

October 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the Cafeteria of the Oakwood Primary Center, 264 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Huntington, New York 11743.

**Present:        Board Members:**

President  
Vice President

Mr. Kaden  
Mr. Ciappetta  
Mrs. Brieff  
Mrs. Carey  
Mrs. DeGaetano  
Mrs. LaCara  
Mr. Nitkewicz

**Staff:**

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

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

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

**Executive Session:**    Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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.

**Recognition of our Board of Education:**    Dr. Bennardo happily shared that our Board of Education will officially be recognized this evening for their commitment and dedication to the District. He then asked Mrs. Kerrigan to continue with the presentation. Mrs. Kerrigan welcomed the Board and Cabinet members, as well as those in the audience, to tonight's Board of Education Recognition. Mrs. Pinelli, Oakwood Primary Center's music teacher, was introduced, and she thanked the parents for the gift of teaching their children. She then led the Oakwood chorus with the National Anthem, which was sung with absolute perfection. The second song was "Peace," sung by the children in various languages, including sign language. The students sang and performed enthusiastically. At the conclusion of the song, a huge round of applause was provided as the students left the stage.

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Additionally, four Oakwood students read their written sentiments regarding the Board's contributions and provided a hand-made gift. Ishe Patel presented to Mrs. Brieff; Amanda Moffatt for Mrs. Carey; Alexis Koffer for Mrs. DeGaetano, and Brooke Maiorana for Mr. Nitkewicz.

Mrs. Kenney addressed the Board and the audience at this point, and introduced the following students who also presented—Grant Borden to Mr. Kaden, Maeve O'Connor to Mrs. LaCara, and Marcus Chen to Mr. Ciappetta. Mr. Kaden thanked the students for their presentations. Dr. Bennardo introduced Mrs. Jayne O'Toole, Booster Club President, who presented the Board with a "Lunch at the Trailer" coupon and a Booster Club coffee mug. Mrs. Eleanora Ferrante, PTA Council President, was then introduced. Mrs. Ferrante shared that the relationship between the Board and the PTA speaks volumes of how well the two organizations work together. Mrs. Ferrante presented the Board of Education with a Certificate of Achievement honoring the Board with a brick on the South Huntington Council of PTAs Community Walkway that will acknowledge the 2016-2017 South Huntington Board of Education. Board members expressed their appreciation and delight with the Community Walkway honor; Mr. Kaden asked for a ten-minute recess for picture-taking opportunities, as well as having the students and families in the audience partake of cupcakes brought in for the festivities.

**Adoption of  
Agenda:**

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

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

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 September 14, 2016.

**Schedule of Bills  
(Warrants):**

Schedule of Bills (Warrants)

General (A)	Schedule 34	\$1,297,278.04
School Lunch (C)	Schedule 13	\$28,100.62
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 12	\$120,810.62

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General (A)	Schedule 33	\$214,660.88
Dental (A)	Schedule 32	\$11,666.67
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 11	\$73,264.63
School Lunch (C)	Schedule 12	\$21,292.72

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General (A)	Schedule 30	\$225,651.15
“ “	31	\$867.82
School Lunch (C)	Schedule 11	\$72,991.68
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 10	\$13,770.00

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**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.

**Refunding of District Bonds:**

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 refunding bond resolution authorizing the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of said district, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000 therefore, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$8,000,000 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. 647-658.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo reported that the refunding of District bonds will save the District approximately \$486,589 over a 14-year period.

**Requests to Remain in South Huntington Schools:**

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 two requests to remain in South Huntington Schools for the senior year of each student, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 659-667.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that both requests were consistent with the Board's policy regarding requests to remain in the District. Both students were seniors and Walt Whitman High School students since the ninth grade.

**School Monitors – Increase in Hourly Rate of Pay:**

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 a 40-cent increase in the hourly rate of pay for the school monitors for the 2016-2017 school year; and commencing with the 2017-2018 school year, an alignment with the Office Staff Association's annual salary percentage increases ensuring appropriate and timely increases for the District's school monitors.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated June 20, July 7, 27, 28, August 2, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31, September 15, 16, 21, 23, 26, 29, 30, 2016, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated September 1, 14, 16, 21, 28, October 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. 668-683.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Field Trip Request:** 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 Varsity Dance Team's National Dance Championship's field trip March 2, 2017, through March 6, 2017, to Orlando, Florida.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Field Trip Request:** 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 WWHS Marching Band's National Championship's field trip November 4, 2016, through November 6, 2016, to Allentown, Pennsylvania.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to Declare 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 approves declaring the school books identified, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 684, as obsolete.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. 685-697, and authorizes implementation thereof:  
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 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)  
Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and Reports:**

1. TANS Bid Results
2. Timeline for Teacher Tenure Appointments 2016-17 from Mr. Fallon
3. Administrative Timeline 2016-17 from Mr. Fallon
4. Letter to 9<sup>th</sup>-Grade Parents from Ms. Lugovina re Guidance Program
5. The Silas Scoop, October 2016
6. Fall College Fair at Walt Whitman High School
7. Invitation to the 2016 High School Suffolk Zone Physical Education Award Ceremony on December 7, 2016, 6:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, Hauppauge, NY
8. Ingerman Smith Memorandum re Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), October 12, 2016
9. The Long-Islander
10. Board & Administrator, October 2016

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Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 7, 2016

1. Real Property Tax Law Section 458-B Cold War Veteran School Tax Exemption
2. School Grade Enrollment, 9/6/16 – 9/30/16
3. Homecoming Thank You Letters from Principal Murphy
4. Thank You Letter to Board for Support of Hall of Fame Ceremony
5. Official Transcript Letter to Seniors from Ms. Lugovina
6. The Countrywood Chronicle, October 2016

Information Sent to Board Week Ending September 30, 2016

1. Ingerman Smith Memorandum re Update on Mandatory Lead Testing of Water
2. Facilities Committee Minutes from September 22, 2016
3. SCMEA All County Congratulations Letter from Superintendent
4. Homecoming Thank You Letters from Superintendent
5. SHTA Executive Minutes from September 26, 2016
6. Letter to Senior Parents re College Application Process from Ms. Lugovina
7. Financial Aid Program Letter to Seniors from Ms. Lugovina

**Committee Updates:**

Mr. Ciappetta shared that the Facilities Committee convenes October 20, 2016.

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**

Mrs. Brieff expressed her gratitude to the Oakwood and Countrywood principals and students for such a wonderful evening. She complimented the Oakwood singers for their heartwarming performance.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the Marching Band was hosting the US Bands Competition at Walt Whitman High School on Saturday night, October 22, 2016. Dr. Bennardo also reported that in addition to the high school/middle school/intermediate school theater productions, the K-1-2 theater production was scheduled to commence. The District now had a district-wide Grades K-12 theater program.

**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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Jim Kaden, President



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Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 647 through 697.