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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, in the Board Room, #110, 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. LaCara

Staff:

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

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

Absent: Mrs. DeGaetano
Mr. Nitkewicz

Call to Order: Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Bennardo shared that Mr. Murphy, the new principal of Walt Whitman High School, was in the audience and that we were excited to have him join us. Dr. Bennardo continued and stated that Mr. Murphy comes from a long line of educators in his family, and that his wife is also a teacher in the Brentwood School District. Additionally, Mr. Murphy has great experience with Eagle Scout mentorship, and having the Eagle Scout presentation scheduled for this evening was perfect timing. Dr. Bennardo said he was very pleased to have Mr. Murphy join our District family.

Eagle Scout Project Presentation: Dr. Bennardo introduced Andrew Martin, and shared that he had met with Andrew previously and discussed his Eagle Scout project. Dr. Bennardo stated that he is pleased to promote Eagle Scout projects within the District. He introduced Andrew and asked him to come forward to address the Board. Andrew positioned himself in front of the Board and stated that he is a student at Walt Whitman High School and a proud member of Boy Scout Troop 406. He referenced the packet that had been distributed to the Board and Cabinet, in which Andrew outlined his project, which was based on his desire to create an outdoor learning area. Andrew shared that he would like to construct this “Reading Garden,” which consisted of three benches positioned outside of the principal’s office, in the front of the Birchwood Intermediate School. In addition, Andrew indicated he would landscape the area surrounding the benches to enhance its appearance.

Dr. Bennardo asked Andrew how he would secure money for the project, to

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which Andrew responded through a car-wash fundraiser at Stimson Middle School. He hoped to raise \$1,000. Mr. Ciappetta asked Andrew what type of materials he was planning on using for the benches. Andrew replied composite deck material that would withstand the outdoors and require minimal maintenance. Dr. Bennardo added that the Boy Scouts are well known for high quality bench construction, however, this was the first he had heard using composite materials. Dr. Bennardo questioned Andrew as to the cost factor. Andrew stated that he had gone to Home Depot and the cost was actually less than other materials. Mr. Kaden asked Andrew why position the “Reading Garden” in the front of the school. Andrew responded that it was more visible than in the back of the school, and it would also serve as a waiting area for parents picking up their children from the school. Dr. Bennardo thanked Andrew for his very thorough presentation. Mr. Kaden asked for the consensus of the Board members, to which all were in agreement of the Eagle Scout project. Dr. Bennardo introduced Andrew to Mr. Kennedy, the District Facilities Director, who was in the audience, and explained that Mr. Kennedy would be instrumental in assisting Andrew with facilitating this project. Dr. Bennardo thanked Andrew again, and shared that he is looking forward to his future Court of Honor ceremony.

**Adoption of
Agenda:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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 June 17, 2015.

**Schedule of
Investment
Accounts:**

Schedule of Investment Accounts, as of May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 125-126.

**Treasurer's
Report:**

Treasurer's Report, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 127-128.

**Monthly Trial
Balance and Bank
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 129-168.

**Monthly Collateral
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, as of May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 169-170.

**Revenue Status
Report, General
Fund:**

Revenue Status Report, General Fund, for May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 171-172.

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Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 173-174.
Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp.175-176.
Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund, June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 177.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, for May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 178-193.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, for May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 194-195.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, for May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 196-199.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, for May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 200-201.
Budgetary Transfer Report:	Budgetary Transfer Report, for May and June, 2015, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 202-204.
Tax Levy Schedule:	Tax Levy Schedule, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 205-206.
Library Tax Levy:	Library Tax Levy, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 205-206.
Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:	Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, May and June, 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 207-223.

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Bids: The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, p. 224.

Smartboard Installation

Schedule #16-42

**Schedule of Bills
(Warrants):**

Schedule of Bills (Warrants)

General Fund	8	\$196,716.85
School Lunch	3	102.54
Special Aid	4	50,675.34
Scholarship (TE)	1	700.00

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General Fund	Warrant 7	\$337,226.91
School Lunch	2	88.08
Special Aid	3	89,759.17

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General Fund	Warrant 139	\$476,109.16
"	5	3,380,462.74
"	6	11,666.67
School Lunch	50	40,067.43
Special Aid	52	46,352.36
"	2	775.00

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General Fund	Warrant 137	\$363,434.86
"	138	480.00
"	4	22,468.44
School Lunch	49	3,612.59
"	1	71.55
Special Aid	50	138,683.43
"	51	12,000.00
"	1	2,000.00
"	V041	(12,000.00)
Scholarship (TE)	6	\$4,800.00

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General Fund	134	\$263,213.39
"	135	7,388.36
"	136	2,209.51
"	2	2,289,325.37
"	3	3,642.52
School Lunch	48	9,907.07
Special Aid	49	155,155.33

**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.

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Communications:

1. Board & Administrator, August, 2015

NYSSBA Annual Convention, NYC:

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 Board and Cabinet attendance to the NYSSBA Annual Convention in New York City, October 18-20, 2015.
Motion carried unanimously.

Field Trip Approval:

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 the Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, in Greenly, Pennsylvania, August 26-29, 2015.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo commented that this is an annual trip that prepares the squad for the forthcoming season; he also stated that Coach Koch does an exceptional job with the students. Comments were made by Board members supporting cheerleading as an official sport under Section XI.

Approval of Amendment to Board Policy §7420, Sports and the Athletic Program:

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 Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the amendment to Policy §7420, Sports and the Athletic Program, as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo reported that the amendment is a simple word change from "Selection/Classification Process" to "Athletic Placement Process" in accordance with the New York State Education Department. Discussion ensued regarding a student's physician administering the Tanner test and the school physician's ability to override that decision.

Resolution to Enter Agreement with North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital-Huntington Hospital:

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 District entering into an agreement with the North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital-Huntington Hospital as part of Walt Whitman High School's Career Exploration Program.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo explained that this is a standard agreement that continues the good work associated with this program from the previous two years. The Hospital for a Day was part of this program, as well as the opportunity for the high school students to observe an ongoing surgery at Huntington Hospital. It was suggested that Mr. Rob Callahan, the College and Career Coach, present the various activities that are afforded through this partnership at the September 2nd Board of Education meeting. Mr. Light shared that the

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attorneys were working diligently on the agreement.

Participation in the National School Lunch Program:

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 the participation in the National School Lunch Program for the 2015/2016 school year.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Light reported this was a standard procedure and participating in the program provides the District with various commodities, such as blocks of cheese and other food supplies for the school lunch program.

Adoption of the Income Eligibility Guidelines and Policy Statement for the Free and Reduced Meal Plan for 2015/2016:

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 adopts the Income Eligibility Guidelines and Policy Statement for the Free and Reduced Meal Plan for the 2015/2016 school year.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, 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 April 15, 16, 22, 28, 29, 30, May 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, June 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 2015, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated June 23, July 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 27, 28, 30, 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. 225-251.
Motion carried unanimously.

Contract Extension:

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 following contract extension, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 252-254.
Schedule #13-37A Microsoft License
Motion carried unanimously.

Declare Stimson School Books Obsolete:

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 declares the following books obsolete:

New York Math A Semesters 1 & 2 by Merv Edwards – 162 Books
Mathematics Course 1 Structure and Method (1992) – 220 Books
Mathematics Course II Structure and Method (1992) – 242 Books
Mathematics Today Second Edition (1987) – 64 Books
Pre-Algebra an Accelerated Course (1992) – 56 Books
Prentice Hall Mathematics (2004) – 115 Books
Amsco's Mathematics A (2002) – 120 Books
Mathematics Unlimited (1988) – 95 Books

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Holt Pre-Algebra (1986) – 60 Books
 Sequential Math Course I (1997) – 55 Books
 Integrated Mathematics (1989) – 85 Books
 Houghton Mifflin Mathematics (1989) – 220 Books
 Holt Mathematics Course II (2008) – 168 Books
 Amsco's Integrated Algebra I (2007) – 91 Books

Motion carried unanimously.

**Textbook
Approval:**

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 purchase of the French E-book, THEMES, for use in AP French. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the link for review of the French E-book had been provided to the Board previously. Dr. Bennardo also stated that his knowledge of the French language was limited, therefore, his recommendation was to defer to the committee's proposal. Dr. Bloom added that the purchase was for 25 licenses, which was the number of students in the AP French classes. Discussion ensued regarding the need for a computer device to access the electronic textbook; Dr. Bloom shared that data from the E-book can be printed and utilized in that manner if need be.

**Camp W Lease
Extension:**

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 the three-year lease between the District and Camp W. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that Camp W has proven to be a very successful operation, a home run for the District, as the lease has brought in \$25,000 for the District just this summer alone. Mr. Light added that additionally, the tenant has maintained the grounds and facilities in pristine condition and has developed an excellent working relationship with Mr. Ciccarelli, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Portable classrooms will be utilized next year adding approximately \$3,000 additional that the District would receive. The owner of the camp is hoping to expand the population it serves to pre-school, kindergarten and first-grade. Mr. Kaden asked what would occur if major construction is required at Birchwood, to which Mr. Light responded that the camp is portable enough and could be placed elsewhere in the district should the need ever arise. Mr. Light's remarks were very positive; he shared that parents were already requesting information about Camp W for the summer of 2016. He concluded by stating the three-year lease provided stability for the Camp and the District.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Brieff, 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

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legal minutes, pp. 255-285, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 6: Summer School 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 19: Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Motion carried unanimously.

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Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 13: Salary Change (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.)

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Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 6: Summer School Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 13: Salary Change (Instructional)
 Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)
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Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

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

Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Information and Reports:Information and Reports

1. Personnel Postings (3)
2. Memorandum from Mr. Light to Dr. Bennardo re Bond Refunding

Information Sent to Board Week Ending July 31, 2015

1. Letter from Ms. Tina Lunt (parent/resident) to each Board member re high school start time
2. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to all graduating seniors (Class of 2015)
3. Letter from Principal Toto to Parents/Guardians re New School Year
4. Letter from Principal Smith to Parents/Guardians re New School Year
5. Personnel Postings (5)
6. Memorandum from Ingerman Smith, LLP, re: FOIL “Media Request” from American Transparency
7. SCOPE *Forum*, Spring/Summer 2015
8. The Long-Islander, July 30, 2015 (1)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending July 24, 2015

1. Letter from Mr. John Murphy, Principal of WWHS, to all WWHS Families
2. Personnel Postings (1)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending July 17, 2015

1. Letter from Ms. Acker to Whitman Seniors re Senior Portraits
2. Memorandum from Ms. Harris re NEW ELL Screening and Identification Process
3. The Long-Islander (1)
4. Postings (6)
5. *Spotlight*, Summer Edition, Graduation 2015

Information Sent to Board Week Ending July 10, 2015

1. Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes, June 30, 2015.
2. Memorandum from Ingerman Smith re Takeover and Restructuring of Failing Schools Under the Education Transformation Act; Related Commissioner Regulations,

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7/2/15.

- 3. Breakfast Workshop Invitation from Ingerman Smith re APPR; July 21, 2015.
- 4. SCOPE's Annual Clambake Dinner; August 13, 2015.
- 5. Letter from K. Acker to WWHS Freshmen re meeting with administrators.
- 6. Letter from K. Acker to Parents/Guardians re review of Code of Conduct.
- 7. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to Birchwood Boosters for month of June.
- 8. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to 8th grade award recipients.
- 9. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to SMS Scholar Athletes.
- 10. Personnel Postings (8).
- 11. The Long-Islander, July 2, 2015; graduation tributes.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

None provided.

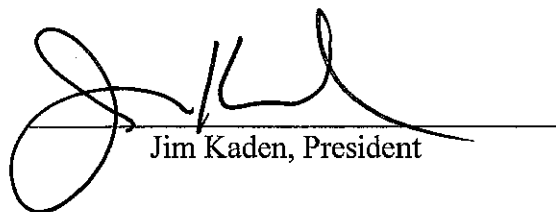
Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

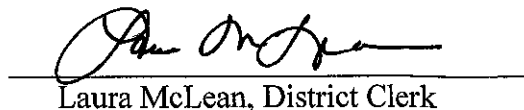
Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 125 through 285.