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A Budget Work Session and regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in Conference Room B of the Administration Building, 60 Weston Street, 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 and District Services

Asst. Supt. for Instruction and Curriculum

Business Administrator

Deputy District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo

Ms. Harris

Dr. Centamore

Dr. Bloom

Mr. Light

Mrs. McLean

**Absent:**        Mrs. Hammond, District Clerk

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

**Executive Session:**        Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden opened the Budget Work Session at 7:40 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Dr. Bennardo began the presentation with an overview of the two previous budget work sessions and stated that we were still waiting for the state-aid numbers to be released. He continued that the district had a \$1.3 million dollar positive gap after the roll-forward expenses; the tax levy cap increase was 1.71%, the pension decrease was 1.8 million, and it was estimated that the state-aid will be 3.3%, just under 1 million dollars. Dr. Bennardo stated that last year we were in a much better situation than the previous years and were able to restore 12-15 teachers with the one-time, generous 10% state-aid increase. He cited that the demographics in the district have changed, however, the district has been successful and making the best of the "cards that we have been dealt." He continued and stated that South Huntington Schools was not a district that screams

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and cries, but rather moves forward in a contemplative, thoughtful manner.

Dr. Bennardo reported on the reserve and fund balance; he shared that school districts do not borrow money to pay bills, it is against the law to do so. Therefore, maintaining a reserve and fund balance is imperative. The district has had two years of deficit spending and was now in a cycle of borrowing approximately \$3.5 million a year and repaying it with unspent money the following year, with an additional \$3.5 million put into reserves. There is a recommendation to use \$1 million from reserves into the Facilities code, which keeps us from going with a bond to make necessary repairs/modifications. Dr. Bennardo stated that the tough choices that had been made in previous years, together with shared sacrifices of the community and bargaining units, as well as moderating pension contributions, have placed the district in a fairly solid position going forward. The recommendation to the Board included the addition of over 15 instructional positions, and the goal of these additions was to address the needs of all learners, from academic intervention, ESL, and Special Education services through advanced placement and honors opportunities. There was a proposal for a Natural Helpers Club in Grades 6-12, as well as an Intramural Program for middle and high school students. Dr. Bennardo shared that last year's Art and Sole Run, orchestrated by Mrs. Sheila Buhse, provided the funds for the middle school theater group, and he was quite pleased that this was now a "budget neutral" extracurricular program. He continued and shared that all proposals must be sustainable for the foreseeable future; he stressed the need for growing methodically and to stay as prudent as possible. Dr. Bennardo then turned the presentation over to Mr. Light for the analysis of the various budget codes.

Mr. Light began his presentation stating that he hoped that by April 1 the District would have the state-aid figures. Continuing, he reported that the Instruction code is the largest, 55.4% of the total budget. Mr. Light moved onto the 1000 General Support code, representing 9.8% of the proposed budget. He also stressed the need to continue investing into the building maintenance 1621 code to avoid costly borrowing. Mr. Light reviewed the various 1000 codes and cited the 82.2% increase with the Purchasing code. The reason for the 82.2% increase in that particular code was due to the restructuring of the various leasing contracts with the district's copiers; he explained that all the contracts were pulled from the various schools and placed into this code, which was a more cost effective management system for this expense. Mr. Light continued and stated that under the Personnel code, there was a proposal for a .5 FTE, offset by a reduction of a .5 FTE in another area. Mr. Light also cited the Maintenance of Plant code with its increase of \$918,463 more than last year's budget. He again supported the ongoing maintenance operations, repairs, etc., being done in this manner. In conclusion, Mr. Light stated the 1000 code was being increased by \$1,242,333, a 8.9% increase. He then asked if there were any questions. Mr. Ciappetta asked about the

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Central Printing and Mailing code increase and whether parents could choose to have materials emailed rather than mailed. Dr. Bennardo responded that electronic parent notifications had tripled over the previous year.

Mr. Light continued the presentation of the 2000 Instruction code. The budget for this code was \$86,103,693; 55.4% of the total budget. Reviewing the 2110 code, Mr. Light reported that personnel represented 95% of this code; it was a personnel-driven operation. A review of the K-12 instructional needs was conducted. Mr. Ciappetta posed a question to Mr. Light, returning to the 1000 code, and the possible need for a 1.0 FTE facilities-related person. Mr. Light articulated that our Grounds Department had a tough winter and that conversation could take place, but that we were stable at this time with the staffing that we currently have. A brief discussion took place regarding the district's needs with painters and whether the district could contract painters for various situations. Mr. Light indicated that our current staff does paint on an as needed basis; if additional state aid comes in, Mr. Light stated the discussion to increase staffing in this area could take place.

Mr. Light moved onto the 2250 Special Education code and explained that with the personnel salaries, the State Education Department caps salaries, and the district will receive only 50% because we have reached the cap. With the additional 2000 code review, Mr. Light shared that the Teaching-Special Schools increased by 56%, and this was due to Walt Whitman High School hosting the summer school this July/August, 2015. However, BOCES aid will be obtained for this expense. Under the Guidance code, there was a decrease due to a retiring guidance counselor and the hiring of same at a lower salary/benefit package. The Extra-curricular code increased by 10.4% due to the proposed Intramural Program. Mr. Light summarized the 2000 code and highlighted the \$3,806,456 increase, a 4.63% change from last year.

Mr. Light moved onto the Transportation code and cited that the reduction in District Transportation Services was due to a reduction in bus drivers, as well as Mr. Trelfa's successful efforts with consolidating bus routes and contracting out other routes when more cost-effective to do so. Mr. Light also explained that in previous years, the District would spend \$200,000 servicing our fleet of buses using private garages and mechanics, however, this was now handled in-house at the bus garage and proven to be extremely cost effective. Mr. Ciappetta asked if the insurance check was received for the bus that was damaged beyond repair by the fire in January. Mr. Light responded that it had just been received; the amount was almost \$98 thousand dollars.

Mr. Light reviewed the 7000 code quickly; there is no dollar change and the budget amount remains the same from last year to 2015/2016.

Mr. Light reported on the 9000 code, Benefits and Debt Service, and

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shared that there is a \$1,498,155 decrease in the code, and this was due to expenses with both the Employee Retirement System and Teachers Retirement System finally leveling off. The TRS was high last year, but fortunately, it is lower this year. Mr. Light explained that the ERS and TRS were funded through the stock market, and when the market was down, districts were required to make-up the difference. In that the stock market is doing better, the costs are reflected accordingly. Mr. Light continued with the Health Insurance code and explained how health-related costs continue to rise. The district is a participating agency with NYSHIP, which is the most cost-effective manner of handling insurance in the state. Even so, the increase is at 6.9% over last year's budget. Also noteworthy is the -33.3% decrease, a \$150,000 reduction, in unemployment costs. This, Mr. Light explained, is due to the fact that employees are not being excessed as they had been in the past.

Mr. Light also reported on the Principal and Interest codes; the district will be saving \$60,000 per year, over the next four years, with the refunding of the serial bonds. Mr. Light further explained that the District does not receive funding monies from NYS until January, making fiscal operations difficult from July through December. The interest rate for Tax Anticipated Notes has a lower interest rate this year thus a \$20,000 reduction is noted in this category. Therefore, the total debt service code is down \$20,000 from last year.

Mr. Light concluded the presentation and stated that the 2015/16 budget is \$155,366,309, which was an increase of \$3,526,065, a 2.32% change from last year. He asked if there were questions. Mr. Light responded affirmatively; and Dr. Bennardo shared that by increasing that particular code we were paying the future forward and quoted President Kennedy, "The time to fix your roof is when the sun is shining." Mr. Kaden's statement that there are things that can be talked about if state money becomes available concluded the budget work session presentation.

**Adoption of  
Agenda:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted. Mr. Ciappetta moved, with a second from Mr. Nitkewicz, that the motion for Adoption of Agenda be amended by adding one vote for bids recommended by Administration and one vote for bids not recommended by Administration .  
Motion, as amended, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the Facilities Committee's recommendation was not to move forward with Bid 15-04C, as the scope of the work to be done involving the Science classrooms at Stimson Middle School needs to be reduced from 11 classrooms to 7 classrooms. Dr. Bennardo provided the history to this bid rejection; the architect met with the principal of Stimson and asked him what else he would like to have completed; the principal, not being aware that only 7 classrooms had been budgeted for repair in the 2014/15 budget, provided additional items that he hoped could be addressed. Discussion ensued regarding one

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resolution for adoption of Items C-F; Mr. Ciappetta stated that the interior upgrades and the basketball court refurbishment was under one bid. Mr. Kaden suggested a motion to separate the interior upgrades and the basketball court refurbishment under Bid 15-04C.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the amended resolution for the Adoption of the Agenda be amended to separate the interior upgrades and the basketball court refurbishment and vote on each item separately.

The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing work being completed with the Stimson basketball court, whereas the interior upgrades have not been started. Separating the two items on the bid may not be possible as one is being addressed, and the other is not. Mr. Kaden made the suggestion to table the item; he stated that it is the Board's intent to vote down the interior upgrade portion of the bid.

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the amended resolution for the Adoption of the Agenda be amended to separate the interior upgrades and the basketball court refurbishment and vote on each item separately be tabled.

The motion, as amended to table, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Nitkewicz deliberately stated that the Board must vote on every item on the schedule.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the amended resolution for the Adoption of the Agenda be amended from tabling to requiring one resolution for adoption for Items C-F excluding Schedule 15-04C.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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 February 25, 2015.

**Schedule of Investment Accounts:**

Schedule of Investment Accounts, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 932.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 933.

**Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:**

Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 934-953.

**Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:**

Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 954.

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<b>Revenue Status Report, General Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 955.
<b>Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 956.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 957.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 958-965.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 966.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 967-968.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 969-973.
<b>Budgetary Transfer Report:</b>	Budgetary Transfer Report, January 2015, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 974-975.
<b>Tax Levy Schedule:</b>	Tax Levy Schedule, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 976.
<b>Library Tax Levy:</b>	Library Tax Levy, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 976.
<b>Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:</b>	Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, January 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 977-985.
<b>Bids:</b>	The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 986-995.

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	Smallwares		Schedule 16-33
	Miscellaneous Large Equipment		Schedule 16-34
	Boiler Replacement		15-03C
	(Interior Upgrades and Basketball Court Refurbishment)		(15-04C)
<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	General Fund	Warrant 88	\$ 250,000.00
	"	89	118,993.75
	"	90	256,615.88
	Dental	91	11,666.67
	"	V086	(228.75)
	School Lunch	34	23,445.41
	Special Aid	32	4,424.40
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	General Fund	Warrant 86	\$ 167,814.58
	"	87	497,467.69
	School Lunch	33	127,477.59
	Special Aid	31	17,688.03

**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, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Communications:**

1. Letter from Michael Flynn, Western Suffolk BOCES, re Notice of Annual Meeting.
2. Letter from Salvatore Marinello, Western Suffolk BOCES, re candidacy to BOCES Board

**Request for New Course Approval** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District hereby approves the high school course, "Fundamentals of Science with a STEM Focus" commencing with the 2015/2016 school year.  
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. 996.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Refunding of Bond Resolution** 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 approves the authorization of the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of the District, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000 therefor, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$14,000,000 refunding serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 997-1018.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Light reported that the refunding of the serial bonds from 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, will save the District \$60,000 per year on interest rates.

**Request for School Trip to Italy**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the request for a school trip to Italy for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in Italian courses beyond the Regents level during the 2015/2016 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Request to Approve Board Policy §7243 Interim Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education approves the Board Policy §7243 Interim Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security.

Dr. Bennardo explained that because of the lack of a State-appointed Privacy Officer, as well as a State Education Department Commissioner, the District's legal counsel has recommended that this policy be adopted utilizing the word "interim" until such time as the new State Education Department Commissioner selects a Privacy Officer. Once these appointments are made, additional amendments will follow to this policy. Discussion ensued; Mr. Kaden stated that he had an issue with being told a policy must be adopted in a specific manner and suggested that the Board adopt the policy without the word, "interim" and make whatever necessary changes are required at the time they are recommended.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, to amend the approval of the resolution from Interim Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security to Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**Request to Approve Sick Bank for Food Service Unit Member**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that a sick bank be established by the Food Service Unit for the specific need of a member of that Unit.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Request to Approve Abolishment of Math Department Chairperson Position & Creation of Supervisor of Mathematics, Business Education, Technology Education & Instructional Technology**

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, WHEREAS, the District currently has a ten-month, 6-12 Math Department Chairperson position with supervisory responsibilities over the secondary Math Department; and WHEREAS, the district has an educational need to reorganize its supervisory/administrative structure by creating a 12-month supervisory, district-wide position that covers Mathematics, Business Education, Technology Education and Instruction Technology;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes the current 6-12 Math Department position, effective June 30, 2015; and the incumbent in that position is hereby excused effective the same date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the creation of a 12-month Supervisor of Mathematics,



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Business Education, Technology Education and Instructional Technology position effective July 1, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo explained the need for a K-12 district-wide position possessing the responsibilities for Mathematics, Business Education, Technology Education and Instructional Technology.

