

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the
Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Southern Westchester
Held at
Administrative Offices
17 Berkley Drive
January 16, 2019

Present

Board Members

Catherine Draper, President
John V. Filiberti, Vice President
John DeSantis
Lynn Frazer-McBride
Robert Johnson
Georgia Riedel

Others Present

Harold A. Coles, District Superintendent
Jacqueline O'Donnell, COO/Deputy Dist. Supt.
Steve Tibbetts, Assistant Supt. for Business
James Gratto, Assistant Supt. for Ed. Services
John Miller, Director of Business
Suzanne Doherty, Director of Human Resources

Valerie A. Cermele
Clerk of the Board

Call to Order: Mrs. Draper called the Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review Minutes of the Budget Meetings held on December 10, 11, and 12, 2018 and the Business Meeting held December 11, 2018: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the minutes as listed on Attachment I be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular employee and negotiations of Civil Service.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye -6 Nay – 0

Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the Board re-enter into public session at 7:42 p.m.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

Resolution to Appoint Interim District Superintendent for Rockland BOCES: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the resolution to appoint Harold A. Coles as Interim District Superintendent, as listed below and on Attachment II be approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Westchester County, hereby recognizes and approves the appointment of Dr. Harold A. Coles as Interim District Superintendent of the Rockland BOCES, effective February 1, 2019, by the Commissioner of Education, Mary Ellen Elias, via her letter dated December 18, 2018 at their business meeting held on January 16, 2019

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

Resolution to Accept Memorandum of Agreement with BOCES Teacher Aide Association: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the resolution to accept the memorandum of agreement as listed below and on Attachment III be approved.

WHEREAS, negotiations have been ongoing between the Bargaining Team for the Board of Education of the Southern Westchester BOCES and the Bargaining Team for the BOCES's Teacher Aide Association for a successor to the 2012-2017 Agreement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, those negotiations have resulted in a tentative agreement contained in a Memorandum of Agreement dated December 19, 2018, which has been ratified by the membership of the Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Southern Westchester BOCES has reviewed the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and finds that a settlement consistent with the terms contained therein is in the best interest of the BOCES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Southern Westchester BOCES hereby approves and ratifies the terms of the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement and hereby authorizes the District Superintendent or Deputy Superintendent to execute a Collective Bargaining Agreement consistent with the terms thereof. The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

PERSONNEL MATTERS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the following personnel appointments listed on Attachment IV be approved.

- Tenure/Permanent Appointments
- Resignations
- Terminations
- Leave of Absence
- Civil Service Appointments
- Hourly Rate Assignments
- Additional Assignments
- Substitutes
- Rate Adjustments
- Other Adjustments
- Elimination of Positions
- Reductions-in-Force (RIF)

Terminations (Reduction-in-Force)
Recall Appointments
Casual (Temporary) Appointments
The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Mrs. Draper, on behalf of the board of education, wished much luck and congratulations to the following employees on their retirements:

Elizabeth Miscioscia – 32 years – Teacher – Special Services

BUSINESS MATTERS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Mr. John Miller, Director of Business, informed the Board that since they received their packets, an additional \$6.8 million has been received.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the treasurer’s report for November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 in the Checking Account of \$2,126,435.12 a balance on hand in the CLASS/Signature Investment Account of \$119,760.61; a balance on hand in the School Lunch Fund Checking of \$8,877.72; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS-Bob Newman Fund of \$77,072.89; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS Dreyfus Fund of \$10,520.50; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS Evelyn Stock Fund of \$2,047.42; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency CLASS Regular Fund of \$646.63; a balance on hand in the Trust and Agency Payroll Checking Fund of \$6,521.04; a balance on hand in the Internal Service Funds Unemployment Fund CLASS \$149,392.83; a balance on hand in the Internal Service Post Employment Accrual Fund CLASS of \$2,415.27 be filed with these minutes as Attachment V.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Accounts Receivable: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the accounts receivable as listed on Attachment VI be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Claims Audit Report: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the claims audit report as listed on Attachment VII be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

Bids: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the bids listed on Attachment VIII and on the Addenda to the Agenda be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Purchase Option Plan (POP): Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the purchase The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay - 0

Contracts: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the contracts as listed on Attachment X and on the Addenda to the Agenda be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

Contracts – Individual: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the contracts – individual as listed on Attachment XI and on the Addenda to the Agenda be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 6 Nay – 0

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Coles advised/informed the Board of the following:

- I shared the Governor's budget with our Board of Education and the briefing book is up on the NYSED website.
- I have been meeting with the Westchester Business Council along with Dahlia Jackson that has many opportunities for our students.
- The University of Albany has had further discussions in regards to higher education and to align themselves with post-secondary education.
- Just completed the second phase of the Abbott grant.
- All three of the BOCES priority bills that passed the legislature; DS salary cap, BOCES capital, small group insurance consortium have been sent to the Governor and are awaiting signature.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER/DEPUTY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. O'Donnell advised/informed the Board of the following:

- Kathy Conley has joined our Executive Team in her new position as Executive Director of the LHRIC and we welcomed her to her first meeting.
- I will continue to say how humbled and proud of the work our teachers do, day in and day out.

REPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

- Mrs. McBride stated to the BOE that the City School District of Mt. Vernon is providing many new programs to their students such as, Barber, Auto Mechanics, Cosmetology, Cisco, TV production and is concerned if more schools decide to take this route, will it impact BOCES. Mrs. O'Donnell stated that we are on an increase in CTE and she does not feel that these programs in other schools will impact us.

REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

Mrs. Barretto, BTA President, thanked the BOE and the Administration for continuing their support of staff. A special thanks to Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. Gratto and Ms. Doherty for a great negotiations process.

Mario Partenope, Network Specialist, thanked the Board for the MOA for the Aides as this is life changing for so many families.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the Board adjourn from public session at 8:44 p.m.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:

Aye – 6

Nay – 0

Valerie A. Cermele
Clerk of the Board