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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on June 13, 2018, in the Performing Arts Center of Walt Whitman High School, 401 West Hills Road, 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  
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 Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:38 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walt Whitman High School student Pamela Carey sang the National Anthem and received the applause of a packed Performing Arts Center.

**National Merit  
Scholarship  
Recipients:**

Principal Murphy provided a warm welcome to the Board of Education, administrators, parents and most importantly, the Class of 2018. Principal Murphy stated that these students were the best and brightest that our high school and Nation had to offer. Principal Murphy proudly shared that once again Walt Whitman High School was a silver award top-ten ranked high school in Suffolk County. Our fine standing and reputation provided over 11.4 million dollars in scholarships last year; this year, the donations were over 22 million dollars. These awards speak to the dedication and commitment and effort of our students and their families and staff. Principal Murphy introduced Board of Education

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President Mr. Ciappetta. Principal Murphy proudly stated that there were three seniors in the audience who received the most prestigious National Merit Scholarship award—only 2,000 awards were provided nationwide. Principal Murphy shared that having one National Merit Scholarship recipient was beyond impressive, having three in this Class of 2018, was of tremendous significance.

Mr. Ciappetta shared that in his 14 years of serving on the Board of Education, there may have been one National Merit Scholarship recipient, but having three seniors receive this extraordinary award was remarkable and an extremely proud moment for the Board, administration, teachers and support staff. The three students—Joseph Van Gostein, Joshua Joseph, and Kentaro Matsushima—were called to the podium where certificates were provided to each recognizing this amazing accomplishment. The three young men received an enormous round of applause from the audience.

**Senior Awards  
Presentation:**

Assistant Principal Varlamos welcomed all present and expressed his pleasure with paying tribute to the Class of 2018. He reminisced on previous senior award presentations where he spoke of gratitude, honor, support and commitment. This year, he shared, was love. Mr. Varlamos stated the dictionary defines love as a deep emotion, having and showing great interest. Tonight, he stated, that love will be expressed for each senior with deep appreciation for the gifts of their talents. Mr. Varlamos spoke of the mourning for Coach Vincent Altebrando this past April, and the love demonstrated during this grieving period for his family and colleagues. He reminded the Class of 2018 that change in the world was needed and possible, and the students present this evening were the right people to initiate change.

Students were called upon to receive scholarships/awards and photographs were taken with the student and the presenter of the scholarship. At the conclusion, Mr. Ciappetta called for a brief recess.

**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 Mrs. Carey, seconded by Bronson, 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 May 8 and May 15, 2018

**Investment  
Accounts:**

Schedule of Investment Accounts, as of April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1645.

**Treasurer's  
Report:**

Treasurer's Report, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1646.

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<b>Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:</b>	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1647-1665.
<b>Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:</b>	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, as of April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1666.
<b>Revenue Status Report, General Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, for April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1667.
<b>Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1668.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1669.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1670.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, for April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1671-1678.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, for April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1679.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, for April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1680-1681.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, for April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1682.
<b>Budgetary Transfer Report:</b>	Budgetary Transfer Report, for April, 2018, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 1683.

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**Tax Levy Schedule:** Tax Levy Schedule, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1684.

**Library Tax Levy:** Library Tax Levy, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1684.

**Extraclassroom Activity Fund:** Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, April, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1685-1692.

**Bids:** The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1693-1802.

Schedule No. 19-02	Direct Diversion
Schedule No. 19-03	Bread
Schedule No. 19-04	Bagels
Schedule No. 19-05	Canned Goods/Staples
Schedule No. 19-06	Dairy
Schedule No. 19-07	Snacks
Schedule No. 19-08	Frozen
Schedule No. 19-09	Paper/Disposables/Cleaning Supplies
Schedule No. 19-10	Ice Cream without Equipment
Schedule No. 19-11	Meat
Schedule No. 19-13	Drinks
Schedule No. 19-33	Smallwares
Schedule No. 19-34	Miscellaneous Large Equipment
Schedule No. 19-38	Custodial Contract Supplies
Schedule No. 19-46	Cesspool/Wastelines/Sewerjets Maintenance & Repairs
Schedule No. 19-01R	Student Accident Insurance
Schedule No. 19-02R	Third-Party Flexible Spending Administrator
Schedule No. 19-03R	Accountant
Schedule No. 19-04R	Actuarial Consultant