**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 February 13, 24, 25, 26, March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated February 26, 27, March 2, 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 2015, 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. 1019-1043.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Birchwood Floor  
Open Discussion**

Mr. Kaden opened the discussion by asking the question, “What should be put on the Birchwood gym floor?” Mr. Ciappetta added that Birchwood’s gym floor is in disrepair; the repairs will be covered by insurance. Mr. Kaden reported that there is currently a bulldog on the gym floor; he then poised the question as to whether the bulldog or the Wildcat paw should be painted on the floor, or, perhaps, nothing at all. He added that the subject of district mascot has been discussed in the past many times. Dr. Bennardo added that this issue was the first one he noticed when coming to the District. He found it odd that all of the District elementary schools had different mascots—Oakwood had the owl, Countrywood had the cardinal, Maplewood had the mustang, Birchwood the bulldog—yet the district’s mascot is the Wildcat. Mr. Kaden shared his opinion that the entire District should have one mascot, the Wildcat. He shared that at the primary centers, it could be a Wildcat kitten, and as the grades progress, the Wildcat takes hold. Mrs. DeGaetano enthusiastically agreed; she firmly believed it should be one mascot for the entire district. Mention was also made of spirit wear being different, as well, for the schools. Mr. Kaden asked for the principals in the audience to comment. Mrs. Kenney suggested putting the school’s name on the gym floor. Mr. Nitkewicz responded that part of what needs to be done is branding of the Wildcat, making sure that students understood and look forward to going to the high school and being a Wildcat. Some light banter took place among the board trustees regarding the various animals that act as mascots in the elementary buildings. Mr. Ciccarelli commented that the school colors for Birchwood were blue and gold long before he was principal. He said that the Wildcat could be used for the gym floor if that is what everyone wants. Mr. Ciappetta commented that he did not experience any difficulties having been a Countrywood Cardinal and then transitioning to a Wildcat in high school. Mrs. Brieff suggested taking additional time with the transition to the Wildcat mascot at the elementary levels, to

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which Mr. Kaden commented that he has heard this discussion with no real action taken for 22 years. “How much time is needed?” he asked. Mrs. DeGaetano brought up the subject of spirit wear, sharing that she has brought spirit wear for the past 13 years. She said she buys it every year because her kids grew so quickly. She stated that the spirit wear can be changed to be uniform throughout the district. Mr. Nitkewicz asked what the mascot was at Stimson Middle School; Dr. Bennardo replied that Grades 6-12 are Wildcats. Mrs. Carey shared that she remembered at Birchwood the parents not wanting to let go of the blue and gold colors; that feeling ran deep. Mr. Nitkewicz expressed that it is not his intention to force the Wildcat mascot. Dr. Bennardo suggested putting the Wildcat on the floor of the Birchwood gymnasium and allowing some time before further transition period take place. He further stated that Mr. Bartholomew has the various Wildcat logos that can be reproduced. Mr. Ciccarelli shared that despite the different mascots, everyone supports the South Huntington School District. Ms. Bruno, who was also in the audience, mentioned that at Maplewood, there is nothing on the gym floor. Dr. Bennardo suggested putting the Wildcat on both floors. Mr. Kaden remarked that through the years of being on the Board, he has learned that it takes two years after a major change is made before people express satisfaction with what was done. The Sixth-Grade Center was a perfect example; at first there was reluctance, but two to three years later, everyone loved having the sixth-graders in one school.

Consensus was reached that the Wildcat paw would be painted on both the Birchwood and Maplewood gym floors, replicating what exists on the high school’s gym floor.

**Establishment of  
the Miles for  
Michael  
Scholarship**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, approves the establishment of two (2) \$2,500 scholarships entitled SHEF/Miles for Michael Scholarship.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo explained that Mrs. Sheila Buhse’s family suffered a tragic loss with the passing of Mrs. Buhse’s nephew, and the family is offering two scholarships in his memory; the Art and Sole Run that took place last year will now be known as the Miles for Michael Run.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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. 1043-1054, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 1 – Abolition of Positions (Instructional)

Schedule 9 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 10 – Tenure Appointments

Schedule 11 – Terminations (Instructional)

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Schedule 12 – Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave  
 Schedule 15 – Appointments (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 16 – Terminations (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.

**Information and Reports:**

Information and Reports

1. Invitation to Reflections Awards Ceremony to be held on April 13, 2015
2. Commendation letter to Mr. Smith from Dr. Bennardo re Grade 6 Parent Orientation Night
3. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Ms. Harris re School Grade Enrollment Report for the Second Attendance Period February 2, 2015, through February 27, 2015
4. Flyer re "Hospital for a Day" event to be held on March 24, 2015
5. Personnel Postings (9)
6. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 3-5-15, 3-12-15 and 3-19-15

Information Sent to Board Week Ending March 13, 2015

1. Congratulatory letter to students involved with the spring musical from Dr. Bennardo
2. Congratulatory letter to members of the varsity dance team from Dr. Bennardo re Long Island Jazz Championship
3. Commendation letter to students who were involved with Black History Night from Dr. Bennardo
4. Congratulatory letter to members of the cheerleading team from Dr. Bennardo re performance at the national championships
5. Congratulatory letter to students who won the Minds in Motion Award from Dr. Bennardo
6. Congratulatory letter to students who won the Scholarcat Award from Dr. Bennardo
7. Confidential letter from Dr. Bennardo re a personnel matter
8. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Mr. Light re Facilities Committee Agenda
9. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Ms. Acker re School Trip 2015-2016
10. Personnel Postings (3)
11. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 3-9-15
12. Letter to Mr. Kaden and Fellow Board Members from Sydney Finkelstein, Western Suffolk BOCES, re his candidacy
13. Letter to Component Board Members from Michael Flynn, Western Suffolk BOCES, re Notice of Annual Meeting
14. Letter to Dr. Bennardo from Charles J. Voorhis, Nelson Pope and Voorhis, re proposed Bristol Assisted facility on Oakwood Road and Craven Street

**Committee Updates:**

Mr. Ciappetta reported on the Facilities Committee meeting that took place on March 17, 2015. Mr. Ciappetta stated that with the money remaining in this year's facilities budget, there is much to be done. Road

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work in filling potholes and fixing cement walkways, etc., damaged from the severe winter was a priority. There is currently \$250,000 remaining in the budget code. Mr. Ciappetta spoke briefly regarding the new football field scoreboard; the displays on the scoreboard will show outs, balls, strikes and at bat, it will not show innings. There will be a Wildcat on the scoreboard, as well. He also reported that the outside basketball court at Stimson Middle School was being addressed; the Science classroom work was tabled. Recommendations made by the Facilities Committee include renovations to the Student Services Department at the high school and an outdoor playground at the District Office. Mr. Ciappetta also stated that there was 50 million dollars' worth of projects, which was a large number, but worthwhile and included roof repair/replacement, window replacement, etc., all renovations that at some point will be required.

**Comments from  
Board Members  
and Staff:**

Mr. Nitkewicz shared that the previous night was the Autism Speaks annual event that took place at Manhasset High School; many people were there who supported "Ed's Army," which was the third highest earning team raising \$30,000 for Autism Speaks. Mr. Nitkewicz humbly thanked everyone involved and stated how proud he was to be part of this caring community.

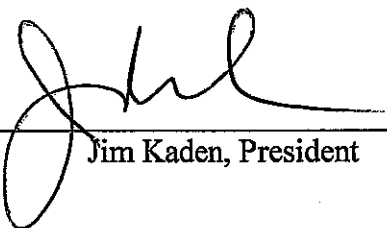
**Voice of the  
Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate. A resident in the audience asked about the Supervisor of Mathematics, Business Education, Technology Education and Instructional Technology position and whether it was going to be at the high school. Dr. Bennardo responded that the newly created position will be a K-12, district-wide position, and will not be a dedicated high-school position.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10 p.m.

  
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Jim Kaden, President

  
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Laura McLean, Deputy District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 932 through 1043.