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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, in the Cafeteria at the Maplewood Intermediate School, 19 School Lane, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: Board Members:

President
Vice President

Mr. Ciappetta
Mrs. Carey
Mr. Bronson
Mrs. DeGaetano
Mr. Joyner
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
Dr. Harris
Dr. Bloom
Mr. Fallon
Mrs. McLean

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Bronson, 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. Joyner, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Math Academic Presentation: Dr. Murphy welcomed the Math teachers in the audience and shared the various ways Math instruction changed—the content of what was taught, the manner in which it was taught, and what was expected from students. Three concepts were reviewed as follows:

- The why before the how
- Mathematical practices
- Deeper conceptual understanding

Mr. Levy addressed the K-5 Mathematics program whereby Eureka Math was reviewed—the curriculum was based on Engage NY with four critical components:

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- Fluency Practice
- Concept Development (problem set)
- Application Problem (guided practice)
- Student Debrief (student discourse)
- Additional support through math lab teachers

Mr. Toto addressed the Grades 6-8 Mathematics Program and stated that the Honors classes began in Grade 6, and lab classes were offered on alternate days for a full period. Dr. Murphy shared that for those students that required assistance, it would be in both Math and English. This concept will help to close the achievement gap by affording more help to the individual student. Additionally, collection and analysis of data onto a Google spreadsheet, Rtl data dialogue meetings, academic intervention services, and coding have been implemented to close the achievement gap. Improvements to AIS and student growth were reviewed.

Principal Murphy reported on the Grades 9-12 Mathematics program whereby the curriculum was designed to be a combination of teacher-made materials and other resources aligned to NYSED standards. Additionally, challenging elective classes were offered, such as AP Calculus AB and BC, AP Statistics, Calculus, College Math and Pre-Calculus. Regents plus lab classes on alternate days for a full period were offered, as well as a Math Lab during all lunch periods for all levels of Math support. Principal Murphy shared that Computer Science, with increased number of electives (2 AP courses), and a Coding Club where high school students mentor elementary students, were part of the program. In continuing to close the achievement gap, Math data teams where English teachers assisted math teachers with strategies for reading in the content, examination of district data comparisons, and highlighting strengths for improvement were ongoing, as well as examining internal data, looking for trends and comparing same to the curriculum. Principal Murphy added that changing the students' mindsets with Math was significant—not just to pass the course, but to master the skills involved. Dr. Murphy also reported that inter-district meetings were taking place where math teachers from the District met with Northport, Commack, and Half Hollow Hills teachers to collaborate.

Dr. Murphy reviewed the three-year trends for the Common Core Algebra Regents, Geometry Regents, Algebra II Regents where increases were reported across the board. The various advanced placement courses were reviewed, which were above the New York State and National average.

Mr. Macaluso, in tying all the parts of the Math presentation together, shared that all students were required to complete three units of Math, and as such, a variety of course offerings at multiple levels ensured that students continued with math for all four years—78 percent of the senior class was enrolled in a math class. Mr. Macaluso also reported that additional supports, such as Plus Classes and Math Lab, helped ensure student success. The higher passing rates on the Geometry and Algebra II Regents exams tied directly to increases in our percentage of Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation. Mr. Macaluso spoke of the multiple steps

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to expand enrollment in higher-level courses among under-represented groups. Lastly, Mr. Macaluso reported that College Math provided students with an opportunity to prepare for the college placement exam, Accuplacer, thus reducing the need for remedial and costly classes once the student was in college.

Mr. Ciappetta thanked those administrators involved with the presentation, as well as the Math teachers who took the time to attend this meeting.

Adoption of Agenda:

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

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

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 meeting held on October 18, 2017.

Bids:

The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 769-770.
Drainage Upgrades and New Garage Building at Teen Center
H2M Project No. SHSD 1502
Recommended Bid Award to Morton Buildings, Inc. - \$219,183.00

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

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General (A)	Warrant 44	\$3,817.16
	45	\$4,692,731.26
	V043	(\$475.00)
School Lunch	Warrant 20	\$5,833.81
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 20	\$58,002.72
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of November 17, 2017:</u>		
General (A)	Warrant 43	\$1,629,221.04
School Lunch	Warrant 19	\$48,448.76
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 19	\$22,567.17
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of November 9, 2017:</u>		
General (A)	Warrant 42	\$255,442.22
	V042	(\$71.59)
School Lunch	Warrant 18	\$8,371.01
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 18	\$46,284.37
Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 8	\$55.12

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

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.

