

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014, in the All Purpose Room of Countrywood Primary Center, 499 Old Country 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  
Business Administrator  
District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo  
Mr. Light  
Mrs. Hammond

**Absent:**      Deputy Superintendent  
Asst. Supt. for Personnel and District Services  
Asst. Supt. for Instruction and Curriculum

Ms. Harris  
Dr. Centamore  
Dr. Bloom

**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 7:30 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Musical Presentation:**      Dr. Bennardo expressed holiday greetings to the audience and introduced the Countrywood Singers. They put on a delightful performance led by teacher Adam Slawitsky that was enjoyed by all in attendance. Mr. Kaden thanked the students for their wonderful performance.

**Student Demonstration on Their Research on Water Quality:**      Dr. Bennardo explained that teams of students from Stimson and Silas Wood were working with LI Stem Hub to investigate problems with water on Long Island. Dr. Bennardo introduced Ms. Scardapane and the students. Mr. Bilicki worked with the Stimson team who were investigating storm water. Ms. Miller worked with the Silas Wood students who were investigating the drinking water. The Stimson and Silas Wood students took turns explaining their objective which was to

**Student  
Demonstration on  
Their Research on  
Water Quality:  
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identify the problem, investigate the problem and come up with a solution. The students outlined the research that they had done. The Board and Cabinet were then asked to take a taste test of bottled and tap water. The students stated that the Board and Cabinet had picked the bottled water six out of nine which was a higher percentage than the students at Silas Wood where 40% of the students picked the bottled water. The students explained that South Huntington has been adding chlorine to their water which has affected the taste. The students stated that the next step was to continue to investigate the problems and then try to find a solution.

**SHEF Family Fun  
Day Recognition:**

SHEF President Charles Ciravolo noted that during the past couple of years SHEF had donated iPads and iPad carts, a rock climbing wall and last year a NAO Robot. Mr. Ciravolo stated that this year SHEF had purchased interactive 3D screens. Mr. Ciravolo explained that the golf outing and Family Fun Day were the two primary fundraisers. Mr. Ciravolo noted that attendance at Family Fun Day had increased since the addition of the dunk tank. Mr. Ciravolo invited each of the dunk tank participants to come up to be acknowledged and presented each with a framed photo. This year's participants were Mrs. Kenney, Mr. Ciccarella, Mr. D'Elia, Mr. Toto, Mr. Smith, Dr. Bruno, Mr. Obletz, Mr. Callahan, Ms. Cirillo, Ms. Reichert, Ms. Tafe, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Metzack, Mr. Schmidt and Dr. Bennardo.

**Adoption of  
Agenda:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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. Carey, 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 November 5, 2014.

**Schedule of  
Investment  
Accounts:**

Schedule of Investment Accounts, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 623.

**Treasurer's  
Report:**

Treasurer's Report, October 2014 copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 624.

**Monthly Trial  
Balance and Bank  
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 625-636.

**Monthly Collateral  
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 637.

<b>Revenue Status Report, General Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 638.
<b>Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 639.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 640.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 641-645.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 646.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 647.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 648-650.
<b>Budgetary Transfer Report:</b>	Budgetary Transfer Report, October 2014, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 651.
<b>Tax Levy Schedule:</b>	Tax Levy Schedule, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 652.
<b>Library Tax Levy:</b>	Library Tax Levy, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 652.
<b>Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:</b>	Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, October 2014, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 653-656.

<b>Schedule of Bills</b>	General Fund	Warrant 49	\$ 224,811.68
<b>(Warrants):</b>	"	50	2,544.84
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	School Lunch	20	39,188.07
	Special Aid	19	29,621.54

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General Fund	Warrant 48	\$ 875,636.62
School Lunch	19	5,889.86
Special Aid	18	43,483.14
2003 Bond	4	283.50

**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.

**NSBA Advocacy Institute Conference:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves attendance for Mr. Nitkewicz at the NSBA Advocacy Institute Conference scheduled for February 1-3, 2015, in Washington, D.C.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Requests to Remain in South Huntington Schools:** Dr. Bennardo stated that the Board received requests from two families to remain in the school district. Dr. Bennardo noted that requests to remain in the school district usually come in during the second semester or are for students in their senior year. Dr. Bennardo stated that there was a delicate balance between responsibility to the taxpayers and the desire to offer our services to these families. Dr. Bennardo stated that it was his recommendation to allow all the students to remain in our school district through the holidays and only grant approval for the Grade 12 student at Walt Whitman High School to remain in South Huntington Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Bennardo stated that he would recommend that the parents register their younger children to begin in their new school districts after the holidays. After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Mr. Nitkewicz moved, with a second from Mrs. Brieff, to amend the resolution to allow all students to remain in South Huntington Schools through December 19, 2014, and to approve the request to allow the Grade 12 student to remain in South Huntington Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; and be it further amended to deny the requests for the students in Grades 2, 7, 9 and 10 to remain in South Huntington Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion, to amend, carried unanimously.

**Requests to Remain  
in South  
Huntington  
Schools:  
(Continued)**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District does hereby approve the request to allow all students to remain in South Huntington Schools through December 19, 2014, and

Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District does hereby approve the request to allow the Grade 12 student to remain in South Huntington Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District does hereby deny the request for the students in Grade 2, 7, 9 and 10 to remain in South Huntington Schools for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, a copy of the requests made part of these legal minutes, p. 657-659.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**The Jeri Thompson  
Rosenzweig  
Memorial  
Scholarship:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the one-time Jeri Thompson Rosenzweig Memorial Scholarship, the amount to be determined based upon donations, but estimated between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

**UPSEU Sick Bank:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District does hereby approve a sick bank for a UPSEU food service worker at Memorial, a copy of the request and donated days made part of these legal minutes, p. 660.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation to  
Football Extra  
Classroom  
Account:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District does hereby approve the donation of \$1,125 by the Walt Whitman Football Alumni for a Football Alumni Scholarship.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated October 2, 24, 27, 29, 30, November 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26, 2014, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated November 13, 14, 18, 21, 24, 25 and 26, 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. 661-678.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, 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. 679-688, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 3 - Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 7 - Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 11 - Terminations (Instructional)

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

Schedule 13 - Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 15 - Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16 - Terminations (Non-Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and Reports:**Information and Reports

1. Letter to Parents/Guardians/Students from Ms. Acker re mid-year examination period
2. Letter to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Night and Whitman Today
3. Personnel Postings (4)
4. December 2014 Calendar, Oakwood Primary Center
5. *Countrywood Chronicle*, December 2014
6. *The Silas Scoop*, December 2014

In envelopes:

1. *Spotlight*, Fall 2014

Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 21, 2014

1. 2014 Annual School Law Conference/Nassau & Suffolk Academies of Law, December 8, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency, 1717 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY
2. Letters to Varsity Head Soccer Coach John DiGiacomo and Assistant Coach Brian Karcz from Dr. Bennardo re outstanding soccer season
3. Articles from *The Long Islander*, November 13, 2014 (3)
4. Personnel postings: 2
5. Letter to Parent/Guardians from Dr. Bennardo re procedures that will be followed during periods of inclement weather
6. SCHOOL LAW, 35<sup>th</sup> Edition, NYSSBA (Board only)

**Committee Updates:**

None given.

**Comments from  
Board Members  
and Staff:**

Mr. Kaden wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

Mrs. Brieff thanked the Countrywood Singers for their wonderful performance.

**Voice of the  
Residents:**

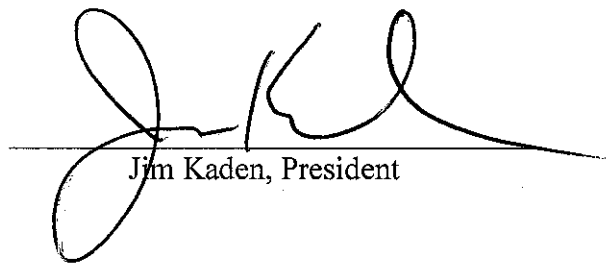
Visitors were invited to participate.

**Adjournment:**

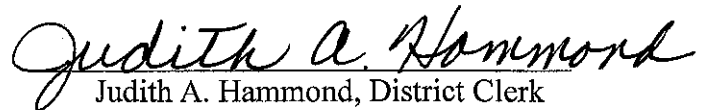
Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 623 through 688.