

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, in the Forum of Stimson Middle School, 401 Oakwood Road, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

Mr. Kaden
Mr. Teresky
Mr. Ciappetta
Mrs. LaCara
Mr. Lupinacci
Mr. Nitkewicz

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools
Asst. Supt. for Business
Asst. Supt. for Student Services
Asst. Supt. for Instruction & Curriculum
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services
District Clerk

Dr. Shea
Mrs. Occhiogrosso
Ms. Harris
Dr. Eagen
Dr. Centamore
Mrs. Hammond

Absent: Board Member

Mrs. Brieff

Call to Order: Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, 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. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District approve the following items:

Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting held on November 30, 2011

Schedule of Investment Accounts: Schedule of Investment Accounts, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 750.

Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's Report, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 751.
Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 752-765.
Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 766.
Comparison Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, School Lunch:	Comparison Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, School Lunch, October 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 767.
Comparison Statement of Operating Expenditures, School Lunch:	Comparison Statement of Operating Expenditures, School Lunch, October 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 768.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 769-773.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 774.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 775.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 776.
Revenue Status Report, General Fund:	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 777.
Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 778.

Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund: Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 779-781.

Budgetary Transfer Report: Budgetary Transfer Report, November 2011, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 782.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 783.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 783.

Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report: Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 784-786.

Claims Audit Report: Claims Audit Report, November 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 787-789.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund Medicare	Warrant 57	\$ 383,345.60
	"	58	578.40
	General Fund	59	1,135,389.20
	"	V057	(1,819.80)
	School Lunch	26	49,944.69
	Special Aid	24	16,114.50
	Capital Reserve Bond	27	16,035.77

Approved – Board Packet of December 23, 2011

General Fund	Warrant 53	\$485,000.00
"	54	487,726.27
"	55	392,884.39
"	56	2,939.64
"	V055	(180.00)
School Lunch	25	15,634.01
Special Aid	23	40,598.38
Capital Reserve Bond	26	138,784.43

Approved – Board Packet of December 16, 2011

General Fund	Warrant 51	\$ 82,531.25
"	52	1,263,954.57
"	V052	(50.13)
School Lunch	24	4,684.40
Special Aid	22	15,217.79
Capital Reserve Bond	25	208,372.90

Vote on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Mr. Kaden asked for any additional comments or questions on the above items, and then called for a vote on the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Conference: Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves attendance at the N-SSBA/NCCSS/SCSSA conference, "The Battle for Control of Our School," to be held on January 31, 2012, at the Huntington Hilton.
Motion carried unanimously.

Contract Extension for Premier Agenda Book: Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the contract extension for Premier Agenda Books, Schedule #13-30, for one additional term with the same pricing, terms and conditions.
Motion carried unanimously.

2011/2012 School Calendar Revision: Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the resolution outlining 2011/2012 school calendar revisions, a copy of the resolution made part of these legal minutes, p. 790.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden had several questions that were answered to his satisfaction by Dr. Shea.

Impartial Hearing Officer for a Confidential Personnel Matter: Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer for a confidential personnel matter, a copy of the resolution made part of these legal minutes, p. 791.
Motion carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame Committee Appointments: Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the appointment of Laci Wright and Lila Ijaz to the Hall of Fame Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated September 28, October 26, November 2, 9, 10, 16, 23, 29, 30, December 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30, 2011, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated December 6 and 13, 2011 and January 3, 2012, 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. 792-811.
Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of a Donation:

Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves acceptance of the donation from Western Suffolk BOCES of a Promethean ACTIVboard 387 Pro with LCD Projector with a retail value of \$2,899.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Teresky, 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. 812-824, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 1 – Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 7 – Reemployment to Positions (Instructional)

Schedule 8 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 11 – Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave (½ Pay);

Sabbatical Leave (Instructional)

Schedule 12 – Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 15 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16 – Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 18 – Reemployment to Position (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 19 – Temporary/Seasonal Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 20 – Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 23 – Substitute Employees (Instructional)

Schedule 24 – Substitute Employees (Non-Instructional)

Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Reports:

1. **Confidential** letter from Dr. Shea re a personnel matter
2. **Confidential** letter from Mr. Callahan re a personnel matter
3. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Harris re Heart Screen New York
4. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Harris re Parent University
5. Memo to Dr. Shea from Dr. Centamore re Revised Information for 2011/2012 School Calendar
6. Letter to Mrs. Hammond from Donna Roche, South Huntington Public Library, re the library's annual election and budget vote to be held on April 3, 2012
7. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Harris re School Grade Enrollment for December 2011
8. Personnel Posting (1)
9. *The Silas Scoop*, January 2012
10. *The Stimson Source*, January 2012
11. News Articles, *The Long Islander*, December 22 & 29, 2011

Information Sent to Board Week Ending December 23, 2011

1. "Impact of Health Care Reform" presentation by John Gross, Esq., Ingerman Smith
2. **Confidential** letter from William J. O'Connor
3. Thank you note from Robin and Lon Gooch

**Information and Reports:
(Continued)**

Information Sent to Board Week Ending December 23, 2011

4. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mrs. Occhiogrosso together with Audit Committee Agenda of January 4, 2012
5. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Meeting Minutes of Architect Meeting of December 14
6. Personnel Postings (2)
7. *Countrywood Chronicle*, January 2012
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 12-15-11

Information Sent to Board Week Ending December 16, 2011

1. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Cafeteria Trays
2. Memo from Vivian Molitor, N-SSBA, re conference to be held on January 31, 2012
3. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Meeting Minutes of architect meetings of November 30 and December 7
4. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re student-organized trips
5. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 12-12-11
6. Letter to Dr. Shea from Coleen Corsi, NYS ASHPERD, re professional development intensive training series created by Dr. Wright and two colleagues
7. Personnel Posting (1)
8. Suggestions – Stimson Middle School (4)
9. Suggestions – Walt Whitman High School (2)
10. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 12-9-11

Committee Updates:

Legislation

Mr. Nitkewicz stated that the Legislation Committee drafted bylaws and he would report on that when both he and Mrs. Brieff were in attendance.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mr. Lupinacci noted that the Hall of Fame Committee was in the process of accepting nominations. He encouraged anyone who had nominations to send them to the committee. The Induction Ceremony would be during Homecoming of 2012.

Mr. Kaden noted that the process to search for a Superintendent of Schools had begun. Applications would be accepted until February 10. Mr. Kaden stated that he hoped to be able to have a new Superintendent approved by April with an overlap time with Dr. Shea, if possible.

Mr. Ciappetta stated that SHEF would be having another wine tasting fundraiser at OHEKA Castle in late April. He noted that last year's event went very well and they were hoping for a bigger turnout this year. Mr. Ciappetta noted that the golf outing would be the end of June at Timber Point. Mr. Ciappetta stated that SHEF would be making a large grant of money for the purchase of two mobile iPad carts. Mr. Ciappetta noted that this would be the largest donation that SHEF had made to the district.

**Voice of the
Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

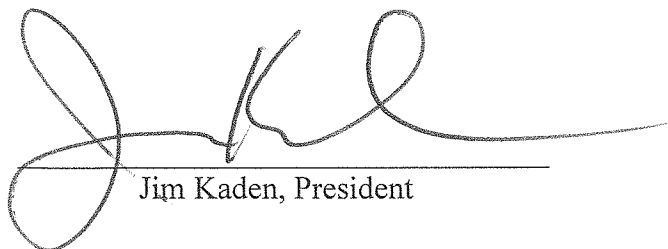
Brian McEntee asked for an explanation of the process for the search for a Superintendent. He also asked if there would be a parent committee set up to participate in the search and interview process. Mr. Kaden explained the process and stated that he wasn't sure there would be a committee that included PTA. Mr. Kaden stated that this could be problematic in that, if there is not agreement, there could be hard feelings. Mr. Kaden noted that the Superintendent works for the Board and it is important that there is a good chemistry between them. Mr. Kaden stated that the Board would certainly entertain comments from the public with respect to their vision of what they would like to see in a Superintendent. Doreen Boehme stated that she would second Mr. McEntee's suggestion. She stated that she felt the PTA should be included in the process. Eleanora Ferrante agreed and stated that the PTA works very closely with the Superintendent. Mr. Nitkewicz noted that he and other members of the Board are also PTA members. Mr. Ciappetta stated that he would not be in favor of a committee structure. Mr. Ciappetta stated that possibly after the Board had selected two or three finalists, then perhaps there could be an interview by a select group of people. Mr. Kaden stated that the Board could consider this matter further and possibly discuss it again at the next Board meeting. Mr. Kaden did note that it was crucial that the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools be on the same page. Mr. Kaden further stated that he would prefer to have the PTA meet with the Board of Education to let them know what attributes they would like to see in a Superintendent. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that everyone in the community would be heard even if it meant coming up to the microphone and stating what traits they would like to see in a Superintendent. He would be open to that. Mr. Nitkewicz noted that there is a difference between being listened to and being agreed with. Mr. Kaden stated that as the Board got further into the process, they would give this further consideration and he reiterated that this could be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk