

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2014, in the Performing Arts Center of Walt Whitman High School, 301 West Hills Road, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

Mr. Kaden
Mr. Ciappetta
Mrs. Brieff
Mrs. Carey
Mrs. DeGaetano
Mrs. LaCara
Mr. Nitkewicz

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools
Deputy Superintendent
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services
Interim Business Administrator
Supervisor of Assessment and Technology
District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo
Ms. Harris
Dr. Centamore
Mr. Light
Dr. Bloom
Mrs. Hammond

Call to Order: Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Walt Whitman
High School Award
Presentation:**

Dr. Bennardo stated that he wanted to take a moment to honor the high school team and representatives from all of the units and celebrate Walt Whitman High School being named one of the top high schools by *U.S. News and World Report*. Dr. Bennardo noted that it takes a team effort to achieve this success. Dr. Bennardo explained the criteria for this distinction and noted that Whitman ranked 4th in Suffolk County, 18th on Long Island and in the top one-third in the nation. Dr. Bennardo thanked the Whitman team and presented each unit's representative with a framed certificate and a silver medal. The celebration ended with everyone enjoying a piece of cake to commemorate the occasion.

**Public Hearing on
the 2014-2015
School Budget:**

Dr. Bennardo began the Public Hearing with an overview of the budget process. Dr. Bennardo noted that while revenues were being examined, the administration met regularly with principals to examine enrollments, study placements, monitor course selections and correlate wants and needs. Dr. Bennardo stated that the three-month comparison of mandated increases, compared to available revenues, left the district with a positive gap of \$1.6 million. Dr. Bennardo noted that while the district received and was grateful for a 10% aid increase, we must remain aware that this election year generosity was not typical. Dr. Bennardo also cautioned that the district must remain aware that the Governor's tax rebate plan might place new constraints upon school districts. With an eye on long-range planning, sustainability and instruction, the administration recommended a series of particular and target additions to the Board of Education:

WWHS	2.6 FTE	Academic/Scheduling/Instructional Support
SMS	.8 FTE	Scheduling/Instructional Support
SW	1.4 FTE	Instructional Support/Academic/Scheduling
Grades 3-5	1.0 FTE	Academic Enrollment Need
Grades 3-5	1.0 FTE	ESL Instructional (Grant Funded)
Grades 3-5	1.0 FTE	Contingency Enrollment
Grades K-2	1.0 FTE	Instructional Support
Grades K-2	1.0 FTE	ESL Instructional (Grant Funded)
Grades K-2	1.0 FTE	Contingency Enrollment
District	1.0 FTE	Mandated Special Education Need
District	1.0 FTE	Facilities/Maintenance
District	.6 FTE	Bilingual Social Worker
District	.5 FTE	Lead Mechanic (Internal-Savings Funded)

Dr. Bennardo reviewed a synopsis of the budget proposals:

FTE in Budget	9.4 FTE
Contingency FTE	2.0 FTE
Grant-Funded FTE	2.0 FTE
Internal-Savings Funded FTE	.5 FTE
Total Proposed	13.9 FTE

Dr. Bennardo noted that there were special program additions that were grant funded. They included for Grades K-5 a Young School-to-Career and Technology Exploration Extension Experience and for Grades 6-12 a Technology Video-Production Extension Experience. Dr. Bennardo also noted that the budget included the earmarking of \$500,000 in funds for planned maintenance on our buildings.

Dr. Bennardo stated that the total budget was \$151,840,230, which was a tax levy increase of 1.41% and an approximate tax rate increase of 1.85%. Dr. Bennardo noted that there would be a second ballot proposition that asked voters to approve use of \$460,170 in existing money to make improvements at Stimson Middle School. This ballot initiative would have no impact upon the tax rate. The funds from these projects are from

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the 2014-2015
School Budget:
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1980 land sales and can only be used for capital improvement work. Dr. Bennardo reviewed the projects that would be included under Proposition No. 2 and reviewed the wording on the ballot.

Mr. Light reviewed the revenues by category and state aid history for 2007-2008 through 2014-2015. Mr. Light then reviewed the budget by object categories and the final budget amount with the additional state aid. Following the presentation, the Board and audience were given an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Mrs. DeGaetano asked if the words "and at no additional cost to the taxpayer" on Proposition No. 2 could be bolded or emphasized in some way. Mr. Kaden expressed some concern and recommended that a legal opinion be sought from the district's legal counsel.

**Adoption of
Agenda:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion on Minutes
through Schedule
of Bills (Warrants):**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Briefff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve the following items:

Minutes:

Minutes of Board meeting held on April 9, 2014.

**Schedule of
Investment
Accounts:**

Schedule of Investment Accounts, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1121.

**Treasurer's
Report:**

Treasurer's Report, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1122.

**Monthly Trial
Balance and Bank
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1123-1135.

**Monthly Collateral
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1136.

**Revenue Status
Report, General
Fund:**

Revenue Status Report, General Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1137.

**Revenue Status
Report, School
Lunch Fund:**

Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1138.

Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund: Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1139.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1140-1143.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1144.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1145.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1146-1148.

Budgetary Transfer Report: Budgetary Transfer Report, March 2014, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 1149.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1150.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1150.

Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report: Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, March 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1151-1154.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 139	\$ 6,761.85
	"	140	1,341,706.83
	"	141 Dental	11,666.67
	"	142	216.81
	"	V000	(889.40)
	"	V000	(51.50)
	"	V000	(216.81)
	"	V000 Scholarship	(1,000.00)
	School Lunch	42	34,910.34
	"	43	2,147.89
	"	V042	(2,096.69)

Schedule of Bills	Special Aid	46	52,886.06
(Warrants):	2003 Bond	22	36,510.87
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General Fund	Warrant 138		\$ 44,838.49
School Lunch	41		5,795.96
Special Aid	45		10,724.00
2003 Bond	21		1,907.70

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General Fund	Warrant 134		\$ 60,546.81
"	135		1,552,356.00
"	136		600.00
"	137		364.50
"	V132		(964.50)
School Lunch	40		1,375.92
Special Aid	44		15,404.67

Vote on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Mr. Kaden asked for any additional comments or questions on the above items, and then called for a vote on the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Establishment of the Andrew Garafalo Memorial Scholarship: Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the establishment of the Andrew Garafalo Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 annually.
Motion carried unanimously.

Establishment of The Joseph Toles Foundation Scholarship: Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the establishment of The Joseph Toles Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$250 annually.
Motion carried unanimously.

SCOPE Scholarship in Celebration of 50th Anniversary: Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves SCOPE's Scholarship in celebration of their 50th Anniversary in the amount of \$500.
Motion carried unanimously.

SHAIEF Scholarships: Motion by Ms. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the establishment of SHAIEF Scholarships in the amount of seven \$1,000 scholarships for a total of \$7,000.
Motion carried unanimously.

TANS 2014-2015:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, Resolved by the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of South Huntington Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$32,000,000, 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, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, 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.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of
Business
Administrator July
1, 2014, through
June 30, 2015:**

Mr. Ciappetta moved, with a second from Mr. Nitkewicz, to amend the resolution to remove the word "Interim" to change the title from Interim Business Administrator to Business Administrator.
Motion, to amend, carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby appoints Lawrence Light to the position of Business Administrator commencing on July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement between the South Huntington Union Free School District and Lawrence Light, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1155.
Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Field Trip Request
Marching Band
Camp:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip to Marching Band Camp at Farmingdale University on August 11-14, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Field Trip Request
NDA Summer
Dance Camp:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip request to NDA Summer Dance Camp at Adelphi University on July 25-27, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously.

**2014 Biennial
Review of Shared
Decision
Making/CR 100.11:**

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the 2014 Biennial Review of Shared Decision Making/CR 100.11.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden requested a list of the kind of topics being discussed at the meetings.

**Recommendations
for Placement by
CSE/CPSE:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated February 26, March 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29 and May 1, 2014, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated March 10, 21, 24, 28, April 4, 10, 11, 28, 29 and 30, 2014, and the Transition to the Committee on Special Education dated April 4 and 11, 2014, is satisfied that the procedures of Chapter 853 of the Education Law were followed and accepts the recommendations for placement set forth, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1156-1179.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation of
SMART Board and
Four Apple TV's:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation of \$7,000 to be used for the purchase of one SMART Board and four Apple TV's for Walt Whitman High School donated by the Walt Whitman High School PTA from funds awarded through Jostens for student portraits; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the 2013-2014 school budget in the amount of \$7,000 to budget code A2630-13-INC-500 to accept this donation. Motion carried unanimously.

**Request to Remain
in South
Huntington
Schools:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the request to remain in South Huntington Schools, a copy of the request made part of these legal minutes, p. 1180. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed the recommendations of the Chief School Administrator, is satisfied that the provisions of Section 3012 of Education Law were followed, and thereby accepts those recommendations as set forth in schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1181-1193, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 6 - Summer School Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 8 - Re-Employment to Positions (Instructional)

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 10 - Tenure Appointments

Schedule 12 - Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave

Schedule 16 - Terminations (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 17 - Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 19 - Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 20 - Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 22 - Substitute Employee Appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo congratulated the staff members receiving tenure.

**Information and
Reports:**

1. Personnel Postings (3)
2. *The Silas Scoop*, May 2014

Information Sent to Board Week Ending May 2, 2014

1. Invitation from Family Service League to the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Graduation
2. Letter to Mr. Kaden from Dr. Michael J. Mensch, Western Suffolk BOCES, re support of election of trustees and the administrative budget

**Information and Reports:
(Continued)**

3. Commendation letter to students on the 2013-2014 Principal's List and the New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence from Dr. Bennardo
4. Commendation letter to students on the 2013-2014 Principal's List from Dr. Bennardo
5. Commendation letter to Valedictorian Thomas Hustedt and Salutatorian Taylor Parrish from Dr. Bennardo
6. Commendation letter to students who participated in "GODSPELL" from Dr. Bennardo
7. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Ms. Acker re Whitman's final/Regents examination and transportation schedules
8. Letter to Seniors and Senior Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re Senior Prom
9. Personnel Postings (2)
10. *Countrywood Chronicle*, May 2014
11. Flyer re Silas Wood's Mother's Day Boutique
12. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 4-28-14
13. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 4-24-14 and 5-1-14

Information Sent to Board Week Ending April 25, 2014

1. Confidential document from Ingerman Smith, LLP re staff matters
2. Congratulatory letter to students who participated in the "Countrywood Has Talent" show from Dr. Bennardo
3. Thank you letter to Dr. Nancy Gress from Dr. Bennardo re joining district's sponsorship program
4. Congratulatory letter to Vincent Feola from Dr. Bennardo re being named the March Athlete of the Month for Wrestling
5. Congratulatory letter to Kristen Cummings from Dr. Bennardo re being named the March Athlete of the Month for Girls' Lacrosse
6. Congratulatory letters to Whitman's Students of the Month for March from Dr. Bennardo
7. Personnel Postings (5)
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 4-17-14
9. *Spotlight*, March/April 2014

Committee Updates:

None given

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mr. Ciappetta noted that the SHEF Golf Outing was scheduled for June 30. Mr. Ciappetta encouraged everyone to sign up. Mr. Ciappetta also noted that the district's Art and "Sole" 5k Run/Walk was scheduled for May 31. Mr. Ciappetta stated that Sheila Buhse was doing an incredible job.

Mr. Ciappetta thanked Ms. Acker and student/Eagle Scout Thomas Ciravolo for participating in the "Honor Flight" to escort a World War II veteran on a trip to Washington, D.C. Mr. Ciappetta noted that their arrival back was a very emotional night.

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**Voice of the
Residents:**

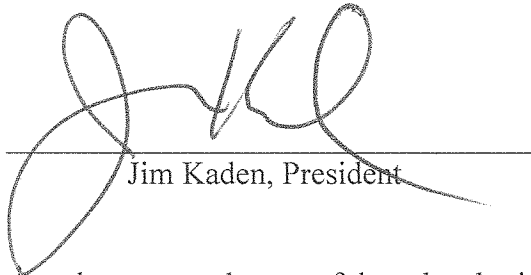
Visitors were invited to participate.

Adjournment:

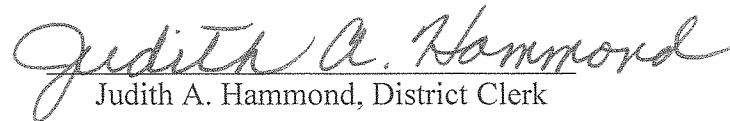
Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1121 through 1193.