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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, in the All-Purpose Room of the 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
Deputy Superintendent
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Curriculum
Business Administrator
District Clerk

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

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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 Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 music teacher Adam Slawitsky that was enjoyed by all in attendance. Mr. Kaden thanked the students for their wonderful performance.

Board Recognition of the WWHS Varsity Soccer Team's NYS Championship Title: Dr. Bennardo congratulated the Walt Whitman High School Varsity Soccer team members, as well as their coaches—Mr. John DiGiacomo and Mr. Brian Karcz—for a fabulous fall ride straight through to the New York State Championship Title. Dr. Bennardo reminisced about a practice he watched in an absolute downpour of rain. The soccer athletes consistently practiced the corner kicks, despite the awful weather conditions. Dr. Bennardo stated that the team understood the value of hard work, which has brought them to this level of excellence. He

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thanked each team member, and their coaches, for bringing such pride and excitement to the South Huntington community. Each team member received a Certificate of Achievement denoting the New York State Championship Title designation, as well as a team proclamation and a second proclamation for the coaches. All members of the team were congratulated by the individual Board trustees. Dr. Bennardo shared that on January 22, 2016, the Varsity Boys Soccer Team will again be honored during a basketball half-time ceremony.

Dr. Bennardo introduced Assemblyman Lupinacci, a proud graduate of Walt Whitman High School. Assemblyman Lupinacci congratulated the team for their extraordinary record. He shared that he attended the County playoff game at Farmingdale University and was extremely impressed with their level of play. Assemblyman Lupinacci stated that he served on the Board of Education for nine years prior to becoming an assemblyman. In addition, he shared that he graduated with Coach Karcz, and watched Coach Karcz in the County playoffs back in 1996. The Assemblyman provided Citations of Merit to each player, as well as a proclamation for the team. The Assemblyman shared that the State Assembly and Senate were on recess, and upon their return on January 6, 2016, a resolution declaring the Walt Whitman High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team's designation of the 2015 New York State Championship Title will be passed by the New York State Assembly and Senate, cementing this historical event in the official record books. With this statement, the Assemblyman received applause for this worthy endeavor. In closing, Assemblyman Lupinacci thanked the team, the coaches, and the parents in the audience.

Adoption of Agenda:	Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 Mrs. Brieff, 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 4, 2015.
Schedule of Investment Accounts:	Schedule of Investment Accounts, as of October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 714.
Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's Report, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 715.
Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 716-735.

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Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, as of October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 736.
Revenue Status Report, General Fund:	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, for October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 737.
Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 738.
Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 739.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, for October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 740-747.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, for October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 748.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, for October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 749-750.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, for October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 751.
Budgetary Transfer Report:	Budgetary Transfer Report, for October 2015, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 752.
Tax Levy Schedule:	Tax Levy Schedule, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 753.
Library Tax Levy:	Library Tax Levy, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 753.
Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:	Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, October 2015, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 754-764.

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Bids:Recommended by Administration

Skyview Construction Company

Schedule 16-01C

Web Construction Corporation Contract G/2 Melville Road Upgrades

A copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 765-770.

Schedule of BillsApproved Board Packet of November 20, 2015**(Warrants):**

General (A)	Warrant 48	\$2,450.83
“ “	49	\$775,540.23
School Lunch	15	\$37,494.82
Special Aid (F)	20	\$55,923.48
Capital Reserve (H)	8	\$4,974.47

Approved Board Packet of November 25, 2015

General (A)	Warrant 50	\$4,091.73
“ “	51	\$16,568.77
“ “	52	\$4,968,247.74
“ “	53	\$19,232.72
School Lunch	16	\$11,640.25
“ “	17	\$650.00
Special Aid (F)	21	\$36,148.01

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.

Donation from Huntington Honda and Syosset Tutoring:

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 \$2,000 donation from Huntington Honda and the \$2,000 donation from Syosset Tutoring to be utilized for the Walt Whitman Spirit Regional Dance Team Championship to be held on January 31, 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo credited Mr. Lee Nober for securing the donations from Huntington Honda and Syosset Tutoring that will be put to good use for the Spirit Regional Dance Team Championship. Dr. Bennardo also stated that he is grateful to these two organizations for their generosity.

Donation from InterLink Sales & Services Corp.:

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 donation of television sets from InterLink Sales & Services Corporation on an ongoing basis to be utilized throughout the district as the units become available. It is estimated that each set is valued at \$500, and there will be approximately 15 sets in the district being utilized at any given time, for a value of approximately \$7,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo credited Principal Murphy who spearheaded this business

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partnership and further explained that the television sets were donated after only one year of use in various businesses. Dr. Bennardo expressed his thanks for their charity. The units are being used to highlight student activities in the various buildings throughout the district.

National Dance Alliance Agreement:

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 authorizes the District to enter into an Agreement with the National Dance Alliance for use of our Walt Whitman High School in January, 2016, and Be It Further Resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President, or his designee, to execute such Agreement with National Dance Alliance, which has been reviewed by Ingerman Smith, on behalf of the Board of Education, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 771-772.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the agreement is for use of the Walt Whitman High School by the National Dance Alliance during the month of January, 2016.

