

Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting of the  
Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Southern Westchester  
Held at  
SWBOCES  
Administrative Offices  
17 Berkley Drive  
Rye Brook, NY  
February 7, 2018

Present

Board Members

Catherine Draper, President  
John V. Filiberti, Vice President  
John DeSantis  
Lynn Frazer-McBride  
Claudia Glaser  
Georgia Riedel - **Absent**

Valerie A. Cermele  
Clerk of the Board

Others Present

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

Call to Order: Mrs. Draper called the Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjournment: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the Board enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss attorney client privilege and the employment of a particular employee.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:           Aye – 5           Nay – 0

Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the Board re-enter into Public Session at 8:13 p.m.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:           Aye – 5           Nay – 0

Review Minutes of the Monthly Business Meeting held on January 17, 2018: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the minutes as listed on Attachment I be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:           Aye – 5           Nay – 0

PERSONNEL MATTERS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the following personnel appointments listed on Attachment II be approved.

Tenure/Permanent Appointments  
Resignations



Contracts: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the contracts as listed on Attachment VII be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:                   Aye – 5           Nay – 0

Contracts – Individual: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the contracts-individual as listed on Attachment VIII and on the Addenda to the Agenda be approved.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:                   Aye – 5           Nay – 0

#### OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Resolution – St. John Fisher College: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the resolution as stated below and on Attachment IX be approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Westchester County at its Business Meeting held on February 7, 2018, hereby approves that Dr. Harold A. Coles, has the permission of the Board of Education to teach at St. John Fisher College, Executive Leadership degree program for 2018.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:                   Aye – 5           Nay – 0

Resolution – AESA Foundation Board: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the resolution as stated below and on Attachment X be approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District of Westchester County at its Business Meeting held on February 7, 2018, hereby approves that Dr. Harold A. Coles, has the permission of the Board of Education to participate on the AESA Foundation Board.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:                   Aye – 5           Nay – 0

Approval of 2018-2019 Calendars: School, Office & Teamsters: Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the 2018-2018 school, office& teamsters calendars be approved as listed on Attachment XI.

The vote on this resolution was as follows:                   Aye – 5           Nay – 0

#### REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER/DEPUTY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

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

- Dave Coss, RIC employee, passed away suddenly. Many members of SWBOCES attended his services and spoke with his family. Dave was an exemplary employee who will be missed.
- I am handing out a letter that Jen Simmons has written to Section 1 Superintendents explaining the semi-final and final tournaments. There is a possibility that the tournaments will be back at Westchester County Center next year. I am extremely proud of Jen Simmons as she is an incredible leader!

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF BOARD AND STAFF

Mr. Filiberti informed the Board that many people in the athletic world threw Jen Simmons under the bus in regards to the change in venue. How will we in the future, deal with these issues? I hope not on social media or the papers. I also feel that the SWBOCES BOE should have been notified sooner and not had read it in the paper.

Mrs. O'Donnell explained that she keeps Mrs. Draper in the loop. Section One is a private entity and does not have anything to do with BOCES. It has its own Executive Team.

Mrs. McBride informed the Board that she was very surprised when people started approaching her in regards to this matter, and she was very surprised that she knew nothing about it.

Mrs. O'Donnell also stated that George Latimer, County Executive, would love to bring it back to the County Center and there will be discussions in regards to this matter.

Mrs. McBride informed the Board that she read that Mt. Vernon Schools have joined the Big 5, along with Utica, but she will look into it further.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Glaser moved, seconded by Mr. DeSantis that the Board adjourn public session at 8:43 p.m.  
The vote on this resolution was as follows:           Aye – 5           Nay – 0

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Valerie A. Cermele  
Clerk of the Board