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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, in Conference Room B 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. 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. DeGaetano, 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 Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Carey, 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.

WWHS Computer Science Augmented Reality App Presentation: Dr. Bennardo shared his excitement for this presentation and introduced Dr. Murphy. Dr. Murphy thanked the Superintendent for the opportunity to present the Computer Science Augmented Reality App. He introduced Mr. Fred Feraco, the Computer Science teacher, and added that two students were here as well this evening to share what they were learning in the Computer Science class. Dr. Murphy shared that the course had provided a unique opportunity for community service. The students have assisted elementary students in afterschool and evening code programs.

Mr. Feraco reported that augmented technology was the latest fad in technology at this time. He shared that the students took the initiative and created an app called Walt Whitman Augmented Reality; the app provided information pertaining to each and every classroom in the high school, identifying the teacher(s) who taught in the classroom and their schedule. Mr.

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Feraco explained that the students also worked with Javascript, a computer programming language. The students also created an app that dealt with the nameplates of each Board and Cabinet member. When the nameplate was viewed with the app, a photograph of that person was displayed on the overhead screen. Also presented were various “games” the students created, displaying their comprehension of the intricacies of computer science.

Tenth-grader Ashar Farooq enthusiastically addressed the audience and stated that he and his classmates “were doing really cool stuff.” They were currently working on website development for the Booster Club, and website updates for the Robotics Club. Ashar continued and stated they were also learning how to publish, write programs and games, code and work with graphics and animation. Tenth-grader Liam Rea agreed with his classmate, and expressed his enthusiasm for the course. Liam shared that he has spoken to students who were not students of Walt Whitman, and they were not being exposed to what he and his classmates were learning. Liam then stated that it made him feel proud.

Dr. Bennardo thanked the students, Mr. Feraco and Dr. Murphy. He added that presentations, such as this one, provided the genuine enjoyment for the Board and Cabinet members.

**Adoption of
Agenda:**

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

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

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brief, 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 December 14, 2016.

**Schedule of Bills
(Warrants):**

General (A)	Warrant 62	\$11,666.67
	63	\$991,524.50
	64	\$1,467,547.75
	VO63	(\$10.00)
School Lunch (C)	Warrant 28	\$40,897.18
	29	\$659.10
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 25	\$20,514.38

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General (A)	Warrant 58	\$4,300.60
	59	\$2,719,490.54
	60	\$14,273.32
	61	\$5,486.22
	V059	(\$41,760.60)
	V000	(\$43.75)
School Lunch (C)	Warrant 27	\$37,738.03
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 24	\$26,039.78

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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.

**Donation from
SHEF to District:**

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 two Makerbot 5th Generation 3-D printers, one Makerbot Replicator Mini and 3-D printer, and 12 spools of filament for a grand total of \$5,271 from SHEF to be used in the SHEF Maker Space and other buildings as deemed by the District.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo expressed gratitude to SHEF for this donation and for the support SHEF provided to the District. Dr. Bennardo also shared that the SHEF Maker Space was fully operational and utilized for classroom lessons.

**Donation from
SHEF for Program
Advisor:**

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 donation of \$4,500 to cover the stipend for the SHEF Program Advisor for the current school year and increase the 2016/17 budget accordingly.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the position created by SHEF was to provide support with website development, social media updates, as well as encouraging a student base to assist with various SHEF initiatives.

**Field Trip Request
to Hispanic Youth
Leadership
Institute:**

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip to the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute on March 25 through March 27, 2017, for two 12th-grade ESL students.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared his pleasure that two of our students were excelling at this level.

**Approval of
WWHS Student
Services
Renovation :**

Edward Nitkewicz offered the following resolution and Linda LaCara moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District desires to embark upon a capital improvement project at the Walt Whitman High School for the Student Services renovation at the existing facility; and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement project at the Walt Whitman High School, is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

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WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this part, are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that the capital improvement project for the Student Services renovation at the Walt Whitman High School is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares that the Student Services renovation at the Walt Whitman High School is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the SEQRA resolution was required by the State for the renovation of the Student Services Office at Walt Whitman High School and reviewed the Facilities Committee's goal of maintaining our buildings and grounds through the budget, avoiding a bond to address renovations.

**Request for New
Course Approvals:**

Mr. Kaden asked for a single motion to consider the approval of all three courses (Items Nos. 5, 6 and 7 on the agenda); Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the three courses—Accelerated Algebra Honors, AP Computer Science Principles, and College Math—a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1111-1116.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Bennardo reported that these courses bring us closer to the District's objective of having students secure an Associate Degree upon graduation; the financial savings would be worthwhile for students' families. Dr. Bennardo credited Dr. Murphy and Principal Murphy in adding these courses and providing a robust curriculum. Dr. Bloom provided a brief synopsis of each course:

Accelerated Algebra Honors compacts Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus into three years allowing students to enroll in Accelerated Geometry Honors in Grade 10 followed by Accelerated Algebra II Honors in Grade 11, enabling enrollment in Calculus for Grade 12.

AP Computer Science Principles provides foundational concepts of computer science with a unique focus on creative problem-solving and real-world applications, proving an excellent preparation for college and career paths.

College Math allows for an option for students who do not wish to take Calculus. The course prepares students for college-level mathematics.

Discussion ensued regarding Advanced Placement and college-level courses. Mr. Kaden shared that in Virginia, students have the option of graduating high school with an Associate Degree; he also added that Farmingdale University was at one time interested in offering college-level courses. Dr. Bloom responded to Mr. Kaden and shared that Farmingdale University could not adjust their pricing, and their costs were high. Dr. Bennardo added that Suffolk Community College worked with us in this regard. Principal Murphy emphasized that 150 students were paying \$149 for three college credits, an absolutely amazing deal. Mrs. Brieff questioned if all colleges accepted the credits; Principal Murphy responded that only SUNY schools would accept the SUNY credits.

**Superintendent's
Attendance to
Lobby Day:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Superintendent's attendance at Lobby Day in Albany on March 7, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta articulated his intent to attend this advocacy event and suggested that other Board members may wish to attend.

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 attendance of Board members who wish to attend Lobby Day in Albany on March 7, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo stated that the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association will be traveling to Albany to participate in Lobby Day where they will strongly advocate on behalf of Long Island school districts.

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**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 December 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2016, January 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 17, 2017, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated December 20, 2016, January 5, 10, 11, 18, 2017, 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. 1117-1130. Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation from
U.S. Bands
Association:**

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 \$3,000 donation from the U.S. Bands Association for hosting the Marching Band Championship event on October 22, 2016. The \$3,000 was split between the Marching Band Parents Association and the Marching Band Extra-Classroom Account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Agreement and
Release for Special
Education Student:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Agreement and Release concerning the special education student discussed in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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. 1131-1150, and authorizes implementation thereof:

- Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 10: Tenure Appointments
- 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:**

Information and Reports

1. Memorandum from Mr. Fallon re Teacher of the Year Presentation on February 8, 2017
2. Thank You Letter to Astoria Bank for Donation from Mr. Kaden

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3. Thank You Letter to Mathnasium for Donation from Mr. Kaden
4. Letter to BW Musical Theater Production Participants from Dr. Bennardo
5. Letter to MW Musical Theater Production Participants from Dr. Bennardo
6. Letter to Seniors from Principal Murphy re Maintaining Grades after College Acceptance
7. Letter to Stimson Dance Team re Performance at Board Meeting from Dr. Bennardo
8. Letter to DECA Students re Competition from Dr. Bennardo
9. Letter to Young Science Achievers from Dr. Bennardo
10. Personnel Postings (4)
11. Expression of Gratitude from the Bayley Family to the Board
12. The Long-Islander (1)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending January 13, 2016

1. Letter to Student Performers from “The Curious Savage” from Dr. Bennardo
2. Letter to Silas Wood Student Tech Mentors from Dr. Bennardo
3. SHTA Minutes of the Executive Business Meeting, January 9, 2017
4. Personnel Postings (3)
5. NEFCU Information

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

None provided.

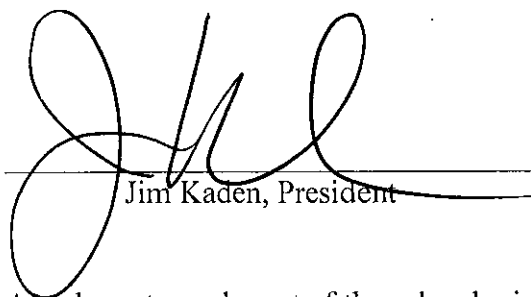
Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

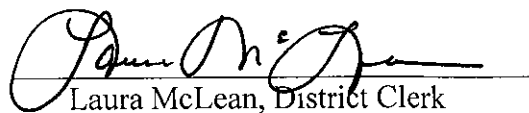
Adjournment:

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 8:20 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1111 through 1150.