

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, in Conference Room B of the Administration Building, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**
Vice President

Mr. Ciappetta
Mrs. Brieff
Mrs. DeGaetano
Mr. Lupinacci
Mr. Nitkewicz

Staff:
Superintendent of Schools
Asst. Supt. for Student Services
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services
Interim Business Administrator
District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo
Ms. Harris
Dr. Centamore
Mr. Light
Mrs. Hammond

Absent: President
Board Member

Mr. Kaden
Mrs. LaCara

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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. Lupinacci, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:40 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ciappetta noted that both Mr. Kaden and Mrs. LaCara were not in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. Kaden was traveling in Europe and Mrs. LaCara was ill and unable to attend.

Mr. Ciappetta introduced newly-elected Board member, Michele DeGaetano, Interim Business Administrator Lawrence Light and Superintendent of Schools David P. Bennardo.

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

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

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| Minutes: | Minutes of Board meeting held on July 10, 2012. |
| Schedule of Investment Accounts: | Schedule of Investment Accounts, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 282. |
| Treasurer's Report: | Treasurer's Report, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 283. |
| Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation: | Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 284-297. |
| Monthly Collateral Reconciliation: | Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 298. |
| Revenue Status Report, General Fund: | Revenue Status Report, General Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 299. |
| Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund: | Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 300. |
| Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund: | Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 301. |
| Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund: | Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 302-306. |
| Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund: | Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 307. |
| Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund: | Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 308. |
| Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund: | Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 309-310. |

Budgetary Transfer Report: Budgetary Transfer Report, July 2012, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 311.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 312.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, July 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 312.

Bids: The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 313-316.

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| Transportation Efficiency Study | Schedule 13-04R |
| Long Range Planning Services/Facilities Analysis | 13-05R |

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

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| <u>Approved – Board Packet of August 24, 2012</u> | | |
| General Fund | Warrant 11 | \$1,413,375.75 |
| " | 12 | 1,984.04 |
| " | 13 | 1,363,594.56 |
| " | 14 | 3,215.34 |
| " | V013 | (100.00) |
| School Lunch | 3 | 134.32 |
| Special Aid | 5 | 30,039.60 |
| Capital Reserve Bond | 4 | 768,413.27 |
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| General Fund | Warrant 9 | \$241,569.32 |
| " | 10 | 299,170.31 |
| " | V009 | (75,785.00) |
| School Lunch | 2 | 420.38 |
| Special Aid | 4 | 14,280.97 |

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.

Communications:

1. Letter from Kitty LeClair re Girl Scout Gold Award project

Kitty LeClair was in attendance and addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for accepting her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Ms. LeClair noted that she had received donations of more than 2,000 books so she would like to provide books to our four elementary schools and Silas Wood 6th Grade Center rather than the original three she had proposed. Ms. LeClair noted that the books would be placed in the cafeterias during lunch so that the students would be able to read during and after their lunch. Ms. LeClair stated that the books would be placed in baskets and they would all be age appropriate. Mr. Ciappetta thanked Ms. LeClair for her donation of books.

Request to Use South Huntington Transportation:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the request to use South Huntington transportation, a copy of the request made part of these legal minutes, p. 317.

Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Start School Year in South Huntington:

Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the request to start the school year in South Huntington Schools, a copy of the request made part of these legal minutes, p. 318.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Policy:

All appropriate groups have had the opportunity to provide input and, as such, the policy was being submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. The Board expressed some concerns with regard to this policy and held a brief discussion in which questions were asked and answered. After this discussion, the Board of Education took the following action:

Mr. Nitkewicz moved, with a second from Mrs. DeGaetano, that Board Policy 7521, Concussion Management, be amended to include the following statement after the three bulleted items under the "Return to School Activities and Athletics" section: "Or after an evaluation by an appropriate healthcare professional who determined that the student had not sustained a concussion," now, therefore,

Be it Resolved that Policy 7521, Concussion Management, as amended, be adopted.

Motion carried unanimously.

Confidential Personnel Resolution:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the confidential personnel resolution, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 319.

Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:

Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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 21, 28, 29, 30, April 2, 3, 4, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, May 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 31, June 4, 5, 7, 8, 18, 19, 20, 21, August 1 and 7, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated August 14 and 16, 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. 320-345.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Conference –
NYSCOSS 2012
Fall Leadership
Summit:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves attendance by the Superintendent at the NYSCOSS 2012 Fall Leadership Summit to be held in Saratoga Springs on September 23-25, 2012.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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. 346-363, and authorizes implementation thereof:

- Schedule 2 – Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
 - Schedule 3 – Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)
 - Schedule 4 – Coordinator/Department Chairperson Assignment (Instructional)
 - Schedule 5 – Part-time Appointments (Instructional)
 - 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 11 – Terminations (Instructional)
 - Schedule 12 – Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave (½ Pay); Sabbatical Leave (Instructional)
 - Schedule 13 – Salary Change (Instructional)
 - Schedule 15 – Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 - Schedule 16 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)
 - Schedule 17 – Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)
 - Schedule 19 – Temporary/Seasonal Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 - Schedule 20 – Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 - Schedule 22 – Substitute Employee Appointments (Instr./Non-Instr.)
- Motion carried unanimously.

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- Schedule 2 – Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 5 – Part-time Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 7 – Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 8 – Re-Employment to Positions (Instructional)
- Schedule 9 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
- Schedule 11 – Terminations (Instructional)
- Schedule 13 – Salary Change (Instructional)
- Schedule 15 – Appointments (Non-Instructional)
- Schedule 17 – Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)
- Schedule 22 – Substitute Employee Appointments (Instr./Non-Instr.)

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(Continued) Schedule 3 – Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 6 – Summer School Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 9 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
 Schedule 11 – Terminations (Instructional)
 Schedule 16 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 22 – Substitute Employee Appointments (Instr./Non-Instr.)

Information and Reports:

Information and Reports

1. Personnel Posting (3)
2. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 8-23-12

In envelopes:

1. Welcome Back Mailing to Parents/Guardian from Mr. Toto

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 24, 2012

1. Memo to PTA Council Executive Board Members, et al. from Dr. Bennardo re Board Policy 7521 – Concussion Management
2. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mr. Light re Audit Committee Agenda
3. Capital Project Update
4. Personnel Postings (4)
5. *Spotlight*, Summer 2012-Graduation

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 17, 2012

1. Letter to Mr. Kaden from Senator Carl Marcellino re invitation to a meeting with Commissioner of Education Dr. John B. King, Jr.
2. Welcome Back letter to Parents and Students from Dr. Bennardo
3. Memo to Board Policy Manual Holders from Dr. Centamore re Board Policies Related to the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)
4. Welcome Back letter to Whitman Students and Parents from Ms. Acker
5. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Ms. Acker re Student Code of Conduct and Student Dress Code
6. Personnel Postings (3)
7. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 8-16-12
8. Calendar and Parent Handbook 2012-2013

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mr. Nitkewicz thanked Doreen Boehme for sharing the *Newsday* article on the impact poverty has on student performance. Mr. Nitkewicz thanked Mrs. Boehme for circulating this article and noted that he was glad to read it.

Mr. Ciappetta noted that SHEF's Family Fun Day was scheduled for Sunday at West Hills Day Camp between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Ciappetta stated that there would be a special event this year – the dunk tank. Mr. Toto, Ms. Acker, Mr. Ciccarelli, Mr. D'Elia

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:
(Continued)**

and Dr. Bennardo would all participate. Mr. Ciappetta encouraged all to attend. Mr. Ciappetta noted that SHEF meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Ciappetta stated that New York State Education Department Commissioner Dr. John King would visit our district on September 20 between 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mr. Ciappetta asked Ms. Harris to speak about the visit. Ms. Harris stated that last year the district invited Dr. King to be a speaker at the district's Parent University. Dr. King was unable to attend but promised to visit at another time. Dr. King contacted the district that he would be available on September 20 for a visit. Ms. Harris stated that the program would begin in the Performing Arts Center at Walt Whitman High School. Ms. Harris noted that there would be a student performance and a question and answer panel consisting of a student, parent, teacher, administrator and Board of Education member. Ms. Harris stated that Dr. King would then go to Birchwood Intermediate School to observe a Common Core Lesson. Dr. Bennardo stated that this was a phenomenal opportunity for our district and he thanked Ms. Harris. Dr. Bennardo noted that this was quite an accomplishment to get Dr. King to visit.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.


A resident who was in attendance at the last Board meeting asked and was given information regarding which vendors were awarded the bids for the transportation and building closing studies.

Barbara DelliCarpini asked about the status of the old library site. Mr. Ciappetta stated that the district was seeking someone to lease the building and noted that the district was currently in negotiations. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that he was confident that they would reach an agreement and the district would have a good tenant.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, 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., Vice President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk