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The annual Organization Meeting of the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in the Board Room, #110, of the James Kaden Administrative Offices, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York. Regular business was also conducted.

<b>Present:</b>	<b><u>Board Members:</u></b>	
	President	Mr. Ciappetta
	Vice President	Mrs. Carey
		Mr. Bronson
		Mrs. DeGaetano
		Mr. Joyner
		Mrs. LaCara
		Mr. Nitkewicz
	<b><u>Staff:</u></b>	
	Superintendent of Schools	Dr. Bennardo
	Deputy Superintendent	Mrs. Harris
	Asst. Supt. for Business & District Operations	Dr. Centamore
	Asst. Supt. for Instruction and Curriculum	Dr. Bloom
	Interim Personnel Administrator	Mr. Frank Fallon
	District Clerk	Mrs. McLean

**Swearing in of District Clerk:** It was noted that the District Clerk, Laura McLean, was sworn in by Margaret Bayley, a notary public, on July 1, 2017.

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

**Executive Session:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the employment of several individuals.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, that the Executive Session be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. McLean opened the organization meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, that the tentative agenda for the Organization Meeting be adopted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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## **ORGANIZATION MEETING**

- Swearing in of Newly Elected Board Members:** The following newly elected members of the Board of Education took the oath of office administered by Mrs. McLean, District Clerk:  
 Andrew D. Bronson, for a three-year term commencing 7-11-17 and ending 6-30-20;  
 Sidney B. Joyner for a three-year term commencing 7-11-17 and ending 6-30-20.
- Election of President:** Mrs. McLean asked for nominations for President of the Board. Mr. Nitkewicz nominated Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Carey. There were no further nominations. Mr. Ciappetta was unanimously elected President for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Election of Vice President:** Mr. Ciappetta asked for nominations for Vice President. Mrs. LaCara nominated Mrs. Laura Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz. There were no further nominations. Mrs. Carey was unanimously elected Vice President for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Mr. Ciappetta, President of the Board of Education, took the opportunity to welcome Messrs. Bronson and Joyner to the Board of Education. He stated that the work was intellectually stimulating and emotionally rewarding, and he looked forward to their contributions and new perspectives. Mr. Ciappetta encouraged both Mr. Joyner and Mr. Bronson to share their opinions and ask questions; he further added that the Board was a team and anxious to support their growth.
- Mr. Ciappetta also addressed Mrs. Carey, Vice President of the Board of Education, and shared that he had always been impressed by her decisiveness and involvement in the community, and added that he looked forward to working with her.
- Mr. Ciappetta also addressed his Board colleagues and thanked them for their show of confidence and trust in electing him President of the Board of Education. He further added that for the past 30 years, he believed in the "maroon and white," and was confident that the Board and the Administration had the tools necessary to achieve greatness, and that it was his belief that our District's best days were still ahead.
- Motion on Board Appointments and Organizational Items:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Carey, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the following items:
- General Resolution (Item #4):** That the compensation for each appointment made by the Board of Education be within the budgetary allocation of the current budget.

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**Appointment of District Clerk and Deputy District Clerk (Item #5):**

That Laura McLean be reappointed District Clerk for the 2017-2018 school year; and that Elaine Ferranti be reappointed Deputy District Clerk, to serve upon the unavailability of the District Clerk, for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer (Item #6):**

That Christine Rapp be reappointed Treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year; and that Karen Vultaggio be reappointed Deputy Treasurer, to serve upon the unavailability of the Treasurer, for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Appointment of District Purchasing Responsibilities (Item #7):**

That Sheila Buhse be reappointed District Purchasing Agent for the 2017-2018 school year; and that Joseph T. Centamore, Ed.D., be appointed Deputy District Purchasing Agent, to serve upon the unavailability of the District Purchasing Agent.

**Appointment of Records Access Officer (Item #8):**

That Laura McLean be reappointed Records Access Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Appointment of Central Treasurers – Extraclassroom Activities Funds (Item #9):**

That the Board appoint the following Central Treasurers for Extraclassroom Activity Funds for the 2017-2018 school year:

Birchwood	Anthony Ciccarelli
Countrywood	Barbara Kenney
Maplewood	Vito D'Elia
Oakwood	Eileen Kerrigan
Silas Wood	Stephen Toto
Stimson Middle School	Dana Allen
Walt Whitman High School	Donna Talleur

**Appointment of Counsel (Item #10):**

That the firm of Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. be appointed as General and Labor Counsel for the 2017-2018 school year as submitted in the Proposal for Legal Services dated July 1, 2017.

