

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in the Performing Arts Center of Walt Whitman High School, 301 West Hills Road, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

Mr. Kaden
Mr. Teresky
Mrs. Brieff
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

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

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

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board of Education
Statement re
Restoration of
Programs:**

Mr. Kaden stated that the Board was prepared to discuss several alternatives involving restoration of services and programs in the budget for next year. Mr. Kaden noted that the district had been in ongoing negotiations with the teachers' association and they felt that they were close to a possible settlement. Mr. Kaden stated that the settlement would permit the district to make substantial changes to programs and services that were currently being cut. Mr. Kaden further stated that it was the Board's hope that a settlement could be achieved soon. It was the Board's decision to table the discussion of possible restorations until the next Board meeting on May 8.

SHEF Fundraiser: Mr. Ciappetta stated that SHEF was holding a fundraiser on Wednesday night at OHEKA Castle. Mr. Ciappetta noted that the \$80 admission

SHEF Fundraiser: (Continued) charge included wine tasting, an art auction and a tour of OHEKA Castle. Mr. Ciappetta encouraged all to attend and stated that SHEF had made wonderful contributions to our schools. He stated that he hoped to see everyone there.

Introduction of New Website: Dr. Shea stated that the district had been talking about updating the website for a number of reasons. Dr. Shea noted that Dr. Bloom sent out a request for RFPs and the district received an unbelievable bid from a local firm. Dr. Shea stated that the new website would be up and running on Thursday. Dr. Shea then introduced Dr. Bloom who gave an overview demonstration of the new website. Dr. Bloom thanked Steve Bartholomew, Dr. Shea, the Cabinet and the principals for their help with the development of the new website. Following Dr. Bloom's demonstration, the Board and audience expressed their appreciation of the new website.

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

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

Claims Audit Report: Claims Audit Report, January 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1149-1152.

Bids: The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1153-1154.
Driver Education 2012-2013 Schedule 13-29

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	<u>Schedule of Bills (Warrants)</u>		
	General Fund	Warrant 96	\$ 2,115.00
	"	97	913,967.61
	"	98	1,389,613.75
	"	V093	(3,000.00)
	School Lunch	41	400.53
	Capital Reserve Bond	40	289,403.02
	"	41	128,120.09

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General Fund	Warrant 93	\$176,899.00
"	94	11,666.67
"	95	6,574.56
"	V091	(23.98)
School Lunch	39	29,810.83
"	40	319.88
Special Aid	38	53,846.41
Capital Reserve Bond	39	180,681.762

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.

- Communications:**
1. Online petition started by Kirstin Forman in support of restoring the Challenge Program (27 signers)
 2. Online petition started by Brigid Beck in support of a full day Kindergarten program (604 signers)
 3. Online petition started by Craig Stockfeder in support of middle school sports (944 signers)
 4. E-mail letters in support of middle school sports (8)
 5. Thank you letter from Nicole Katz, Junior Class President, re Junior Prom

Appointment of Election Officials: Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby appoints the following individuals to act as officials at the Annual School Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 15, 2012. The rate of pay for non-district employees shall be \$10.00 per hour.

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| Chairperson: | Laura Carey | |
| Assistant Chairperson: | Judith A. Hammond | |
| Chief Election Inspector: | Margaret Bayley | |
| Inspectors: | Barbara O'Brien | Carol Litwin |
| | Susan Sedacca | Pat Cavuoto |
| | Mary Walker | Karen Ferraro |
| | Diane LoBasso | Leeanne Bedell |
| | Nancy Karcz | Karen Bullock |
| | Laura McLean | Paula Conner |
| | Gerri Graeser | Eleanor Larsen |
| | Joe Carpico | Rita Fitzgerald |
| | Rose Marie Messineo | Debbie Niemczyk |
| | Elaine Ferranti | Terri Stiene |
| | Michele Kentros | |
| Clerks: | Gen Endrizzi | |
| | Mary Ann Nau | |
| Dinnertime Coverage: | Lorraine Metzack | |
| | Pat Lofaso | |
| | Joanne Miranda | |
| | Marylynn Vandermaas | |
| | Debra Jones | |

Motion carried unanimously.

Vote on Candidates to Western Suffolk BOCES: Information regarding candidates for the vacancies on the Western Suffolk BOCES had been prefiled with district Board members. Each component school district of Western Suffolk BOCES may cast one vote for each of the two vacancies for three-year terms on the BOCES Board.

