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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Performing Arts Center at Walt Whitman High School, 301 West Hills 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 and District Services
Asst. Supt. for Instruction and Curriculum
Business Administrator
Deputy District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo
Mrs. Harris
Dr. Centamore
Dr. Bloom
Mr. Light
Mrs. Ferranti

Absent: District Clerk

Mrs. McLean

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

Call to Order: Mr. Ciappetta opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tenure Recognition: Dr. Bennardo thanked the audience and shared there were great things planned, in addition to our regular Board of Education meeting. He welcomed the opportunity to recognize a group of fantastic people for tenure, the retirees, our leadership students, and our outstanding young scholars. One of the best parts of this evening was to cheer the brightest and best who would continue to leave their mark on our community.

Dr. Bennardo introduced Dr. Centamore, who recognized the terrific staff, administrators and teachers, who successfully completed their probationary period and were granted tenure. He shared that we celebrated the District's commitment to each individual and thanked the mentors who gracefully shared their wisdom. Dr. Centamore congratulated the tenured teachers and wished them a long and successful career in South Huntington.

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**Retiree
Recognition:**

Dr. Centamore was honored and privileged to recognize the many individuals with a combined 478 years of service to our students and community. Their contributions for their service to the District over the years were appreciated and invaluable. Dr. Centamore called each retiree to the podium to receive their certificate, presented by Mr. Kaden, Mr. Ciappetta, and Dr. Bennardo. Dr. Centamore congratulated all the honorees and wished them much success in all their future endeavors.

**Student Leadership
Awards:**

Dr. Centamore introduced Mr. Toto, principal of Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center. Mr. Toto thanked everyone and stated it was a great privilege to work with the student officers and their advisors. He added that every student learned and achieved success, supported one another, and made real connections with our South Huntington community. These officers played an integral role in making Silas Wood a great place to learn and share experiences. One of the most profound and meaningful moments was when the officers and their members visited the APEX Nursing and Rehab center, where the students prepared goodie bags for all the patients and interacted with them in a positive manner. These officers were amazing students, and Mr. Toto stated that he was very proud of their accomplishments, and they had a very bright future ahead of them.

Mr. Smith, principal of Stimson Middle School, thanked and congratulated all the retirees and tenured teachers. He also congratulated the students to be recognized. Mr. Smith introduced the 7th and 8th grade officers and their advisor. A brief story was shared from an event that took place on Arbor Day. The students were outside at the neighboring Peter Nelson Park, planting trees, however, the weather was not cooperating; it was drizzling and cold outside. Yet the students were optimistic, worked together, collaborated, and completed a positive project for the community. These same students also served on the SBM committee, and Mr. Smith thanked them for all the work they did for Stimson Middle School.

Mr. Murphy, principal of Walt Whitman High School, introduced his freshmen class advisor, Mr. Goldman. Each officer was introduced and brought to the podium to be recognized. Mr. Goldman summarized by stating, "Great kids come from great supportive families," and he thanked the parents in the audience.

Ms. Papianu, the sophomore class advisor, stated that it was a pleasure working with this terrific group of students. They had very busy and demanding schedules, but were devoted to be leaders of their class. Each officer came forward for recognition.

Mr. Donlon, the junior class advisor, recognized the finest students in the building. He shared that the Junior year was one of the toughest years in high school. These officers had done an exceptional job, and made his experience at Whitman enjoyable by connecting with these students

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Student Leadership Awards, Continued: outside of classroom walls. Each student officer was introduced and came forward to be recognized.

Mrs. Zamow, the senior class advisor, recognized her team of officers and stated that she enjoyed working with them. It was a great year planning all the events, sports night, blood drives, senior banquet, senior prom, as well as the new faculty vs. student lip sync contest, which was a very big success and enjoyed by all. These officers were true leaders of their class. Mrs. Zamow wished them all well in all their future endeavors. Each student officer came forward to be recognized, and Mrs. Zamow announced where each officer will attend college.

Ms. Leogrande, introduced all the GSO officers. She stated it was an amazing year with them. Their dedication and hard work brought many successful events this year. She introduced the officers and announced the college they will attend in the fall and the majors they were interested in pursuing.

Principal's List: Mr. Murphy thanked the Board of Education, District Office administrators, and the parents that gave him the opportunity to present these awards. He stated that the parents shaped their child's work ethic and enabled them to be successful. Each of these students had met and/or exceeded the 95% or better grade-point average. The Principal's List plaque was revealed and will be proudly hung in the hallway of Walt Whitman High School, a long-standing tradition. Each student was called to the podium to be recognized, as Mr. Murphy thanked their parents and spoke of each student's individual high school accomplishments, concluding each presentation with the student's college choice for the fall.

