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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on September 12, 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
Mrs. LaCara
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
Ms. Poprilo
Mr. Fallon
Mrs. McLean

Not Present: Mr. Joyner

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 staff member.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:42 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Mr. Ciappetta welcomed the audience to the first meeting of the 2018/2019 school year. He then highlighted the number of years each board member has served—Mrs. LaCara, 13 years; Mr. Nitkewicz, 10 years; Mrs. DeGaetano, 7 years; Mrs. Carey, 6 years, and Messrs. Joyner and Bronson, 2 years. Mr. Ciappetta added that this was his 15th year of serving.

Recognition of Preston Park, "Sportskid of the Month" by Sports Illustrated Mr. Ciappetta called Birchwood student Preston Park to the podium and announced that the summer was a very busy one for Preston as he earned a total of five medals from national and international Taekwondo Championships and was ranked first nationally in his age group in the Black Belt Division. Furthermore, Mr. Ciappetta continued, Preston was selected

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by Sports Illustrated as the August 2018 “Sportskid of the Month.” Preston won the Bronze in Black Belt board breaking when he broke all 30 pine boards within three minutes, and then he won the Bronze in Black Belt WTF Individual Male Poomsae. His winning streak continued with a Gold medal in Olympic Style Sparring at the 2018 USA Taekwondo National Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah. Preston represented the USA in the 2018 World Taekwondo Jeju Korea Open International Championship where he won Silver in Olympic Style Sparring. He also won the Bronze in Black Belt Poomsae making him the only athlete to win two medals out of 3,000 athletes from all over the world. Mr. Ciappetta announced the video clip highlighting the events of the past summer. At the video’s conclusion, Preston received overwhelming applause from the audience.

Mr. Ciappetta presented Preston with a Certificate of Achievement, as well as the highly respected “Key to the District” in recognition of his amazing accomplishments and for representing the South Huntington learning community and the United States of America with such distinction and honor. Preston received the certificate and the ceremonial key with maturity and grace beyond his years. Photographs were taken to commemorate the moment.

**Patriotic
Employer Award
Presentation by
the U.S.
Department of
Defense:**

Mr. Jim and Mrs. Lisa Dagostino, representing the U.S. Department of Defense, were introduced by Board President Ciappetta. Mr. Dagostino asked Senior Chief Keith Gungel (it should be noted that Senior Chief Gungel was in full Naval attire) to the podium and shared with the audience that it was Senior Chief Keith Gungel who nominated Stimson Middle School Principal Edwin Smith and Social Studies Department Chairperson Dr. Corcoran as recipients of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program Award. Mr. Dagostino stated that the nomination honors the leadership and the individual, and that recipients were recognized for their compliance with the law, and for the dignity, fairness and respect accorded to the active members of the Guard and Reserve in our employ. Mrs. Dagostino then presented Principal Smith and Dr. Corcoran with plaques from the Department of Defense. At this time, Mrs. Dagostino announced that a third presentation was in order for Superintendent Bennardo. Senior Chief Gungel addressed the audience to speak of Dr. Bennardo’s actions while he was deployed overseas during the 2017/18 school year. Senior Chief Gungel tenderly shared that Dr. Bennardo went above and beyond in demonstrating care both for he and his family, and how much Dr. Bennardo’s actions meant to him and his wife. Senior Chief Gungel added that it was 24 years ago today that he had shipped off to boot camp with the U.S. Navy. Senior Chief Gungel thanked the Board of Education for approving his recent deployment and expressed his gratitude for all the support that was provided to him. Dr. Bennardo was called to the podium and was presented with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program Award. Dr. Bennardo thanked Keith Gungel and Mr. and Mrs. Dagostino for the opportunity and public recognition. Board President Ciappetta congratulated Dr. Benanrdo, Principal Smith and Dr. Corcoran.

