

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, in the cafeteria of the Oakwood Primary Center, 264 West 22nd Street, Huntington, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President

Vice President

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

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools

Deputy Superintendent

Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services

Asst. Supt. for Instruction and Curriculum

Business Administrator

District Clerk

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

Absent: Board Member

Mrs. Carey

Call to Order: Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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.

Musical Performance by the Oakwood Singers: Dr. Bennardo introduced the Oakwood Singers and their teacher Mrs. Luella Pinelli. The students gave a wonderful vocal performance of the "National Anthem" and "One Small Voice" to the enjoyment of all in attendance. Mrs. Pinelli and her students were thanked for their enjoyable performance.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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 September 3, 2014.
Schedule of Investment Accounts:	Schedule of Investment Accounts, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 381.
Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's Report, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 382.
Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 383-409.
Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 410.
Revenue Status Report, General Fund:	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 411.
Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 412.
Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 413.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 414-421.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 422.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 423-424.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 425-430.

Budgetary Transfer Report: Budgetary Transfer Report, July and August 2014, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 431.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 432.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 423.

Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report: Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, July and August 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 433-441.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 33	\$ 3,556.76
	"	34	1,535,957.63
	"	V000	(4,018.62)
	School Lunch	10	26,665.00
	Special Aid	9	154,350.16
	"	V008	(375.00)

Approved – Board Packet of September 19, 2014

General Fund	Warrant 29	\$457,933.18
"	30	3,761.14
"	31	670,000.00
"	32	132,393.75
School Lunch	9	19,097.19
"	V009	(10,598.38)
Special Aid	8	298,767.77

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.

Communications: 1. Letter to Mr. Kaden from Mary Anne Sadowski, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., re invitations to reception to be held during the NYSSBA Annual Convention

Discussion on Veterans Tax Exemption: Dr. Bennardo began the discussion with an explanation of New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 458-a, which would provide a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service. Dr. Bennardo explained that the levy decrease would get passed on to the taxpayers. Dr. Bennardo noted that the district does not have the exact impact numbers because we have not received our tax assessment numbers, yet. Mr. Light noted that the impact could vary depending on the house assessments. Mr. Light also noted that a public hearing would have to be held before a vote. Mr. Kaden stated that he would like to have this done before the budget season began. Following further discussion, it was the sense of the

Discussion on Veterans Tax Exemption: (Continued)

Board to hold a public hearing at the Board of Education meeting of November 19, 2014. Mr. Kaden then opened the floor to anyone in attendance. There were several veterans present who voiced their support of this legislation.

Discussion on a Proposal for a Possible Lease for a Summer Camp at Birchwood:

Dr. Bennardo noted that one mission has been to bring win-win situations to the district. Dr. Bennardo explained that the district received a proposal for a possible lease of Birchwood Intermediate School for a summer camp. Dr. Bennardo stated that this was in the early stages of discussion, and, if approved, would bring revenue to the district. Dr. Bennardo then introduced Evan Wofsy of Camp W to speak about his proposal. Mr. Wofsy stated that he was a middle school math teacher living in Melville. Mr. Wofsy would like to lease Birchwood Intermediate School for eight weeks during the summer for students in Grades K-8. Some of the activities provided would be sports, arts, Camp Idol, rocketry and plastic bottle making. Mr. Wofsy stated the camp hours would be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The before-care program would run from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and the after-care program would run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Following further discussion, it was the sense of the Board to allow Mr. Light to enter into lease negotiations and bring it to the Board for approval at a future date.

Approval of Superintendent's Travel to Syracuse for the Marching Band Championships:

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Superintendent's travel expenses to Syracuse for the Marching Band Championships to be held on October 26, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Field Trip Request to NAFME All National Chorus Performance in Nashville:

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Light, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip request to attend the NAFME (National Association for Music Education) All National Chorus Performance to be held on October 26-29, 2014, in Nashville, Tennessee. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation from Art and Sole 5K Run Proceeds:

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation of \$7,603 from proceeds of the Art and Sole 5K Run held on May 31, 2014, for two staff positions to reinstate the theatre program at Stimson Middle School. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated September 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2014, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated September 9, 16 and 17, 2014, is satisfied that the procedures of Chapter 853 of the Education

**Recommendations
for Placement by
CSE/CPSE:
(Continued)**

Law were followed and accepts the recommendations for placement set forth, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 442-450.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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. 451-463, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2 - Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 5 - Part-time Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 7 - Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 13 - Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 15 - Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 17 - Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 20 - Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

Information and Reports

1. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Dr. Centamore re Timeline for Teacher Tenure Appointments for 2014/2015
2. Letter to Parents and Guardians from Mr. Smith re Curriculum Night
3. Personnel Postings (10)
4. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 9-18-14

In envelopes:

1. Confidential Staff Directory 2014-2015

Information Sent to Board Week Ending September 19, 2014

1. Congratulatory letter to students selected for the All-National/All-State Choral Ensemble from Dr. Bennardo
2. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Mr. Light re Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014, meeting
3. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re Whitman's Program Orientation Night
4. Personnel Postings (7)
5. *Principal's September Newsletter and Calendar*, Oakwood Primary Center
6. Invitation to the Wildcat Marching Band Home Show to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at 6 p.m.
7. Invitation to a Cocktail Reception to be held after the NYSSBA Annual Convention on October 27, 2014, from Ingerman Smith
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 9-11-14

Committee Updates: None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff: Mr. Nitkewicz reminded everyone that Sunday was the 5K walk for Autism Speaks. Mr. Nitkewicz noted that the walk was being held at Field 5 at Jones Beach. Those who wished to join Edward's Army should meet at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Nitkewicz thanked everyone for their support.

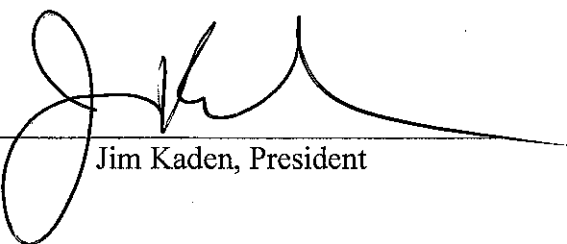
Mrs. Brieff thanked Oakwood for the gift of their beautiful children. Mrs. Brieff stated that she always looked forward to hearing the children's performance.

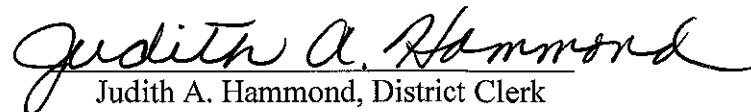
Voice of the Residents: Visitors were invited to participate.

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Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment: The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Jim Kaden, President


Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 381 through 463.