Old Business:

Mr. Ciappetta reported that student ranking was discussed at the last meeting, November 8, 2017. At that time it was suggested that additional information be provided, and Mr. Ciappetta thanked Dr. Bennardo for securing the data. Dr. Bennardo shared that of the 20 colleges that were asked if ranking was taken into consideration when reviewing a student's college application, only four colleges indicated that ranking would be considered if presented. A fifth college, Villanova University, stated that it was considered when available. The other 15 colleges either indicated it was not considered, or not considered with significance. To the subsequent question if we do not rank our students, would this negatively impact the college admission's decision to accept the student in any manner, all the colleges responded that it would not impact the decision, with only Villanova adding that it would take a closer look at the counselor's secondary report and transcript if a rank was not available. With that information shared, the question was posed as to how the district would proceed without a ranking system. Dr. Bennardo answered with the use of percentiles—there would be a top 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% and an under 50% category. Mr. Ciappetta questioned if students needed the ranking, could it be obtained, to which Dr. Bennardo responded affirmatively. Dr. Bennardo added that there were times when the rank was required for scholarships. Mr. Nitkewicz asked Dr. Bennardo and Principal Murphy what they would prefer; both gentlemen indicated the percentiles. Mrs. Carey indicated her support, and subsequently each Board member agreed to support the percentile method and eliminate ranking. Consensus of the Board was reached accordingly, and Dr. Bennardo thanked the Board for their backing and shared that the percentiles will begin with next year's senior class.

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

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the parent request to have her senior daughter remain at Walt Whitman High School for the balance of the 2017/2018 school year so that she may graduate with her classmates.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Lead
Evaluators of
Teachers:**

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

Whereas, the South Huntington School District has provided appropriate training for its lead evaluators, which includes dependent observers, in accordance with §30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and

Whereas, §30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires lead evaluators to be certified as qualified lead evaluators in accordance with the requirements set forth under §30-3.10 and the training plan designed for certification of lead evaluators set forth in the District's APPR Plan, for the purpose of conducting and/or completing the evaluation of teachers pursuant to Education Law §30-3.10-

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d; and

Whereas, the individuals named below have successfully completed a training course that meets the requirements prescribed in §30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, effective November 29, 2017, the South Huntington School District certifies the following individual as a lead evaluator:

Jonathan Macaluso, Supervisor of School Guidance, K-12.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the
District-Wide
Safety Committee
Parent
Representative:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves Ms. Lori Pirozzi, WWHS PTA President, to the current District-Wide Safety Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

At Mr. Ciappetta's request, Dr. Centamore reported that the addition of Ms. Pirozzi to the District-Wide Safety Committee fills a vacancy, and a meeting will be scheduled after January 1st of the new year.

**Request for New
Course Approval:**

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the new course, Advanced Placement Art History, commencing in the 2018/2019 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 771-774.

Motion carried unanimously.

At Mr. Ciappetta's request, Dr. Bloom shared that this was a Humanities course and yet another addition to the Advanced Placement courses currently offered at Walt Whitman High School. It was reported that there were 29 advanced placement courses at the high school.

**Obsolete School
Buses/Facility
Vehicles, Various
Items, and
Library Books:**

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves amending the agenda to combine the three requests to declare School Buses/Facility Vehicles, Various Items, and Library Books obsolete with one vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares the following items as obsolete: School Buses/Facility Vehicles, Kitchen Equipment, Lawnmowers/Snow Blowers, Copiers, Print Room Cutter, and Library Books from the Oakwood Primary School, a copy of each request made part of these legal minutes, pp. 775-792.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the items were purchased with tax-payers money, and, therefore, this obsolete declaration provided accountability with the process.

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School Law Conference Attendance: Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the attendance of four Board of Education members to attend the Annual School Law Conference on December 8, 2017, presented by the Suffolk and Nassau Academies of Law and the Education Law Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau County Bar Associations.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Physical Education Plan: 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 Physical Education Plan for the South Huntington School District for the 2017/2018 through the 2024/2025 school year.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Sign an Agreement of Sale for the Depot Road Property: 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 authorizes the Board President to sign an agreement of sale regarding the Depot Road property, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 793-814.
Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo explained that the District had a tentative agreement for the sale of the property on Depot Road and will be executing same within the next several days. The sale of the property will be placed on the May 15, 2018, ballot as the second proposition.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated October 4, 17, 18, 20, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 14, 2017,, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated August 15, September 27, 29, October 24, November 2, 9, 13, 14, 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. 815-833.
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. 834-847, and authorizes implementation thereof:
Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)
Schedule 13: Salary Change (Instructional)
Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 17: Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

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

Schedule 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Reports:

1. Invitation to Eagle Court of Honor for James Reilly, January 6, 2018
2. Nawrocki Smith's Final Report on Internal Controls to the Student Services Cycle
3. Upcoming Events at Stimson from Principal Smith
4. Student Letter re Natural Helpers Club from Principal Murphy
5. Whitman Dance Team Thank You Letters from Superintendent
6. Student Letter to "Front" Production Participants from Superintendent
7. Personnel Postings

Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 17, 2017

1. Letter from Kathleen Aliperti re Incident and Resignation Form
2. Long-Islander Article on Presentation of Diploma to World War II Veteran
3. Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2017
4. Letter to Girls Soccer Team re Season from Superintendent
5. Letter to Marching Band re Season from Superintendent
6. Letter to Boys Varsity Volleyball Team re Season from Superintendent
7. Student Letter to National Honor Society Members from Principal Murphy
8. Personnel Postings
9. Student Letter re Algebra Regents from Principal Murphy and Math Supervisor Matt Murphy

Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 9, 2017

1. Parent Letter re Non-Sanctioned Trips from Principal Murphy
2. Parent Letter re Progress Report Nights from Principal Murphy
3. Parent Letter re Student's Academic Performance from Principal Murphy
4. Student Enrollment Report as of October 31, 2017
5. Annual Risk Assessment from Nawrocki Smith
6. Audit Committee Agenda for November 15, 2017
7. Facilities Committee Agenda for November 14, 2017

Committee Updates:

Mr. Nitkewicz reported on the recent Audit Committee meeting and was pleased to report that the process does not present with any "gotcha" incidents. The areas reviewed were done so as a cycle review, and the report was clean.

Mr. Ciappetta shared that the Facilities Committee will meet again in the following week. Good progress was being made in the Conference Room at the James Kaden Administrative Offices. Mr. Ciappetta shared that the Conference Room will be the flagship of the District. Additionally, he mentioned that the work at the Walt Whitman Student Services office began. Mr. Ciappetta recapped the earlier bid award approved this evening, and stated that the Morton building will replace the garage at the Teen Center. The bid award also involved upgrades with drainage issues. The next phase will be exterior improvements to the Teen Center building. Mr. Ciappetta spoke of the \$150,000 grant that Senator Marcellino and

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Assemblyman Lupinacci assisted with the District securing, and monies will be utilized for improvements for the inside of the Teen Center. Mr. Ciappetta spoke of the tour taken of Memorial—the boilers have aged out, their functionality was practically non-existent, and parts needed for repair were impossible to secure. Ventilation issues exist, and the building required major upgrades that will be impossible to implement within the school budget. A list was being compiled and it was likely that a Capital Bond will be required. Mr. Ciappetta added that a Facilities Survey was provided to residents of the district, and the responses will assist with significant feedback relative to the Capital Bond project.

Mr. Joyner reported on the most recent SHEF meeting and shared that the fundraising gala event will be held on April 19, 2018. Three individuals will be honored, and information pertaining to the event will be provided after the new year. Mr. Joyner also mentioned that SHEF was in the process of developing a new logo. The next SHEF meeting was scheduled for January.

**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:**

Mr. Ciappetta welcomed two former students who attended the meeting—Justin Ullman and Michael Morck, both of the Class of 2017.

**Voice of the
Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

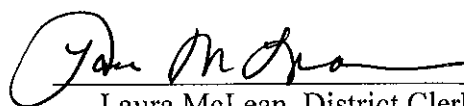
Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 769 through 847.