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the South Huntington Board of Education cast its vote in the annual election of members of the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative

Vote on Candidates to Western Suffolk BOCES: Educational Services, for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2015, as follows: Sydney Finkelstein and Salvatore Marinello.
(Continued) Motion carried unanimously.

Vote on Western Suffolk BOCES 2012-2013 Administrative Budget: Information regarding the proposed 2012-2013 Administrative Budget for Western Suffolk BOCES had been prefiled with board members.
Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 Administrative Budget for the Western Suffolk BOCES, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, New York.
Motion carried unanimously.

TANS 2012-2013: Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved by the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of South Huntington Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$32,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.

(b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.

(c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute

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(Continued)**

arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Thomas Berger
Memorial
Scholarship:**

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves acceptance of the one-time Thomas Berger Memorial Scholarship to be awarded in the 2011-2012 school year.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of
Contract
Extensions:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the following contract extensions, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1155-1188:

- Fleet Transportation – Schedule No. 13-14
- Fire Alarm Inspection/Maintenance – Schedule No. 13-24
- PA Clock Service/Repair – Schedule No. 13-45
- Cesspool Pumping Service – Schedule No. 13-46
- Plate Glass Replacement – Schedule No. 13-48
- Auto Safety Glass Replacement – Schedule No. 13-49
- Miscellaneous Roofing Repairs – Schedule No. 13-51
- Elevator Maintenance Repair – Schedule No. 13-53
- NYS Inspection Repairs, Non Bus – Schedule No. 13-54
- 100% Cotton Treated Mops – Schedule No. 13-57
- Fire Extinguisher Maintenance – Schedule No. 13-61

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated February 15, March 1, 5, 9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, April 2, 3 and 4, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated March 9, 15, 20, April 2, 3, 10 and 17, 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. 1189-1208.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Request to Remain in South Huntington Schools:** Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the request to remain in South Huntington Schools for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, a copy of the request made part of these legal minutes, p. 1209.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of SHTA Retirement Incentive:** 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 and authorizes the April 24, 2012, Retirement Incentive Agreement between the district and the South Huntington's Teachers' Association, a copy of the agreement made part of these legal minutes, p. 1210.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Proposed Budget Amendments:** Mr. Nitkewicz moved, with a second from Mr. Lupinacci, to table this discussion until the next Board meeting.
Motion, to table, 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. 1211-1217, and authorizes implementation thereof:
Schedule 8 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 10 – Terminations (Instructional)
Schedule 11 – Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave (½ Pay);
Sabbatical Leave (Instructional)
Schedule 15 – Terminations (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. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mr. Wright re MS Intramural Program
 2. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Harris re School Grade Enrollment for the First Attendance Period March 1, 2012 through March 30, 2012
 3. E-Mail letters to Dr. Shea re middle school sports (3)
 4. Letter to Mr. Karavias from Dr. Eagen re Institute of Arctic Biology Toolik Field Station
 5. Personnel Postings (3)
 6. Flyer re N-SSBA Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on May 30, 2012
 7. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 4-12-12

**Information and Reports:
(Continued)**

Information Sent to Board Week Ending April 13, 2012

1. Petition Started by Craig Stockfeder in Favor of Restoring Middle School Sports (792 Signers)
2. E-mails re Middle School Sports (4)
3. E-mail from Elaine McEntee re Budget Process
4. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Audit Committee Agenda
5. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Internal Audit Reports
6. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Acker re Honored Students
7. Letter to Mrs. Hammond from Donna Roche, South Huntington Public Library, re 2012-13 budget
8. *Countrywood Chronicle*, April 2012
9. *April Newsletter*, Birchwood Intermediate School
10. *The Silas Scoop*, April 2012
11. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 4-5-12

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mrs. Brieff stated that she and other Board members attended the National School Board Association's annual convention in Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Brieff noted that they had a wonderful time and learned a lot. Mrs. Brieff noted that she attended very interesting workshops including one by Soledad O'Brien and another by Sal Khan. Mrs. Brieff stated that Mr. Khan is the founder of the Khan Academy, a free online education website that offers tutoring and over 2,300 videos. Mrs. Brieff noted that the website is free and teachers could utilize it in their classrooms. Mrs. Brieff encouraged everyone to check out the website.


Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk