

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, in the cafeteria of Birchwood Intermediate School, 121 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, New York.

**Present:**      **Board Members:**

President  
Vice President

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

**Staff:**

Superintendent of Schools  
Deputy Superintendent  
Asst. Supt. for Personnel and 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. LaCara

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

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:40 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda:**      Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 October 1, 2014.

**Schedule of Investment Accounts:**      Schedule of Investment Accounts, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 507.

<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Treasurer's Report, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 508.
<b>Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:</b>	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 509-521.
<b>Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:</b>	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 522.
<b>Revenue Status Report, General Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 523.
<b>Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 524.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 525.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 526-529.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 530.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 531.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 532-534.
<b>Budgetary Transfer Report:</b>	Budgetary Transfer Report, September 2014, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 535.
<b>Tax Levy Schedule:</b>	Tax Levy Schedule, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 536.

**Library Tax Levy:** Library Tax Levy, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 536.

**Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:** Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, September 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 537-540.

<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	General Fund	Warrant 42	\$ 10,146.33
	"	43	979,350.24
	"	44	25,893.48
	"	V000	(738.43)
	"	V043	(1,697.55)
	School Lunch	16	19,484.09
	Special Aid	14	67,574.32

Approved – Board Packet of October 24, 2014

General Fund	Warrant 41	\$ 1,525,026.42
"	V000	(48.50)
"	V039	(230.18)
"	V041	(291.40)
School Lunch	14	9,161.11
"	V014	(500.00)
"	15	500.00
Special Aid	13	87,452.87
"	V012	(5,994.61)
2003 Bond	3	207.90

Approved – Board Packet of October 17, 2014

General Fund	Warrant 39	\$1,442,706.26
"	40	1,445,244.00
School Lunch	13	24,891.61
Special Aid	12	43,075.53

**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.

**Resolution for Bilingual Registration Substitute Clerical:** 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 resolution for a bilingual registration substitute clerical, a copy of the resolution made part of these legal minutes, p. 541.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Board Policy:**

All appropriate groups have had the opportunity to provide input and, as such, the policy is now being submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. After discussion, the Board of Education took the following action:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that Policy §7213, Response to Intervention, be adopted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**Field Trip Request:**

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 France scheduled for April 2-11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent's Travel to Albany for SED Meeting:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the superintendent's monthly travel to Albany for meetings with the State Education Department during the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**Establishment of the Dr. Janet Vergo Memorial Scholarship:**

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 approves the establishment of the Dr. Janet Vergo Memorial Scholarship for an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 beginning in June 2015 and running for ten consecutive years. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to Declare School Buses/Facility Vehicles Obsolete:**

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 declares obsolete the buses and facility vehicles listed in the October 22, 2014, memo from Purchasing Agent Sheila Buhse and these items are hereby approved for sale through Auctions International, a copy of the memo made part of these legal minutes, p. 542. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to Declare School Computers Obsolete:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares obsolete computers listed in the October 22, 2014, memo from Purchasing Agent Sheila Buhse and these computers are hereby approved to be removed and destroyed using the current recycling guidelines by Apple Computers at no cost to the district, a copy of the memo made part of these legal minutes, pp. 543-546. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to  
Declare  
Miscellaneous  
Facilities Items  
Obsolete:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares obsolete the miscellaneous facilities items listed in the October 22, 2014, memo from Purchasing Agent Sheila Buhse and these items are hereby approved for sale through Auctions International, a copy of the memo made part of these legal minutes, p. 547.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, 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 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 30, October 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 27, 2014, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated October 15, 17, 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28, 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. 548-567.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Agreement between  
United Way of  
Long Island and  
Long Island  
Software &  
Technology  
Network:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the United Way of Long Island, Long Island Software & Technology Network and the South Huntington School District dated November 5, 2014, to provide funding, technical assistance and mentoring of students for a Robotics program in the Project Excel Afterschool Program at Birchwood Intermediate School.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, 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. 568-580, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 10 - Tenure Appointments

Schedule 11 - Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 13 - Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 16 - Terminations (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, 6-0, with Mr. Ciappetta abstaining.

**Information and Reports:**

1. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to elected officials/community leaders re Homecoming participation (Assemblyman Lupinacci; Suffolk County Legislator D'Amato; Councilwomen Berland and Edwards; Ms. Betty Miller and Mr. Charles Armstrong)
2. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to all principals and A. Sansotta, A. Michaelian, M. Levy and A. Obletz re Homecoming participation
3. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to custodial staff at WWHS re Homecoming
4. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Facilities crew re Homecoming
5. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Security staff re Homecoming
6. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Inspector Brady re Homecoming
7. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Fire Chief Steenson re Homecoming
8. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Mrs. Harris re Hall of Fame
9. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Hall of Fame Committee members re Hall of Fame induction process
10. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Stimson Marching Band members re Homecoming participation
11. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Silas, Stimson and WWHS cheerleaders re Homecoming participation
12. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Varsity Dance team members re Homecoming participation
13. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to GSO members re Homecoming participation
14. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Mr. Kennedy re Homecoming
15. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Ms. Leogrande re Homecoming
16. Thank you letter from Dr. Bennardo to Mr. Bombace re Homecoming
17. Personnel Postings (7)
18. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 10-27-14

**In envelopes:**

1. Memo to Board Presidents of Component Districts from Western Suffolk BOCES re Western Suffolk BOCES 2013-14 Accomplishments (Board Members Only)
2. Leaflet on Suffolk County Out-Of-School Work Experience Program

**Information and Reports:**  
(Continued)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 24, 2014

1. Memo to Member Boards of Education from Mark Masin and Mary Jo O'Hagan, N-SSBA, re 2014 Proposed Resolutions Annual NYSSBA Business Meeting, October 27, 2014
2. Letter to Mr. Kaden from Maryann Zumpano, Western Suffolk BOCES, re invitation to the annual Board Dinner to be held on Thursday, December 4
3. Personnel Postings (7)
4. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Mr. Toto re Water Quality Challenge
5. Flyer re Silas Wood Family Fun Night to be held on November 14, 2014
6. Flyer re Silas Wood Thanksgiving Food Drive 2014
7. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-16-14
8. Letter to Superintendent from Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and Commissioner of Education John B. King, Jr., re Compliance Review of District Enrollment Practices for Unaccompanied Minors and other Undocumented Youths
9. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-23-14 (2)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 17, 2014

1. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Mr. Light re Facilities Committee Agenda
2. Letter of Appreciation to Lizeth Martinez from Dr. Bennardo re Wildcat Marching Band Home Show
3. Personal Posting (1)
4. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-9-14
5. Memorandum from Ingerman Smith, LLP, re NYSHIP Alternative Health Plans/Affordable Care Act

**Committee Updates:**

None given.

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**

Mrs. Brieff reported that she, Messrs. Kaden and Nitkewicz and Dr. Bennardo attended the New York State School Board Association's Annual Convention in New York City. Mrs. Brieff noted that it was a very good experience. Mrs. Brieff stated that she attended the Annual Business Meeting as a voting delegate and introduced a late resolution to the floor directing the NYSSBA to seek state and federal help for districts in educating the influx of unaccompanied minors into New York State. Mrs. Brieff reported that the resolution passed and it will be on the platform. Mrs. Brieff also reported the following: a resolution supporting the use of student performance in APPR failed; a resolution for property tax cap relief for distressed districts passed; a resolution supporting state aid for professional development related to Common Core passed; and a late resolution supporting, in the interest of school safety, the use of other locations rather than school buildings as polling

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**  
**(Continued)**

places passed. Mrs. Brieff stated that she attended the opening session with Wes Moore entitled, "One Name, Two Faces." Mrs. Brieff stated that it was about Mr. Moore and another Wes Moore who lived nearby him. Mr. Moore became a Rhodes Scholar and a military officer; the other Wes Moore was arrested for murder. Mr. Moore stated that he visited the other Wes Moore in prison over a ten-year period. Mr. Moore reported that this made him think about choices, potential and how and why these two men found two very different paths. Mrs. Brieff reiterated that the convention was a very good experience. Mr. Nitkewicz congratulated Mrs. Brieff on the great job she did introducing the late resolution on the floor at the annual business meeting.

**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

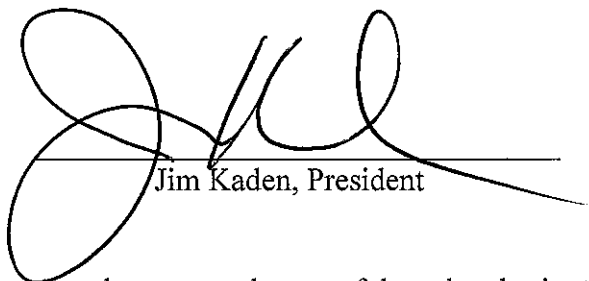
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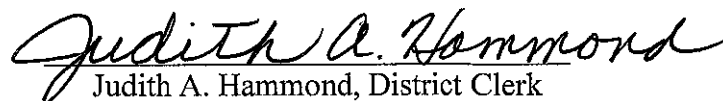
Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 507 through 580.