Salutatorian – Valedictorian Recognition: Mr. Murphy proudly announced the Walt Whitman High School Class of 2016 Salutatorian, Gabrielle Ramirez. In addition to all her accolades and accomplishments, Gabriel was accepted to attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Mr. Murphy continued and proudly announced the Walt Whitman High School Class of 2016 Valedictorian, Misha Patel, who will attend the University of Illinois in the fall.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the tentative agenda be adopted.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Motion by Ed Nitkewicz, seconded by Lisa 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 April 29, 2016

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Schedule of Investment Accounts:	Schedule of Investment Accounts, as of March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1523.
Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's Report, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1524.
Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1525-1544.
Monthly Collateral Testing:	Monthly Collateral Testing, as of March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1545.
Revenue Status Report, General Fund:	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, for March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1546.
Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1547.
Revenue Status, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status, Special Aid Fund, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1548.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1549-1556.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1557.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1558-1559.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1560.
Budgetary Transfer Report:	Budgetary Transfer Report, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1561.

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Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1562.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1562.

Extra classroom Activity Report: Extra classroom Activity Report, March, 2016, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1563-1570.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 115	\$1,534,250.70
	“ “	116	\$281.93
	School Lunch	40	\$7,374.10
	Special Aid	46	\$1,839.48

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.

Communications:

1. Invitation from Principal Murphy and Ms. April Poprilo to attend the Military Breakfast on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at District Office, Conference Room B
2. Invitation from Donna Grennan, Booster Club, to the 8th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame/Gold Key and Athletic Scholarship Dinner, June 2, 6:30 p.m., at the Woodbury Country Club
3. Invitation from Family Service League to Moving-Up Ceremonies and Universal Pre-Kindergarten Graduation at various dates, times and locations.

Travel Conference Request: Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the attendance of the Superintendent and the Board of Education to attend the NSSBA 57th Annual Dinner Meeting on May 26, 2016, at the Woodbury Country Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

Contract Extensions: Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 extensions:

Fleet Transportation	Schedule No. 17-14
Bus Attendant/Driver Assistant (R)	Schedule No. 17-36

Motion carried unanimously.

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Nomination of Fred Langstaff to Area 12 Director for NSSBA: 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 nominates Fred Langstaff to the position of Area 12 Director for the New York State School Boards Association.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Benjamin Blair Memorial Scholarship: Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the annual Benjamin Blair Memorial Scholarship.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo expressed sadness regarding the passing of Benjamin Blair, a Special Education teacher and the District's HELP Center Director. The committee faculty members would like to start an annual scholarship with a \$250 minimum scholarship, depending upon the funds raised.

Confidential Personnel Resolution: 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 appoints Howard Koenig to the position of Interim Personnel Administrator commencing on July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, with terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement between the South Huntington Union Free School District and Howard Koenig, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1571.
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 Union Free School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated March 4, 8, 9, 15, 22, 30, April 1, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, May 2, 3, 4, 2016, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated April 1, 4, 11, 18, 21, May 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 2016, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1572-1597.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District, having reviewed the Chief School Administrator's recommendations contained within, is satisfied that the provisions of Section 3012 of Education Law were followed and thereby accepts the recommendations as set forth in schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1598-1604, and authorizes implementation thereof:
Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 8: Re-Employment to Positions (Instructional)
Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 17: Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 18: Re-Employment to Positions (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Certification of
Election Results:**

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District of the Town of Huntington, New York, was duly called to be held on May 17, 2016, and was held on said date within said School District for the purpose of voting on the Propositions and Elections set forth in the Notice calling said Annual District Election; now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby determines that said election was held in all respects in the manner prescribed by Education Law of the State of New York and accepts the results as declared by Chairperson Eleanor Ferrante:

Proposition No. 1 – School Budget 1,058 Yes 245 No

The vote for the Trustees was as follows for three-year terms of office:

Nicholas R. Ciappetta	received 1,101 votes
Laura B. Carey	received 1,098 votes

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

1. SHTA Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, May 9, 2016
2. Letter from Principal Murphy to Parents re Exam Week
3. Letter from Principal Toto re Last Day of Instruction/Exam Schedule
4. Letter from Principal Toto re Adventureland Sixth-Grade Class Trip
5. Letter from Principal Toto Re Necessities for Adventureland Trip
6. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to WWHS National Honor Society Inductees
7. Letter from Principal Smith to Parents re Final and Regent Exams and Bus Schedule
8. Weekly Newsletter, May 10, 2016
9. The Long-Islander (2)
10. *Spotlight*, May 2016

**Comments by
Board Members:**

Mr. Kaden commented that this Board meeting was his favorite night of the year. He was very impressed with the students' accomplishments and school choices. He stated that this was a very diverse group, and the Board was proud to see that. Mr. Kaden stated, "It looks like America."

Mrs. Brieff agreed; it was the best night of the year.

Mr. Kaden, Mr. Ciappetta, and Mrs. Brieff commented on the new ballots and said they were "terrible." They questioned why the ballots were printed on both sides. They agreed it didn't seem like progress.

Mr. Ciappetta commented that the Eagle Scout pond project at Walt Whitman High School was spectacular, and he was very impressed with the quality of work.

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Voice of the Residents: None provided.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:08 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Elaine Ferranti, Deputy District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1523 through 1615.