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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, August 14, 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

Mr. Nitkewicz

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools

Asst. Supt. for Business & District Operations

Asst. Supt. for Instruction & Curriculum

Asst. Supt. for Student Services

Personnel Administrator

District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo

Dr. Centamore

Dr. Bloom

Mrs. Popilo

Mr. Fallon

Mrs. McLean

Not Present: Mrs. DeGaetano

Mr. Joyner

Mrs. LaCara

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. Carey, 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. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Pledge of
Allegiance:**

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:33 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ciappetta asked the audience to remain standing, and introduced WWHS student Janna Garden, who performed the National Anthem meticulously and received robust applause from the audience.

**Eagle Scout
Plaque
Presentation:**

Mr. Ciappetta welcomed the Eagle Scouts in the audience who were part of an exclusive and prestigious club, as well as Mr. Calev, President of the Suffolk County Boy Scouts of America, and Mr. Smith, the Commissioner of the Matinecock District. Mr. Ciappetta reminded the audience that this club included former President Gerald Ford, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Neil Armstrong and Stephen Spielberg. Mr. Ciappetta added that entry to this club was gained only through

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years of dedication, perseverance, and community service. Mr. Ciappetta stated that this evening we were dedicating a lasting symbol of pride and respect for those who attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank offered by the Boy Scouts of America. On a personal note, Mr. Ciappetta added that he had the opportunity over the past 14 years to attend many Eagle Scout ceremonies, and he attested that each is special; what was apparent was that each young man was intelligent, polite and surrounded by a loving family, as well as admiring friends. The idea for this recognition was borne two years ago when Walt Whitman High School tied a national record with 11 Eagle Scouts in the Class of 2017. Tonight was a celebration of this remarkable accomplishment, reflecting so positively on our community, our parents, our schools, and the fine, young men who had graced the halls of Walt Whitman High School. The idea had expanded to include every Eagle Scout that graduated from Walt Whitman High School, and gratitude was provided to Principal John Murphy and Mr. Lee Nober, Director of Special Projects, as well as the Suffolk County Matinecock District Council for their assistance. Mr. Ciappetta proudly announced that the plaque contained 199 Eagle Scout names and shared the first Eagle Scout honored in each troop:

- Troop 34, Robert Furguson, 1952
- Troop 406, Eugene Vouzzo, 1972
- Troop 106, Nelson Vetter, 1974
- Troop 218, Daniel Cohen, 1991

Mr. Ciappetta introduced Mr. Calev, and Mr. Calev shared that this public recognition was a great event. He noted the four troops associated with the Eagle Scouts that were part of the Matinecock District. Mr. Calev spoke of the recent direction of girls being allowed into the Boy Scouts, and of the great adventure children of both genders can experience. Mr. Calev thanked the Board of Education for this honor and their continued support for the Boy Scouts of America. He concluded with praise and respect for each Eagle Scout represented on the plaque.

Mr. Ciappetta introduced Mr. Smith, who was gracious in his appreciation to the Board of Education. Mr. Smith added that only 8% of scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, and noted how remarkable it was to have so many in the room this evening. He shared it was a great honor to be among them, and thanked everyone for this recognition.

Mr. Ciappetta thanked both gentlemen for their remarks. Mr. Ciappetta asked the Eagle Scouts and the Board of Education to gather by the plaque. Mr. Ciappetta humbly stated that these young men have a great depth of humanity—the entire Leadership Conference Room was filled to standing-room capacity—and added that he had and always will appreciate each of them. With that, Mr. Ciappetta unveiled the Eagle Scout Plaque containing 199 names as a significant and touching tribute to our South Huntington Eagle Scouts.

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**Eagle Scout
Project Proposal
Presentation:**

Life Scout Scott Martin addressed the Board of Education and provided each with his Eagle Scout project proposal. Scott shared his plan was for a "Welcome" area by the entrance of Walt Whitman High School that included two benches and a concrete paw print, which he believed would translate to leaving one's mark in this world. He hoped to inspire the students to do great things in their school, their community and in the world. The project would start in late October and end in early November. Both Mr. Ciappetta and Dr. Bennardo shared positive comments regarding Scott's idea. Dr. Bennardo thanked Scott for including the high school for his project. Scott received a round of applause from the Board of Education and Cabinet members indicating their support for his proposal.

**Adoption of
Agenda:**

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

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

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 approve the following items:

Minutes:

Minutes of Board meeting held on July 5, 2018.

**Schedule of
Investment
Accounts:**

Schedule of Investment Accounts, as of May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 197-198.

**Treasurer's
Report:**

Treasurer's Report, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 199-200.

**Monthly Trial
Balance and Bank
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 201-238.

**Monthly
Collateral
Reconciliation:**

Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, as of May, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 239.

**Revenue Status
Report, General
Fund:**

Revenue Status Report, General Fund, for May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 240-241.

**Revenue Status
Report, School
Lunch Fund:**

Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 242-243.

**Revenue Status
Report, Special
Aid Fund:**

Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp.244-245.

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Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund: Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 246-247.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, for May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 248-263.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, for May/June, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 264-265.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, for May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 266-269.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, for May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 270-271.

Budgetary Transfer Report: Budgetary Transfer Report, for May/June, 2018, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 272-274.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 275-276.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 275-276.

Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report: Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, May/June, 2018, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 277-292.

Bids: The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 293-305.
 Ed-Data Awards Letter Schedule #19-15
 Contract Transportation Schedule #19-68

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General (A)	Warrant 12	\$10,067.14
		13	\$224,378.44
		14	\$194.01
		V000	(\$4,730.00)

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School Lunch	Warrant 4	\$797.02
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 4	\$18,397.03
Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 3	\$21,845.00
General (A)	Warrant 9	\$22,018.71
	10	\$405,404.44
	11	\$1,672.35
School Lunch	Warrant 3	\$4.25
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 2	\$49,751.84
	3	\$15,000.00
Capital Checking (H)	2	\$30,461.06
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of July 27, 2018</u>		
General (A)	Warrant 6	\$2,216,213.59
	V0007	(\$11,666.67)
	8	\$11,666.67
School Lunch	Warrant 1	\$2,055.00
	2	\$5,061.45
Special Aid (F)	Warrant 1	\$38,319.59
Capital Checking (H)	Warrant 1	\$29,823.00

**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 Field
Trip:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip to the MetLife Stadium, N.J., to attend a N.Y. Giants football game on August 24, 2018, for the Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

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 approves the parent request to have their child begin Kindergarten at Oakwood Primary School with transportation provided by the family.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Poprilo shared the final inspection for the new house construction was to be completed in September. Follow-up will be conducted by Mrs. Poprilo.

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**Approval of
Donation from
Mathnasium:**

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 \$1,200 donation from Mathnasium to be used exclusively for the purchase of name tags for the sixth-grade ChromeBooks. 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.

**Approval of
Donation from
Platinum
Properties:**

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 \$1,250 donation from Platinum Properties to be used exclusively for the sponsorship of Spotlight. Be it Further Resolved, as the donation was made for a specific purpose, the budget code for same to be increased accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Donation from
District Resident:**

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 \$18,700 donation from a district resident representing the monies paid to her when employed by the district from January of 2014 to September of 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Foster
Grandparent
Program:**

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 approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Federation of Organizations and the Countrywood/Oakwood Primary Schools, and the Birchwood/Maplewood Intermediate Schools, for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential
Personnel
Resolution:**

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 administrative contract for the Personnel Administrator commencing July 1, 2018, through a date to be determined, with terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 306-308.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Contract for
Musical
Consultant:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the contract for the Musical Consultant commencing July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, with terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Approval of
Revision to Board
Policy §5660,
School Food
Service Program,
and Approval of
Policy §5661,
School Lunch
Charging and
Debt Policy**

All appropriate groups have had the opportunity to provide input and, as such, the policies are now being submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. After discussion, the Board of Education took the following action:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that Policy §5660, School Food Service Program, be amended as submitted; and §5661, School Lunch Charging and Debt Policy, be adopted as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Declaration of
Obsolete Items:**

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 proclaims the Summer Literacy Program materials and old, outdated lockers stored at the Memorial site as obsolete, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 309-313.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Participation in
the National
School Lunch
Program and
Approval of
Income Eligibility
Guidelines &
Policy Statement:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Participation in the National School Lunch Program for the 2018/2019 school year, as well as the approval of the Income Eligibility Guidelines and Policy Statement for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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, 9, 23, April 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, June 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, July 3, 8, 9, 12, 16, 18, 25, 26, August 1, 2, 6, 2018, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated March 12, 26, May 18, 29, June 4, 5, 12, 14, 15, 21, 26, July 9, 11, 12, 31, 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. 314-387.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Building-Level
Emergency
Response Plans:**

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 Building-Level Emergency Response Plans for the 2018/2019 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**Approval of the
Vincent
Altebrando
Memorial
Scholarship:**

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

WHEREAS, there was an outpouring of emotional and financial support provided after the passing of Coach Vincent Altebrando in April of this past year from various district organizations; and

WHEREAS, these funds have been held in abeyance until a decision was reached as to the best mechanism to channel the money directly to the family; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the VINCENT ALTEBRANDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP to be awarded in the month of June of each year that one or more of Vince Altebrando's daughters are enrolled in a college or university.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Non-
Resident Tuition
Contract:**

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 tuition agreement between the District and the parents of the non-resident student for the 2018/2019 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 388-390.

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. 391-410, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

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 10: Tenure Appointments

Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 12: Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave

Schedule 13: Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)

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

Schedule 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Information and Reports:

1. Audit Committee Agenda for August 13, 2018
2. Free/Reduced Policy Annual News Release Materials from S. Buhse
3. Ingerman Smith re Follow-up to Implementation of the Supreme Court's Decision in "Janus"
4. Ingerman Smith re Re-registration and Residency Verification Programs
5. Ingerman Smith re Education Law §2053
6. Ingerman Smith re FOIL re Voting Registration Procedures
7. Personnel Postings
8. SMS/SW Summer Mailing-Back to School Letter

Information Sent to Board Week Ending July 27, 2018

1. Ingerman Smith re Implementation of Janus Decision Opinion Letter
2. The Long-Islander
3. Personnel Posting

Committee Updates:

Audit Committee: Mr. Bronson reported that the Audit Committee had met the night before and had reviewed the Claims Audit Report. Additionally there had been discussion on security—namely, the data disaster recovery plan. The next meeting was scheduled in September where the outside auditors will report to the Committee.

Facilities Committee: Mr. Ciappetta reported that the summer projects were on track; the WWHS main office renovation was going well. The fire-proof doors were delayed, which was anticipated. The Stimson Middle School basketball court should be open this year as work was progressing. The high school turf replacement paperwork was scheduled for submission to the State in a timely manner.

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the focus of the Facilities Committee this year will be a bond development timeline, addressing the infrastructure and security improvements, with an anticipated public vote in November of 2019.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mr. Ciappetta informed the audience of the newly created Special Education Transition Committee that Mr. Nitkewicz will chair. The Committee was charged with determining how best to ensure success to our students moving forward, starting with examining the District's policies and needs of the students. Mr. Ciappetta looked forward to their fine work.

Mr. Ciappetta announced the new 2018/2019 administrative appointments:

Ms. April Poprilo – Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
 Mr. Thomas Keogh – Assistant Principal, Birchwood Intermediate School
 Ms. Michele Davis – Assistant Principal, Maplewood Intermediate School
 Dr. Alison Bruno – Supervisor of Curricula Services
 Mr. Mitch Levy – Principal, Countrywood Primary School
 Dr. Kendall Richards – Administrative Dean, Walt Whitman High School
 Dr. Annie Michaelian – Assistant Principal, Oakwood Primary School
 Mr. Corey Blair – Assistant Principal for Guidance.

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Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

Adjournment:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 197 through 410.