

Minutes of the Bi-Monthly Business Meeting of the
Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Southern Westchester
Held at
Career Services, Building "D"
65 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY
September 13, 2017

Present

Board Members

Catherine Draper, President
John V. Filiberti, Vice President
John DeSantis - Arrived 7:35 p.m.
Lynn Frazer McBride
Claudia Glazer – Arrived 7:35 p.m.
Georgia Riedel

Others Present

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

Valerie A. Cermele
Clerk of the Board

Will Kang, Esq.
Keane & Beane, LLC.

Call to Order: Mrs. Draper called the Bi-Monthly Business meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Draper, on behalf of the SWBOCES BOE, welcomed everyone back to the 2017-2018 new school year. We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that the teachers give to our students. We wish everyone a great school year!!

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular employee, appointment of a particular person and collective bargaining.

The vote on this resolution was as follows: Aye – 4 Nay – 0

Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the Board adjourn from Executive Session and 8:14 p.m. and reenter into public session.

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

Bids: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti 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

Special Aid Projects: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the special aid projects as listed on Attachment IX be approved.

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

Donations: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the donations listed on Attachment X be approved.

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

Contracts: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the contracts 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

Contracts Individual: Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the contracts – individual as listed on Attachment XII 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:

- Welcome back to the new school year.
- I have visited many of our programs on the first and second day of school and I must tell you that I am extremely impressed.
- I attended the Board of Regents meeting and they have informed us that the ESSA Plan has been looked at by Governor Cuomo and he did not make many additions or changes to the plan. We should know the status of the plan soon.
- I have been visiting the new superintendents in our component schools to welcome them and to discuss our BOCES programs.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Tibbetts informed the Board that all work on the CTE boilers is done. The oil tanks are capped and the DEC certified that all is good with them. Tom Briggs and staff are doing an amazing job. Building B at CTE has a new roof with a 20 year warranty for the seams and a 30 year warranty for the roof itself. The women's bathroom at CTE has been fixed and updated.

We have two new classrooms with fresh paint and carpet in Rye Lake along with a new lunchroom. Tappan Hill looks great. It's bright and looks like a trade school. St. Matts received a new paint job.

It's never too early to talk about the budget and like every year, retirees and health insurance costs are what push our budget. NYSHIP is looking like it will be a 9-10% increase.

I will be holding an Audit Committee meeting on September 27th at 6:00 pm at Berkley Drive.

Mr. Gratto informed the Board that opening day was a huge success. It was a very smooth opening.

Ms. Doherty informed the board that the New Hire Orientation was 100% attended and it was an excited for everyone to meet.

Mrs. Barretto thanked the Board for all of their support and stated that the BTA will continue to be present and that they request a fair and equitable contract. Please remember that our members continue to support OUR students. Please understand the importance to us.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Riedel moved, seconded by Mr. Filiberti that the Board adjourn the public session at 8:40 p.m.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:

Aye – 6

Nay – 0

Valerie A. Cermele
Clerk of the Board