

June 11, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, in the Leadership Conference Room, of the James Kaden Administrative Offices, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York.

**Present: Board Members:**

President  
Vice President

Mr. Ciappetta  
Mrs. Carey  
Mr. Bronson  
Mrs. DeGaetano  
Mr. Joyner  
Mrs. LaCara

**Staff:**

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

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

**Not Present:** Mr. Nitkewicz, Board Member  
Dr. Harris, Deputy Superintendent

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

**Executive Session:** Motion by Mr. Joyner, 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 Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:09 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Eagle Scout Project Presentation:** 11<sup>th</sup> grade student John Dugan of Boy Scout Troop 34 greeted the Board and Cabinet members and shared that he was a Life Scout with ambition to advance to Eagle Scout. His service project was for Walt Whitman High School, continuing the path leading to the Koi pond courtyard to the bench that was recently constructed by a fellow scout's Eagle project. John added that he hoped to start June 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ciappetta and John exchanged a handshake, and both Mr. Ciappetta and Dr. Bennardo thanked John for selecting the high school for the service project. Mr. Ciappetta signed the appropriate paperwork agreeing to the project.

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

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**Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):** Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve the following items:

**Minutes:** Minutes of Board meeting held on April 24, 2018

**Bids:** The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1627-1631.

Main Office Renovation at WWHS  
SED No. 58-04-13-03-0-010-053  
Contract G1 – General Construction Work

<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	General Fund	Warrant 112	\$210,279.18
	School Lunch	Warrant 48	\$64.00
	Special Aid (F)	Warrant 50	\$17,704.58
	Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 33	\$1,532.44

Weekly Packet of June 1, 2018

General Fund	Warrant 111	\$1,960,102.98
School Lunch	Warrant 47	\$29,043.52
	V044	(\$114.00)
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 49	\$76,665.50
Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 32	\$25,997.59

Weekly Packet of May 25, 2018

General Fund	Warrant 109	\$189,916.08
	110	\$2,275.55
	V109	(\$4,551.10)
School Lunch	Warrant 46	\$25,526.38
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 48	\$3,287.50
Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 31	\$9,778.45

Weekly Packet of May 18, 2018

General Fund	Warrant 107	\$942,135.35
	108	\$4,670.79
School Lunch	Warrant 45	\$9,351.66
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 46	\$14,206.22
	47	\$800.00
Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 30	\$176,350.17

**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.

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**Approval of  
Conference Over  
\$1,500:**

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 travel/conference request for Mr. Corey Blair to attend the American School Counselor Association's annual conference from July 14, 2018 through July 17, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of OMNI  
Services  
Agreement:**

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 approves the OMNI Services Agreement Reinstatement for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Hiring  
of Personnel:**

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

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent may approve the hiring of personnel in June, as well as the summer period.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the parental request to have their two daughters remain in the South Huntington School District for the balance of the current school year; parents to provide transportation to and from school accordingly, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1632-1633.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Revision to the  
Phillip Martin  
Schaffer 2018  
Scholarship:**

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 revision to the Phillip Martin Schaffer 2018 Scholarship in which the total of \$4,000 be distributed as four \$1,000 scholarships, two for male students, two for female students, as opposed to the previous \$2,000 for one male and one female student.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Revision to Board  
of Education  
Meeting Dates for  
2018/2019:**

Mr. Bronson moved, with a second from Mrs. Carey, to table this matter until the June 13, 2018, Board of Education meeting.

Motion, to table, carried unanimously.

**Approval of the  
NYSSBA Area 12  
Nomination:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, second by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby nominates Fred Langstaff to the position of Area 12 Director for the New York State School Boards Association.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Revision to the  
Wildcat Youth  
Wrestling Club  
Scholarship:**

Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the revision to the Wildcat Youth Wrestling Club Scholarship to the "Vincent Altebrando Youth Wildcat Wrestling Scholar-Athlete Award," for two students annually, \$500 for each student.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Revision to the  
2018/2019 School  
Calendar:**

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 revision to the 2018/2019 school calendar reflecting the elimination of Superintendent's Conference Day on November 6, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the recently approved SHTA MOA reduced the number of Superintendent Conference Days from three days to two days, and as such, the November SCD was removed from the calendar.

**Approval of the  
Family Service  
League Agreement:**

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 Family Service League Agreement regarding the Universal Pre-K Program for the period of time from August 20, 2018, through June 27, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo shared that the District looked forward to having the Universal Pre-K program in-district as it will certainly assist in establishing a closer connection to our pre-K families. The program will be housed in both Oakwood and Countrywood.

**Approval of  
Summer Field  
Trip:**

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the summer field trip for twenty 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to travel to SUNY Oswego, July 6-9, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo reported that Mr. Blair will accompany these students and was instrumental in orchestrating the trip. Principal Murphy added that the students participating were selected by their guidance counselors/teachers and would benefit from such motivation, which was the desired outcome.

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**Spirit of  
Huntington  
Resolution:**

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

WHEREAS, New York State Education Law Section 403-a authorizes a board of education to lease real property that is not currently needed for school district purposes; and

WHEREAS, Spirit of Huntington desires to lease a certain portion of the premises located at 2 Melville Road for operation of a creative arts therapy program, educational programs offered to students and members of the community and other approved programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has confirmed that the same portion of the premises located at 2 Melville Road is not currently needed for District purposes and that the lease between the District and Spirit of Huntington is in the best interests of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby authorizes the lease of the portion of 2 Melville Road to Spirit of Huntington subject to the preparation of a written agreement by counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District authorizes the Board President to execute the written Lease Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Centamore was asked to provide additional information; he stated that the agreement was for the summer months, and pertained to an art studio on the first floor. Dr. Centamore added our students would benefit from the programs that were offered by the Spirit of Huntington during July and August.

**Approval of  
Scholarship  
Checks:**

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 release of scholarship checks from the SHUFSD Scholarship Fund in accordance with the memorandum from the Supervisor of Guidance dated June 11, 2018, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1634.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Information and Reports:**

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1. Enrollment Report for May, 2018
2. Personnel Postings
3. Countrywood Chronicle, June 2018
4. Miles for Michael Thank You Letters from Mrs. Buhse
5. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Ceremony Congratulatory Letters from Superintendent

Information Sent to Board Week Ending June 1, 2018

1. Ingerman Smith Memo re Employee Anti-Sexual Harassment Requirements
2. National Honor Society Congratulatory Letters from Superintendent
3. Personnel Postings
4. Principal's Newsletter-Oakwood-June 2018
5. The Long-Islander

Information Sent to Board Week Ending May 25, 2018

1. Invitation to Military Breakfast to Board from Principal Murphy
2. Project Excel Closing Celebration Flyer
3. Personnel Postings
4. SCOPE Save the Date August 9<sup>th</sup> Welcome Fest at Bourne Mansion
5. National Jr. Honor Society Letters from Superintendent
6. Student Letter re Regents Prep from Principal Murphy
7. Invitation to Board re 88<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony at WWHS

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**

Mr. Ciappetta shared that this was the time of year when there were so many celebratory events to attend—Project Excel's Closing Celebration, the Military Breakfast, the Michael Curtin Citizenship Awards, the Ambassadors Club Dinner—at least three to four events each night. He added there was a true sense of excitement permeating the District.

**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

**Executive Session:**

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Motion carried unanimously.

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

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**Adjournment:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by LaCara, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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



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Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President



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Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1627 through 1634.