Travel/Conference Request for Board and Superintendent Attendance to NSBA Conference:

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 Board of Education and the Superintendent's attendance to the National School Boards Association's Annual Conference to be held on April 9-11, 2016, in Boston, MA.

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 October 21, 28, 29, November 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 30, December 1, 2015, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated September 22, October 27, 28, 30, November 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, December 1, 2, 2015, and 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. 773-797.

Motion carried unanimously.

Donation from Ivy League School & Summer Camp:

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 donation of a \$2,000 voucher from the Ivy League School and summer camp to be utilized by a South Huntington School District student for a summer camp experience. Such voucher will be provided as a raffle prize during the December 14, 2015, Hour of Code event.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Field Trip Request: Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip request for four different high school music performing groups to attend the Heritage Festival in Washington, D.C., March 31 through April 2, 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo stated that this is an annual trip for our high school music performing groups, who typically compete very well at the event.

Request to Remain in South Huntington Schools: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the request of parent that her son remain in Walt Whitman High School for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year with transportation to and from school being furnished by parent, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 798.

Mr. Kaden asked for a show of hands:
Ayes – 6; Noes – 1, Mr. Ciappetta opposed.
Motion carried.

Mrs. Harris reported that the student was a senior and resided in the Huntington School District. The student had previously attended the Huntington High School for approximately 1.5 years, moved back to the South Huntington School District, and recently moved back to the Huntington School District. Mr. Kaden asked how recently did the family move back to the Huntington School District; Mrs. Harris responded she was not certain, however, the situation became known from the bus driver, who viewed the student being dropped off each day to the bus stop. An investigation was conducted, and the findings were that the family resided to the north of our boundary line. Discussion ensued regarding the request being forwarded after it was discovered that the student was illegally attending Walt Whitman High School. Mr. Nitkewicz expressed his concern for not wishing to punish the student for a decision made by his parents. Mrs. Brieff questioned the past practice pertaining to similar requests. Dr. Bennardo shared that with the start of the third quarter, it was an automatic approval, but at this point in time, consideration was provided on a case-by-case basis. Mrs. Harris added that given the stability that the student received at Walt Whitman High School, it was more likely that the student would graduate. The student had Mr. Blair working closely with him, who believed the student had the potential to graduate. The question was posed if there were family members attending school in the Huntington School District; the response was positive. Mr. Nitkewicz again conveyed his opinion that the Board should not be punitive with its decision. However, Mr. Ciappetta stated his disagreement in that the request was made after it was revealed that the family did not reside within our boundaries. Mr. Ciappetta further stated that he did not believe that the Board should approve this request, as the family violated District policy.

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**Approval of
Memorandum of
Understanding with
Connect the Dots:**

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 Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Connect the Dots, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 799.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bloom reported that Connect the Dots was not within the boundaries of the District. They have requested use of our facilities from January 8 to January 10, 2016, for a technology program. District students participating in the technology workshop will not be charged a fee.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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. 800-811, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 13: Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 18: Re-Employment to Positions (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

1. School Grade Enrollment Report for October/November 2015
2. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to Varsity Soccer Team
3. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to cast/crew of "The Miracle Worker"
4. The Silas Scoop, December 2015
5. NYSIR News (Board Only)
6. Memorandum from Ingerman Smith, LLP, re New Verizon FIOS Broadcast Agreement, November 30, 2015
7. The Long-Islander (1)
8. Oakwood's December Calendar of Events
9. Countrywood's Chronicle, December
10. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to WWHS Students of the Month (Nov)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 25, 2015

1. Facilities Committee minutes from meeting of Nov. 19, 2015
2. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to Maplewood Student Council members
3. SHTA minutes of Executive Board Meeting of Nov. 23, 2015
4. The Long-Islander (1)

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Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 20, 2015

1. WWHS 21st Annual Andrew Peers Wrestling Tournament flyer
2. The Long-Islander (1)
3. Newsday (1)
4. Scope Forum, Fall 2015
5. Western Suffolk BOCES 2015-2016 Goals (Board Only)

Committee Updates:

Mr. Ciappetta briefly reported that at the next Facilities Committee meeting, several solar energy presentations were scheduled. There will be more information to share while the Committee evaluates options available to the District.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

None provided.

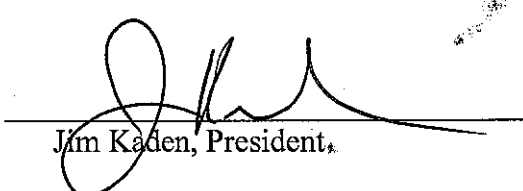
Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

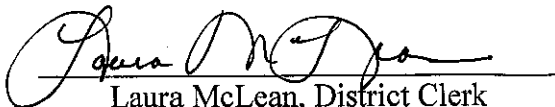
Adjournment:

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 8:45 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 714 through 811.