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**Public Hearing
Adoption of the
2006 Senior
Citizen Tax
Exemption:**

Dr. Bennardo explained that the 2006 Senior Citizen Tax Exemption would not affect the tax levy—the levy remains the same. An example was provided: Whether it be 5,000 households or 2 households, the tax levy remains the same. Residents with 5,000 households would pay less, and residents in the 2 households would pay the entire tax levy. Dr. Bennardo reported that three-quarter of the District's operating funds was derived from taxes. The 2006 Senior Citizen Tax Exemption reduced the tax burden for those senior citizens with qualifying income; the State determined the income thresholds. The high range of income was approximately \$30,000 with the low range of \$4,000/\$5,000 with the exemption percentage adjusted accordingly by the State. Dr. Bennardo explained that school districts choose to accept or not to accept the tax exemptions, and additional information will be provided at the September 26, 2018, Board of Education meeting where the Public Hearing will reconvene to address this matter.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, that the Public Hearing be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Summer Camp
Recap:**

Dr. Wright addressed the Board of Education, Cabinet and audience members and shared that in memory of Coach Vincent Altebrando, who was one of the original founders of the District's Summer Camp Program, all staff members wore commemorative Coach Altebrando tee-shirts throughout the four-week sport, science and coding camp program.

The following information was reported by Dr. Wright:

- 840 campers aged 5 to 14 years of age;
- 110 campers were from out-of-district;
- 16 scholarships were granted;
- 48 teachers/coaches were employed;
- 18 volunteers, based on age;
- 4,000 lunches were served (the food service program did a fabulous job!)

Dr. Wright added that for the 2019 summer program, Cross-Fit and Yoga programs will be looked into for expansion, as well as offering more with science and coding. E-Gaming was another future consideration. Dr. Wright shared the Friday firetruck hosing to cool off the students continued to be a great hit.

Board President Ciappetta thanked Dr. Wright for the update.

**Adoption of
Agenda:**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): 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 approve the following items:

Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting held on July 24, 2018.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

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Approved – Weekly Packet of August 31, 2018

General (A)	Schedule 24	\$3,250.77
	25	\$2,368,603.82
	26	\$19,894.82
	V000	(\$122.40)
School Lunch	Schedule 7	\$14,903.31
	8	\$177.30
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 8	\$228,483.85
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of August 24, 2018</u>		
General (A)	Schedule 20	\$153,424.46
	21	\$13,160.07
	22	\$11,666.67
	23	\$126.88
	V013	(\$51.70)
School Lunch	Schedule 6	\$7,073.51
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 7	\$8,103.00
<u>Approved – Weekly Packet of August 17, 2018</u>		
General (A)	Schedule 15	\$157,025.49
	16	\$391,179.60
	17	\$4,369.95
	18	\$2,774.39
	19	\$1,493,179.00
School Lunch	Schedule 5	\$1,540.43
Special Aid (F)	Schedule 5	\$925.00
	Schedule 6	\$32,769.26
Capital Checking (H)	Schedule 4	\$50,972.15

Vote on Minutes through Schedule of Bills: 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.

Request to Remain in South Huntington Schools: 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 the request for the 12th grade student to remain at WWHS for his senior year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 420-421.
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Town of
Huntington Youth
Court Program
Agreement:**

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 agreement with the Town of Huntington for the 2018/2019 Youth Court Program.

Motion carried; Mr. Ciappetta abstained.

**Middle
Management and
Bus Dispatcher
Resolution:**

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

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the Middle Management employees, as well as the Bus Dispatcher, not currently identified with any bargaining agreement, be approved to receive a 2.15% (District Tax Cap) base salary increase for 2018/2019 and the District's Tax Cap percentage per year as a base salary increase for years 2019/20 through and including 2022-23;

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the full-time Middle Management employees, not currently identified with any bargaining agreement, be approved cash-in vacation days at a rate of 1/200; to receive an additional three (3) vacation days annually and be eligible to "cash in" an additional three (3) vacation days annually;

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the Middle Management employees shall have their health care opt-out benefit aligned with the Administrative Bargaining Unit (SHAA) and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the aforementioned changes for Middle Management employees and the Bus Dispatcher.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential
Personnel
Resolution:**

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 Confidential Personnel Resolution for the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 422-428.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOA re Calendar
Days for
Professional
Registered
Nurses:**