**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.

**Approval of Donation from Garden City Mazda:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the \$2,500 donation to the District from Garden City Mazda to be used exclusively for the co-sponsorship of the "Next Generation STEAM Competition."

Be it Further Resolved, as the donation was made for a student specific purpose, the budget code for same to be increased accordingly.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Approval of  
Donation from  
Mathnasium:**

Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the \$1,200 donation to the District from Mathnasium; \$600 to be used exclusively for a recycled bench for Silas Wood and \$600 to be used exclusively for the sponsorship of the Silas Wood newsletter.

Be it Further Resolved, as the donation was made for a student-specific purpose, the budget codes for each to be increased accordingly.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of SHTA  
Mini-Grants:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the five applications as submitted by Mr. Fallon's memorandum of June 5, 2018, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1803.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of  
Contract Extension  
for Dishwashing  
Cleaning Supplies:**

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 Contract Extension for Dishwashing Cleaning Supplies, Schedule No. 19-12, for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of  
Fire Alarm  
Inspection Services:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby rejects Bid No. 19-24, Fire Alarm and Inspection Service. Motion to oppose the bid, as submitted, was unanimous.

**Donation of  
Vitamix Blenders:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation from the American Dairy Association of four industrial-sized Vitamix blenders to the District, valued at \$12,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation to the  
WWHS  
Ambassadors Club:**

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 amending the agenda combining the three Ambassador Club donations to one motion.

Motion to amend the agenda 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 three donations to the Walt Whitman High School Ambassadors Club as follows: \$1,000 from the Nitkewicz and Henry Families, \$1,000 from Parents Dreu and Joanne Williams, and \$1,000 from Parents Christine and Bill Stanton.

Be it Further Resolved, as the donations were made for a student-specific

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purpose, the budget code for same to be increased accordingly.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta commended Mr. Nitkewicz for making the donation public at the Ambassadors Club Dinner that served to inspire two other families to donate to this worthy program.

Mr. Nitkewicz shared that the Ambassadors Club was very personal to him. He spoke highly of WWHS student Matt Williams who was instrumental in taking the club to new heights this past year.

**Approval of the  
SHAA MOA:**

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

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement made between the South Huntington Union Free School District and the South Huntington Administrators' Association on June 8, 2018;

Be it Further Resolved, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign a more formal agreement in conformity with the above referenced agreement, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1804-1806.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the Memorandum of Agreement is for five years, which will provide the District with stability.

**Confidential  
Personnel  
Resolution:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves a Second Amendment to the employment contract of Dr. Joseph T. Centamore dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1807-1808.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential  
Personnel  
Resolution:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves a Second Amendment to the employment contract of Dr. Jared Bloom dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, 1809-1810.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential  
Personnel  
Resolution:**

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 salary increase of 2.15% for the 2018/2019 school year. Be it Further Resolved that all other contractual provisions remain as previously stated.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Approval of the Request to Attend 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 approves the non-resident tuition arrangement between the District and the Bolger family for the 2018/2019 school year.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Bronson, 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 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 27, 28, 30, April 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, May 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, June 4, 2018, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated January 9, March 12, 26, 27, April 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 24, 26, May 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 15, 22, 25, 2018, 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. 1811-1870.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution and Mr. Nitkewicz seconded its adoption:

Whereas, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approved the 2018/2019 Board of Education Meeting Dates at the Board Meeting of March 14, 2018, and;

Whereas, the need for an additional June Board meeting date was desirous by the Board of Education, as well as rescheduling the Organization and Summer Business Meeting date;

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the revision to the Board of Education 2018/2019 Meeting Dates reflecting the July 5, 2018, Organization and Summer Business Meeting, as well as the June 5 and June 19, 2019, Business Meeting dates, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1871-1873.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential Personnel Resolution:**

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby authorizes and approves a retirement agreement with Dr. Jacqueline Harris dated June 13, 2018, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1874-1880.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta shared that Dr. Harris, who was with the District for over a decade, has brought the Student Services Department to a much better place than where it was when she started. Mr. Ciappetta thanked Dr.

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Harris for her service to the District.

Mr. Nitkewicz thanked Dr. Harris for her work with the Special Education Department adding that he was here before Dr. Harris came to the District and can attest to the improvement of the special education program.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Joyner, 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. 1881-1920, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 4: Coordinator/Department Chairperson Assignments  
 Schedule 6: Summer School Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 8: Re-Employment to Positions (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 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 19: Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)  
 Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta welcomed Dr. Kendall Richards as the high school's newly appointed Administrative Dean. Mr. Ciappetta added that Dr. Richards had a Ph.D. in Education, was a Licensed Master Social Worker, with a background that will lend itself quite nicely to our learning family.

Additionally, Mr. Ciappetta shared that Mr. Mitch Levy, was appointed as the new principal of the Countrywood Primary Center. On behalf of the Board, he wished Mr. Levy much success as he moves his office across the District.

**Comments from  
Board Members  
and Staff:**

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the 2017/2018 school year was a successful year for the District; great strides were made and great progress. The year started with the dedication of the James Kaden Administrative Offices, and ended with the dedication of the Wrestling Room at Walt Whitman High School to Coach Vince Altebrando.

Mr. Ciappetta complimented Mrs. Carey with her work with the



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Curriculum Committee. With every Board meeting there was a presentation that spoke to a different segment of the curriculum providing a deep understanding of progress made.

Mr. Ciappetta complimented Mr. Bronson with his work with chairing the Policy Review Committee. He added that he looked forward to having the policy manual streamlined.

Mr. Ciappetta stated that Mr. Joyner certainly added a new excitement to our SHEF Committee and thanked Mr. Joyner for his work with the successful Gala event this past April.

Mr. Ciappetta proudly recognized the following accomplishments that were Board directed:

- The recognition for non-instructional staff members;
- Efforts with the tenure process streamlining;
- Increased enrollment with the Dual-Language Program;
- A five-year contract with the Administrators' Association with credit provided to Dr. Centamore and Dr. Bloom;
- A six-year contract with the Teachers' Association with credit provided to both negotiating teams. The contract provides stability for the District and appreciation for our instructional staff.

Mr. Ciappetta recognized his six fellow Board members and expressed his appreciation for their commitment, dedication, and support of one another in doing what was best for the students of South Huntington. He added that even when there was disagreement, discussions were civil and respectful. Mr. Ciappetta expressed that this type of courteous behavior is not the norm in other districts—he knew that—and added that it was a pleasure to work with each Board member.

Mr. Nitkewicz commended Mr. Ciappetta in his role this past year as President. He added that Mr. Ciappetta had the “large shoes” of Jim Kaden to fill, but he did fill those “shoes,” and did so quite well. Mr. Nitkewicz stated he was proud of Mr. Ciappetta as President, and Mrs. Carey as Vice President, and was honored to call them both friends.

Mr. Joyner shared that this meeting concluded his first year on the Board, and it was both a pleasure and privilege to serve in this manner. The experience went beyond his expectations. He stated that he had served on other boards, and can also attest that it is not as harmonious as this Board of Education. He thanked his fellow Board members.

Mr. Bronson echoed Mr. Joyner's comments.

**Voice of the**

Visitors were invited to participate.

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**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:15 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 1645 through 1920.