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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, in 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. Carey  
Mrs. DeGaetano  
Mrs. LaCara  
Mr. Nitkewicz

**Staff:**

Superintendent of Schools  
Deputy Superintendent  
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services  
Asst. Supt. for Instruction & Curriculum  
Business Administrator  
District Clerk

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

**Absent:** Mrs. Brieff, Board Member

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

**Executive Session:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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 Mr. Ciappetta, 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.

**Senior Awards  
Presentation:**

Dr. Bennardo expressed gratitude to the soon-to-be graduates, their parents and family members, as well as the administration of Walt Whitman High School, for an extremely successful year and for this opportunity to hear the accolades of our graduating class.

Principal Murphy thanked Dr. Bennardo, and shared with the audience that we were here to honor our students for the phenomenal job they did. Principal Murphy also revealed that the Class of 2016 was his first graduating class at Walt Whitman High School. As such, it was a treasure that will provide memories lasting a lifetime.

Assistant Principal Varlamos addressed the audience stating that this year was somewhat unique for him as responsibilities associated with the

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**Senior Awards  
Presentation,  
Continued:**

scholarship process were assigned to the Guidance Department, under the leadership of Ms. Leah Lugovina, who worked very diligently to make this evening successful. Mr. Varlamos paused, and stated that he would like to address the subject of humanity with the seniors here this evening. He explained that the seniors are part of a larger learning family, having known fellow classmates for quite some time, some since kindergarten. Humanity was the thread that connected us all. Mr. Varlamos stressed providing support when times get rough, working together enhancing the lives of others, and allowing the qualities that have brought each senior to this point guide them. He wished the seniors the very best of luck.

Mr. Varlamos announced the various presenters of student awards/scholarships, and students approached the podium accordingly.

Building administrators—Ms. Lugovina, Dr. Muller, Ms. Grady, Ms. Murrell and Mr. Patronaggio—announced the remaining awards. Students assembled on the stage risers and remained standing until all students' names were called. At the conclusion, a large round of applause was provided.

Principal Murphy thanked Dr. Bennardo and the Board of Education for providing the opportunity for such a special evening, and thanked the parents for sharing their children. Principal Murphy asked the students to provide applause for their parents in recognition of their support throughout the years.

**Retirement  
Recognition of  
Mr. Larry Light:**

Mr. Ciappetta shared with the Board, Cabinet and audience that Mr. Larry Light will retire as of June 30, 2016, and this evening was Mr. Light's last Board meeting as Business Administrator. Mr. Ciappetta praised Mr. Light for his steady leadership, wisdom and know-how. With tongue-and-cheek humor, Mr. Ciappetta said that "Larry's" two-cents was worth ten dollars, and when Larry drove a car off a car lot, it increased in value. He thanked Larry for sharing his never-ending wealth of knowledge and simply stated that the District would forever be indebted to him. Two gifts from the Board were provided to Larry, including a gift certificate to Insignia in Smithtown. All were invited to have a cupcake as a celebratory gesture in wishing Mr. Light well. Mr. Light thanked Mr. Ciappetta and the Board and shared how much he enjoyed working for South Huntington Schools.

**Adoption of  
Agenda:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 May 17, 2016.

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**Bids:** The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1668-1681.

Independent External Auditor (RFP)	Schedule #17-01
Refuse/Recycling Collection	Schedule #17-17
Summer Transportation	Schedule #17-20
Towing Services	Schedule #17-23
Track Upgrades at WWHS	Schedule #17-02C
New Playground at District Office	Schedule #17-03C

Not Recommended by Administration:

Drainage Upgrades and New Garage at Teen Center Schedule #17-01C

Mr. Ciappetta clarified that the Board did not approve Schedule #17-01C.

<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	General (A)	Warrant 123	\$87,981.58
	School Lunch	44	\$21,962.92
	“ “	45	\$22.25
	Special Aid (F)	52	\$6,106.14
	Scholarship (TE)	5	\$500.00

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General (A)	Warrant 122	\$1,040,968.51
School Lunch	43	\$15,347.21
Special Aid (F)	51	\$8,531.80
Scholarship (TE)	4	\$700.00

**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:** Letter from Mrs. O’Neill re extension of current Leave of Absence.

**Walt Whitman High School Scholarships:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the disbursement of scholarship awards from the Trust and Agency Account to those listed in Ms. Lugovina’s memo dated June 13, 2016, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p.1682.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Hiring of Summer Personnel:** Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the hiring of instructional and non-instructional staff between the June 15, 2016, and July 6, 2016, Board of Education meetings; and July 6, 2016, and August 17, 2016, Board of Education meetings; and between the August 17, 2016, and the September 14, 2016, Board of Education meetings.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Interim Assistant  
Principal,  
Countrywood  
Primary Center:**

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 appointment of Patrick Scarola to the position of Interim Assistant Principal of Countrywood Primary Center commencing on August 15, 2016, through on or about October 14, 2016, at a daily rate of \$500 in accordance with the Agreement of Employment, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1683-1684.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Board  
Policy:**

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 Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that amendments to Policy §5410 Purchasing, and Policy §5411 Purchasing-Competitive Bidding/Offering, and Policy §5412 Purchasing-Alternate Formats for Instructional Materials be adopted as submitted. Additionally, be it Resolved that Policy §5420 Competitive Bids and Quotations, Policy §5421 Procurement Guidelines, and Policy §5422 Competitive Purchasing of Goods and Services, be eliminated from the Board of Education Policy Manual.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**SHEF Miles for  
Michael  
Scholarship:**

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 a third scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 for this current school year only.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Summer Approval  
of Bids:**

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 Purchasing Agent approving bid awards for budget materials and supplies during the summer period.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**SHTA Mini-Grant  
Recommendations:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the seven (7) SHTA Mini-Grant applications with a total cost not to exceed \$9,661, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1685.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**NYSSBA Summer  
Law Conference:**

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the attendance of Messrs. Ciappetta and Nitkewicz to the 2016 Summer Law Conference on July 21, 2016, at the Islandia Marriott, Islandia, New York.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Confidential  
Personnel  
Resolution:**

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 contract extension for the Deputy Superintendent through June 30, 2021, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1686.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential  
Personnel  
Resolution:**

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 new contracts for the Dr. Jared Bloom, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, and Dr. Joseph T. Centamore, Assistant Superintendent for Business and District Operations, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1687-1695.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation of  
Greenhouse to  
Walt Whitman  
High School:**

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 donation of a 10-foot by 12-foot polycarbonate aluminum-framed, steel-base greenhouse by Mr. Eric Fisher to the Science Research Program of Walt Whitman High School, valued at \$1,500.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**NYS Championship  
Sign:**

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 from the Wildcat Booster Club of an outdoor "State Championship" sign for Walt Whitman High School.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated March 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 30, April 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, May 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 2016, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated April 15, 21, 22, May 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 31, June 1, 2, 6, 7, 2016, 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. 1696-1737.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Stimson Lockers**

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the cost of \$40,370 for 162 two-tier and 90 three-tier lockers for the Boys' Locker Room at Stimson Middle School provided by H2M, as well as the cost of \$48,500 for the epoxy flooring, which includes the removal of existing lockers and addressing the base.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Bennardo introduced this new item for the Board's consideration as a final push from the Facilities Committee for completion of their summer capital projects utilizing funds from the 2015/2016 budget. Dr. Bennardo explained that with the recent renovation of the Boys Locker Room, only three-quarters of the work had been completed. H2M has provided the final costs associated with completion of the project, which will be with the same company that began the work. Consensus of the Board was that this work would be a significant improvement at the middle school.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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. 1738-1776, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 6: Summer School Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

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

Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 17: Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and Reports:**

1. Memorandum re Donation of Flat-Screen Televisions for HELP Program
2. Memorandum from Ingerman Smith, LLP, re APPR Deadline
3. Memorandum from Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association, Inc., re NYS Reimbursement for Veterans' Tax Exemptions
4. Newsday article re Suffolk County First in State re Fatal Heroin and Pain Pill Overdoses from Lee Nober
5. SCOPE, Spring 2016
6. The Long-Islander, June 2, 2016 (2)

**Information Sent to Board Week Ending June 3, 2016**

1. Letter from Mr. Varlamos to Board members re Class of 2016 Commencement Exercises, Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10 a.m. with formal invitation (in envelopes)
2. Letter from Principal Murphy to Board members re Michael A. Curtin Citizenship Awards Night, Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 7 p.m.
3. Project Excel End-of-the-Year Reception, Thursday, June 9, 6 to 8 p.m.
4. Letter from NYSSBA acknowledging District's nomination of Fred Langstaff as Area 12 Director for a two-year term

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5. Oakwood Primary Center June 2016 Calendar
6. The Silas Scoop, June 2016
7. Countrywood Chronicle, June 2016
8. Huntington Mazda Flyer for Graduating Students: \$500 Off
9. The Long-Islander, May 26, 2016 (1)
10. Facilities Committee Minutes from May 12, 2016

**Comments from  
Board Members  
and Staff:**

Mr. Kaden asked the audience for a moment of silence in recognition of the victims of the recent Orlando, Florida, nightclub shooting.

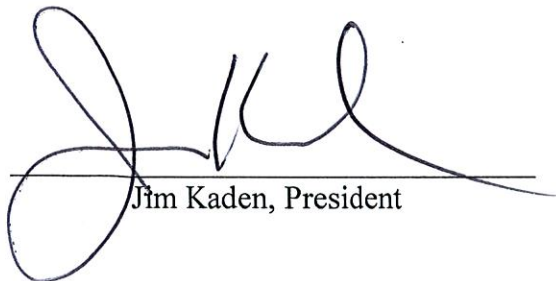
**Voice of the  
Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate. Mrs. Pat Dillon made inquiry regarding the bid concerning the Teen Center; she asked what type of work was being considered. Mr. Ciappetta responded that it was only the flooring; the drainage upgrades and new garage bid was rejected.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:25 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1668 through 1776.