**Appointment of School Physician (Item #11):**

That Dr. Geffken be reappointed as the school physician for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Appointment of District Auditor (Item #12):**

That the firm of R.S. Abrams & Co., L.L.P. be reappointed District Auditor for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Appointment of Internal Auditor (Item #13):**

That Nawrocki Smith, L.L.P. be reappointed as Internal Auditor for the 2017-2018 school year.

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- Appointment of Claims Auditor (Item #14):** That Cerini and Associates, L.L.P. be reappointed as Claims Auditor for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Accounting Consulting Services (Item #15):** That BookSmart Accounting be reappointed for Accounting Consulting Services for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Census Enumerator and Attendance Officer (Item #16):** That Jacqueline Harris be reappointed Census Enumerator and Attendance Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Attendance Record Keepers (Item #17):** That the Building Principals be reappointed to supervise the keeping of the student attendance records during the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Workers' Compensation Claims Handler (Item #18):** That the firm of PMA Management Corporation be named as the claims administrator for the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Certification of District Payrolls (Item #19):** That the Superintendent and the Building Principals be authorized to certify the district payrolls for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Third-Party Administrator for the Tax Annuities (Item #20):** That Omni Group be reappointed as third-party administrator for the tax annuities as submitted in their Services Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Actuary Firm (Item #21):** That the firm of Pinnacle Actuarial Resources, Inc., be reappointed to conduct analysis of Other Post-Employment Benefits in accordance with GASB 45 and loss reserve/funding analysis for Workers' Compensation claims for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Designation of Bank Depositories (Item #22):** That the Board approve designation of depositories for the district funds for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:  
Capital One Bank - HSBC Bank USA - Valley National Bank
- Date, Time, Place of Board Meetings (Item #23):** That the dates and locations noted on the attached 2017-2018 schedule be designated for Board meetings; all meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 19-21.

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- Official Newspaper Designation (Item #24):** That *The Long Islander, Newsday, Town of Huntington (a/ka/a Times Beacon Record)* and *The Huntington News* be named as the official newspapers of the district for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Adoption of By-Laws (Item #25):** That the Board reaffirm the policies as filed in the official Board Policy Manual.
- Authorization to Approve Attendance at Conferences (Item #26):** That the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum be authorized to approve travel and contingency expenses for attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc., within the framework of the budget. That the Deputy Superintendent be authorized to approve all Student Services Department travel and contingency expenses for attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc., within the framework of the budget. Similar expenses incurred by the Superintendent or Board members must have authorization from the Board of Education.
- Authorization to Sign Health and Welfare Services Contracts (Item #27):** That the Board President and Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign the health and welfare services contracts for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Authorization to Sign Service Contracts (Item #28):** That the Superintendent or his designee be authorized to sign service contracts up to \$75,000.
- Authorization to Sign Tuition Contracts (Item #29):** That the Superintendent be authorized to sign tuition contracts up the \$75,000.
- Authorization of Representative for Filing Federal and State Applications (Item #30):** That the Superintendent be authorized as the representative for the Board for filing applications for federal and state funds, and to administer funds received.
- Authorization for Signatures on Checks (Item #31):** That the Treasurer and the District Clerk be required to sign checks on the District funds; that the Treasurer and the District Clerk be required to sign all district payroll checks.

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**Approval of Religious Holidays (Item #32):**

That since it cannot be determined until the end of the school year just which holidays to delete from the attendance computations, the Board of Education recognizes each of the religious holidays observed during the 2017-2018 school year and authorizes the ADA adjustment of the attendance on such legal holidays from the 2017-2018 State Aid computation as may be in the best interest of the district.

**Authorization for Investment/Reinvestment of District Funds (Item #33):**

That in any instance where funds are received by the District and it appears that it would be prudent and to the advantage of the District that these funds, or any part thereof, be invested/reinvested on behalf of the District, then, said funds shall be invested in accordance with Board Policy 5210.

**Authorization for Reserve Accounts as Prescribed Under General Municipal Law and/or Education Law (Item #34):**

That the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the authorization for the following reserve accounts as prescribed under General Municipal Law and/or Education Law:

- Reserve for Encumbrances
- Reserve for Workers' Compensation
- Reserve for Unemployment Insurance
- Reserve for Insurance
- Reserve for Retirement Contribution
- Reserve for Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities
- Reserve for Tax Reduction

Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Education authorizes transfers from the excess fund balance into the following reserves up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 per reserve for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to effectuate said transfers:

Reserve for Retirement Contribution

Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Education authorizes transfer from the excess fund balance into the following reserve up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to effectuate said transfer:

Reserve for Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities

Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Education authorizes transfer from the excess fund balance into the following reserve up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, to effectuate said transfer:

Reserve for Workers' Compensation

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**Appointment of Bonding Counsel (Item #35):**

That the firm of Hawkins, Delafield & Wood be reappointed as the District Bonding Counsel for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Appointment of Fiscal Advisors with regard to TANS (Item #36):**

That Munistat Services, Inc. be reappointed as the fiscal advisors with regard to Tax Anticipation Notes and Bonds.

**Appointment of Architectural and Engineering Services (Item #37):**

That H2M Architects + Engineers be reappointed as the District's Architectural and Engineering Services firm.

**Appointment of Hearing Officers under Section 75 of Civil Service Law (Item #38):**

That Nicholas V. Campasano, Laurie Nolan, and Joseph Wooley be appointed as the hearing officers under Section 75 of the Civil Service Law for the State of New York for any proceeding or proceedings in charges in which the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District is required to appoint such hearing officers under said Section.

**Appointment of Hearing Officers for Committee on Special Education & Preschool Special Education Appeals (Item #39)**

That the Updated List of Impartial Hearing Officers for Suffolk County promulgated by The State Education Department in connection with requests for impartial hearings under the IDEA Law Education Law §4404, in accordance with Board Policy 7671, be adopted.

**Appointment of CSE/CPSE Chairpersons and Sub-Committee CSE Chairpersons (Item #40):**

That the Board appoint the following CSE/CPSE Chairpersons and Sub-Committee CSE/CPSE Chairpersons for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>CSE/CPSE Chairpersons</u>	<u>Sub-Committee CSE/CPSE Chairpersons</u>
Jacqueline Harris	Jacqueline Harris
Matthew Krivoshey	Matthew Krivoshey
Cynthia Quinlan	Cynthia Quinlan
Karen Mushorn	Karen Mushorn
Daniel Lombardo	Daniel Lombardo
	All School Psychologists

**Appointment of Medicaid Compliance Officer (Item #41):**

That Joseph T. Centamore be appointed as Medicaid Compliance Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Authorization for Pupil Suspensions (Item #42):**

That pursuant to Education Law, Section 3214(3)(b) the Board hereby delegates to the principal of the schools where the pupils attend, the power to suspend a pupil for a period not to exceed five school days.

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**Authorization for  
Records Retention  
and Disposition  
(Item #43):**

That *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

Be it Further Resolved, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

- (a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1* after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;
- (b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

**Authorization to  
Participate in the  
LISNDA  
Cooperative Bid  
Committee  
(Item #44):**

Whereas, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2017-2018 school year; and

Whereas, the South Huntington Union Free School District, is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and

Whereas, the South Huntington Union Free School District, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the South Huntington Union Free School District's Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the South Huntington Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the South Huntington Union Free School District's Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).



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**Authorization to Participate in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program – CoSer 612 (Item #45):**

Whereas, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

Whereas, the South Huntington Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

Whereas, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

Whereas, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

Whereas, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

Be it Resolved, that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for required cooperative bidding in *Newsday*, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

Be it Further Resolved, that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j; and

Be it Further Resolved, that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j; and

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Be it Further Resolved, that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

- Appointment of Committee to Visit Schools (Item #46):** That the Board serves as a committee of the whole to visit the schools on a regular basis to inspect the properties, with a schedule of such visits to be worked out by the Administration.
- Authorization for Vice President to Act as President (Item #47):** That the Vice President of the Board of Education be authorized to act as President and perform the duties of the President in his absence.
- Approval of Organizational Chart (Item #48):** That the Organizational Chart, a copy of which is attached, be designated as the official Organizational Chart for the 2017-2018 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 22.
- Appointment of DASA Coordinator (Item #49):** Pursuant to Board Policy §7300, Dignity for All Students Act, that Mrs. Jacqueline Harris be reappointed as the District's DASA Coordinator for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Chief Privacy Officer (Item #50):** Pursuant to Board Policy §7243, Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security, that Dr. Jared Bloom be reappointed as Chief Privacy Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Appointment of Chief Emergency Officer (Item #51):** Pursuant to Board Policy §5680, Safety and Security, that Dr. Joseph T. Centamore be reappointed as Chief Emergency Officer for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Vote on the Motion to Approve Items #4 through #51** Mr. Ciappetta asked for any additional comments or questions on the above items, and then called for a vote on the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Swearing in of Board Officers:** Mr. Nicholas R. Ciappetta, President; Mrs. Laura B. Carey, Vice President; Dr. David Bennardo, Superintendent of Schools; and Mrs. Elaine Ferranti, Deputy District Clerk, took the Oath of Office, administered by Mrs. McLean, District Clerk, for the 2017-2018 school year.

It was noted that Mrs. Christine Rapp, Treasurer, and Mrs. Karen Vultaggio, Deputy Treasurer, were not present at the Organization Meeting and will be sworn in on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, by Mrs. McLean, District Clerk.

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**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Girl Scout Silver Award Presentation:** Dr. Bennardo shared that for the past five or six years, both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts selected the District for their community projects. He was very pleased to introduce students Amanda Trifon and Elisa Hustedt to speak to the Board of Education regarding their Girl Scout Silver Award project. Amanda and Elisa shared their vision of benches for use at Stimson Middle School's courtyard located in the back of the building. The girls provided sketches of the benches, as well as placement plans, for the Board to review. The benches would be maroon with white trim in keeping with District colors. Both girls demonstrated enthusiasm for the project, and the Board provided their overwhelming agreement for same.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the revised agenda be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 meetings held on May 9, 2017, and May 16, 2017.

**Bids:** The following bids, as recommended by Administration, on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 23-27.  
Schedule No. 18-12 Dishwashing Cleaning Supplies Re-Award

<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	<u>Schedule of Bills (Warrants)</u>	
	General (A)	Schedule 118
		119
		120
		121
		122
		123
		1
	School Lunch (C)	55
		56
		57
	Special Aid (F)	49
		50
	<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of June 30, 2017</u>	
	General (A)	Schedule 116
		117
	School Lunch (C)	Schedule 54
	Special Aid (F)	Schedule 48

\$17,226,666.67

\$454,076.90

\$1,336,992.95

\$4,500.00

\$28,512.45

\$1,125.00

\$1,006,217.00

\$61,817.00

\$3,815.30

\$3,163.86

\$45,493.84

\$1,460.63

\$454,423.34

\$93,004.64

\$11,549.35

\$12,615.92

Scholarship	Schedule 3	\$33,000.00
	4	\$300.00
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of June 23, 2017</u>		
General (A)	Schedule 112	\$410,718.76
	113	\$1,275,000.00
	114	\$273,202.99
	115	\$108,000.00
School Lunch (C)	Schedule 53	\$19,995.09
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 47	\$21,361.55
Scholarship	Schedule 2	\$750.00
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of June 16, 2017</u>		
General (A)	Schedule 110	\$247,900.21
	111	\$581,693.52
	V110	(\$1,310.16)
School Lunch (C)	Schedule 51	\$15,581.24
	52	\$1,000.00
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 46	\$31,738.90
Capital Reserve (H)	Schedule 4	\$700.00

**Communications:** 1. Invitation to Eagle Scout Ceremony, Esteban Lopez, July 29, 2017, WWHS

**Approval of the** Mrs. LaCara offered the following resolution and Mrs. Carey moved its adoption:

**Renaming of the District Office:**

WHEREAS, James Kaden, after 24 years as a Board of Education member of the South Huntington Union Free School District—20 of which he served as President—retired from the Board of Education effective on midnight, June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Administrative Team wish to acknowledge these 24 years of commitment to the South Huntington Union Free School District and to Mr. Kaden’s fierce advocacy for public education and are desirous to demonstrate this appreciation for Mr. Kaden’s numerous contributions;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves and authorizes the renaming of the District Office of the South Huntington Union Free School District, located at 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York, retroactive to July 1, 2017, as the *James Kaden Administrative Offices*.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Approval of Attendance for Newly Elected Board Members:**

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 attendance of the newly elected Board Members to attend the NYSSBA New School Board Member Academy on August 11-12, 2017, at the Huntington Hilton, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 28.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Board Member's Attendance to the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.:**

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 attendance for Mr. Nitkewicz to attend the Silas Wood student presentation at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., on June 28, 2017, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 29.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bloom provided the history of the student project that was tested successfully by astronauts in the United States Space Station; the project involved detergent beads to wash clothes without the use of water. This particular event was extremely competitive and attracted students throughout the United States and Canada. Mr. Nitkewicz added that the event was a worthwhile endeavor that showcased the intelligence and collaborative effort of our students.

**Approval of Agreement with Elwood Public Schools:**

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 between the District and the Elwood UFSD allowing two Elwood students to participate on the District Gymnastic team as independent competitors, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 30-32.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Commack Special Education Service Contract:**

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 Special Education Service Contract between the District and the Commack UFSD for the 2016/2017 school year for compliance purposes, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 33-36.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of New High School Courses:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves two new courses for Walt Whitman High School—Studio in Creative Crafts and Intro Spanish Experience—that will commence in the 2017/2018 school year.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Smart School III Investment Plan Submission:**

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 Smart School III Investment Plan submission.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Dr. Bloom reported that the submission will be used to bring all current recording equipment and cameras under one video surveillance system. An additional 254 interior cameras and 119 exterior cameras will be added district-wide to improve

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visual coverage of key/high priority areas. The total dollar value was \$548,873 being requested from the NYS Smart School III Investment Plan.

**Teacher Assistant Recognition:**

Mrs. DeGaetano offered the following resolution and Mrs. Carey moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, pursuant to a decision of the Commissioner of Education in Case No. 16417, the District was required to do an assessment of its paraprofessional staff and determine which paraprofessionals were performing duties consistent with teaching assistants, and to provide all such persons with the seniority and tenure rights customarily enjoyed by persons holding such position; and

WHEREAS, the District has finalized that assessment and has determined the seniority and tenure rights of all employees heretofore performing teacher assistant duties, and will prepare and communicate the seniority list and tenure status of all teaching assistants to the South Huntington Paraprofessional Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District hereby establishes the position "teaching assistant" and recognizes the South Huntington Paraprofessional Association as the bargaining agent for such employees.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Substitute Pay for 2017/2018 Resolution:**

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Substitute Pay Scale for 2017/2018, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 37.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**SHAA Travel Allowance and Middle Management Travel Allowance:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, to move the SHAA Travel Allowance and the Middle Management Travel Allowance to one resolution.  
Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

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 2017/2018 South Huntington Administrators' Association's Travel Allowance for the administrative positions identified, as well as the 2017/2018 travel allowance for the middle management positions identified, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 38-39.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Local 424 Staff Members Travel Allowance:**

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 payment of a car allowance for the following UPSEU staff members for the 2017/2018 school year: John Burke and Kathleen Hopkins.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**School Safety  
Officer  
Supervision  
Coverage:**

Mrs. DeGaetano offered the following resolution and Mrs. LaCara moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mr. Dispenzieri assumes the role of supervisor in those situations where the two current supervisors are not working, regular school is in session, and there is a need for supervision. When this occurs, Mr. Dispenzieri is compensated at the supervisor hourly rate of pay, which is \$27 per hour for the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation from  
Stimson Middle  
School PTA:**

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the \$3,000 donation for the purchase of Chromebook cases for the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade class at Walt Whitman High School.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared his appreciation of the PTA in making this generous donation.

**Rejection of Bid  
for Student  
Services  
Renovation at  
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 rejects the low bid from Elmer L. Henn, Inc., for the Student Services Office renovation at Walt Whitman High School, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 40-44.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo reported that the District will rebid immediately and secure the best possible contractor to complete the renovation. However, the high school will be at a disadvantage in the beginning of the school year as work will take place while school is in session.

**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 School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated March 17, 24, 28, April 5, 7, 17, 18, 24, 27, 28, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, June 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 2017, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated May 5, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 30, June 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 2017, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 45-123.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education, 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. 124-142, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)

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Schedule 6: Summer School Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)  
 Schedule 12: Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave  
 Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 19: Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Approved Board Packet of June 30, 2017:

Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 6: Summer School Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 19: Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo took this opportunity to introduce our new Walt Whitman High School Administrative Dean, Mr. Corey Blair, approved by the Board of Education under Schedule 3. Dr. Bennardo welcomed Mr. Blair into the South Huntington family and expressed how he was looking forward to having Mr. Blair take care of our students and community. Mr. Ciappetta also expressed to Mr. Blair that he was very happy that he was joining the District.

**Information and Reports:**

1. Parent/Guardian Letter from Principal Murphy re Fines
2. WWHS Freshman Letter from Principal Murphy re Meeting in August
3. Parent/Guardian Letter from Principal Murphy re Code of Conduct and Dignity for All Students Act
4. Parent/Guardian Letter from Principal Murphy re Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Eligibility Code
5. Parent/Guardian Letter from Principal Smith re 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physicals
6. Parent/Guardian Letter from Principal Smith re Sports Clearance Physicals for the 2017/2018 School Year
7. SCOPE Forum, Spring/Summer 2017 Edition (Hard Copy Provided July 11)
8. NYSIR Annual Report 2016 (Hard Copy Provided July 11)
9. The Long-Islander (2)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending June 30, 2017

1. Invitation to Board of Education to Eagle Scout Ceremony, July 29, 2017
2. Congratulatory Letter to International Thespian Society's Curtain Call Performers from Dr. Bennardo
3. Donation to Wildcat Booster Club from Resident
4. Personnel Postings



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Information Sent to Board Week Ending June 23, 2017

1. Congratulatory Letter re Post-Season Athletic Honors from Dr. Bennardo
2. Congratulatory Letter re Minds in Motion Award from Dr. Bennardo
3. Congratulatory Letter re SCMEA Festival Recognition from Dr. Bennardo
4. Congratulatory Letter re World Language Honor Society Induction from Dr. Bennardo
5. Congratulatory Letter re Presidential Volunteer Service Recognition from Dr. Bennardo
6. Congratulatory Letter re L.I. Stock Market Game Participants from Dr. Bennardo
7. Congratulatory Letter re Induction to Tri-M Honor Society from Dr. Bennardo
8. Congratulatory Letter re National French Language Contest Recognition from Dr. Bennardo
9. Congratulatory Letter re French Poetry Contest Recognition from Dr. Bennardo
10. Personnel Postings
11. The Long-Islander (3)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending June 16, 2017

1. Letter to Poetry for HART Contest Participants from Dr. Bennardo
2. Letter to Whitman Students of the Month from Dr. Bennardo
3. Parent/Guardian Letter from Principal Murphy re Summer AP Assignments
4. Personnel Postings
5. Board & Administrator, June 2017

**Administrative Reports:**

Mr. Ciappetta shared that the June 12<sup>th</sup> Facilities Committee meeting agenda items had been discussed in-depth at the last Board meeting on June 14, 2017.

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**

Mrs. LaCara congratulated Mr. Ciappetta and commented that the two of them have worked on the Board for the past 11 years together, with Mr. Ciappetta having served 13 years. Mrs. LaCara also welcomed Board Members Andrew Bronson and Sidney Joyner and wished them success with this new endeavor.

Mr. Joyner shared his enthusiasm and appreciation to his fellow Board members and stated that everyone had been very welcoming and encouraging; he added that he looked forward to assisting in the best possible way.

Mr. Bronson also expressed his gratitude for the support he received, and shared that he appreciated being part of the Board of Education.

**Voice of the Residents:**

Mrs. Dillon took the opportunity to congratulate the Paraprofessional leadership, Mrs. Tedesco and Mrs. Dell, for the Teacher Assistant recognition that was approved by the Board of Education earlier in the evening. Mr. Nitkewicz added his appreciation for the work the teacher assistants do each and every day for our students. He shared there was tremendous value in the work they do.

Resident Erin Meijer addressed the Board of Education and stated that she was the parent of an incoming kindergarten student. Mrs. Meijer shared that her son was not admitted to the Dual Language Program via the current lottery system used for

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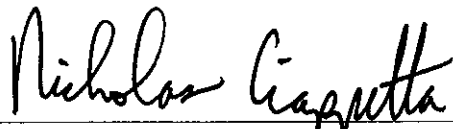
entry. Mrs. Meijer read a letter to the Board of Education regarding the Dual Language Program requesting a re-evaluation of the entry process to the program. Recognizing that no entry system was perfect, Mrs. Meijer suggested four possible alternatives to the Board for their review and consideration as follows: Early-Decision Entry, Application Process, Open Enrollment, and Spanish Language Enrichment (as an after-school enrichment program). Mrs. Meijer provided in-depth information for each alternative, and added that she looked forward to working with the Board of Education regarding this important program.

Mr. Ciappetta thanked Mrs. Meijer for addressing the Board and expressed that the entry process was controversial. He assured Mrs. Meijer that her concerns and suggestions would be addressed and again shared that he appreciated her taking the time to read her letter.

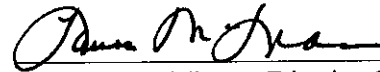
**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1 through 142.