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 Memorandum of Agreement with the South Huntington Professional Registered Nurses Association regarding Calendar Days, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 429.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- MOA re Calendar Days for Paraprofessional Association:** 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 the Memorandum of Agreement with the South Huntington Paraprofessional Association regarding Calendar Days, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 430.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Attendance to the NSSBA Annual Dinner:** 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 attendance of the Superintendent and Board of Education to the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association's annual dinner on September 27, 2018, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 431-432.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Conference Reimbursement:** 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 conference reimbursement for the Assistant Supervisor of Special Education in the amount of \$1,645.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of National Dance Alliance Agreement:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the agreement between the National Cheerleaders Association/National Dance Alliance and the District for the January 19, 2019, competition event.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Donation from WWHS Marching Band Parents Association:** 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 donation of theatrical props from the WWHS Marching Band Parents Association to the District valued at approximately \$1,250.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Field Trips:** 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 three WWHS Marching Band competition field trips leading to the U.S. Bands National Championships as follows:
- September 15, 2018, to Edison H.S., Edison, New Jersey;
 - October 13, 2018, to MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey;
 - November 2-3, 2018, to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, U.S. Bands National Championship.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated dated May 2, 4, 9, 11, 14, 21, 24, 29, June 4, 7, 12, 15, July 12, 18, 23, 25, 26, 31, August 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 28, 29, 2018, and the Committee on Preschool Special

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Education dated June 25, 26, July 16, 19, 24, 26, August 2, 3, 8, 9, 16, 20, 29, 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. 433-459.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, 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. 460-479, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 5: Part-time 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 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

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

Mr. Ciappetta stated that a two-thirds majority vote was required to pass.

Motion carried; Mr. Bronson abstained.

Information and Reports:

1. WWHS Program Orientation Night Letter to Parents from Prin. Murphy
2. Personnel Postings
3. Oakwood September Calendar and Principal's Newsletter
4. Stimson Curriculum Night Letter to Parents from Principal Smith
5. Countrywood Chronicle, September 2018
6. NSSBA Salary Workbook and Fringe Benefit Study for 2017-2018 (Not included due to size; it is available on BoardPaq.)
7. Ingerman Smith Invitation to NYSSBA Convention, October 26, 2018, at Cornell Club, Cayuga Room, 6 East 44th Street, NYC (RSVP by Oct. 5)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 31, 2018:

1. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018
2. NSSBA Resolutions Dinner Meeting Invitation, 9/27/2018
3. Personnel Postings

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 24, 2018:

1. Final Report on Internal Controls from Nawrocki Smith
2. Invitation to Leadership Huntington Foundation's 23rd Gala Event, 9/26/2018
3. The Long-Islander

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 17, 2018:

1. Important Opening Information Letter from Cabinet to Parents/Guardians
2. Ingerman Smith Invitation to September 24th Breakfast Workshop re Janus

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3. Walt Whitman High School Welcome Letter from PTA to Parents
4. Walt Whitman High School Building Guidelines and Security Measures Letter to Parents/Guardians
5. Walt Whitman High School Dress Code Letter to Parents/Guardians
6. Walt Whitman High School Booster Club Letter to Parents/Guardians

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Board President Nicholas Ciappetta praised the administration and staff on an extremely successful school opening; he also commented that in every building he traveled to, each was clean, and the floors were shining.

Mr. Ciappetta spoke highly of Quinn O'Hara who scored four touchdowns at the first football game.

Mr. Ciappetta provided information pertaining to the September 22nd Unity Day in which the parade will step-off at 11 a.m. from Huntington High School and travel via Oakwood Road to Stimson Middle School where there will be a fair with games, rides and food to commemorate Huntington's diversity.

Mr. Ciappetta also complimented Dr. Michaelian for spearheading the mural painting at the Huntington Station Railroad Station—it enhanced the area greatly.

Mr. Ciappetta applauded SHEF for again sponsoring the Welcome Back Barbeque on Superintendent's Conference Day, August 30th.

Voice of the Residents:

Resident Marge Cozzetto asked if a tax exemption existed for residents who were permanently disabled. Mr. Ciappetta responded that the tax exemption for disabled residents was approved by the Board of Education in 2003.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President


Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 419 through 479.