanks to Isabella Rosellini for her donation of musical instruments to the High School Music Department.

L. ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Herrmann / Morales) to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

VOTE: *Motion carried.* 9-Yes, 0-No.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Poulos

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District Clerk

Attachments