

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, in the gymnasium of Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center, 23 Harding Place, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

Mr. Kaden
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: Board Member

Mrs. LaCara

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:40 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Singing of National Anthem: Kalif Jones, a 10th grade student at Walt Whitman High School, sang the National Anthem to the delight of all in attendance.

Reading of Essay on Achievement: Mikal Oltedal, a 10th grade student at Walt Whitman High School, read his National Urban League Award-Winning Essay on achievement regarding his experiences as a student with special needs. The Board and audience expressed their appreciation with a standing ovation. Ms. Harris noted that the essay was outstanding and she stated that it took courage for Mikal to share his experiences. Ms. Harris thanked Mikal for sharing his essay with the Board and audience.

**Project Excel/
Summer Youth
Employment
Program
Recognition:**

Ms. Harris introduced David Perkins, our Project Excel Coordinator, and stated that he was an asset to the community who worked very closely with the Project Excel students. Mr. Perkins stated that he was very proud of the accomplishments of our students. Mr. Perkins noted that the students worked in various capacities such as clerical, custodial and working with children in the Summer Special Education Program. Mr. Perkins noted that the students earned a salary and learned that embracing greatness is about making the right choices. Mr. Perkins thanked the Board of Education for allowing the program to exist and the parents for all their support. Mr. Perkins also thanked Ms. Harris for helping to make things happen.

Mr. Perkins noted that during the summer Crystal Harris attended a seven-week science course at Stony Brook University and Kolawole Bamgbelu and Andrew Hampton attended a Leadership Symposium at Long Island University Post. Mr. Perkins asked these students to stand and be recognized. Mr. Perkins then introduced Francine Sauer and Folasade Bamgbelu who recited the inspirational Mission Statement of Project Excel, which they had memorized.

Athletic Director Jim Wright expressed his appreciation to students Charlie Smith, Ricky Dorneus and Elvis Flores who helped with the renovations of the fitness center. Mr. Wright noted that it was a big undertaking and the students did a terrific job and worked very hard.

Mr. Harris expressed her pride in the students who worked in the Summer Special Education Program. Ms. Harris noted that they showed compassion, patience and great skill in dealing with the students. Ms. Harris stated that, based on the work they did this summer, she felt these students had a future in education and would make fabulous teachers.

Mr. Perkins, joined by Ms. Harris, Mr. Kaden and Dr. Bennardo, handed out certificates to the Project Excel students. A group photo was then taken of the students with the Board and administrators.

Dr. Bennardo sincerely thanked Ms. Harris for her contribution to the program. Dr. Bennardo stated that Ms. Harris brought great energy and passion to the Project Excel program.

**SHEF Thank You
Awards:**

SHEF President Charles Ciravolo stated that SHEF was a fundraising agency that worked outside of the school budget. In the past, SHEF has donated SMART Boards, rock climbing equipment at Birchwood and Maplewood, Whitman's Dance Studio, pie grants, seventy iPads and a cart for the iPads and a projector system at Oakwood. Mr. Ciravolo stated that SHEF is currently looking for volunteers. Their next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on October 7 in the District Office.

Mr. Ciravolo stated that SHEF held a Family Fun Day on September 10 at West Hills Day Camp. Approximately 700 people attended and SHEF

SHEF Thank You Awards:
(Continued)

raised \$10,000. Mr. Ciravolo stated that he felt attendance was better this year because of the addition of the dunk tank. Mr. Ciravolo noted that principals Kathie Acker, Anthony Ciccarelli, Vito D'Elia, Stephen Toto and Superintendent David Bennardo were gracious enough to sit in the dunk tank. Mr. Ciravolo invited each of the dunk tank participants to come up to be acknowledged and presented each with a framed photo. Mr. Ciravolo also made a presentation to Kevin Gersh and thanked him for donating the use of West Hills Day Camp. Mr. Gersh stated that it was a great pleasure to participate in this event and he hoped to do so for many more years. Mr. Gersh expressed his hope that next year's attendance would reach 1,000.

Capital Improvements:

Interim Business Administrator Lawrence Light gave a photo presentation on the bond projects done during the summer of 2012. Mr. Light began his presentation by reviewing the work done at Maplewood and Oakwood. Mr. Light noted that both schools were built in 1954. Mr. Light stated that the work on interior finishes included replacement of floor and ceiling tiles, bathroom renovations, painting and new doors. In addition, paving and draining were done at both buildings. Mr. Light noted that new play area surfacing was done at Oakwood and showed photos of the completed work. Mr. Light stated that the elevators are scheduled for shipment in November or December and should be usable by the end of January. Mr. Light also stated that electrical service upgrades were done at Silas Wood, Memorial and the District Office. Mr. Light noted that all buildings opened for instruction on time and all projects were on or under construction budget. Mr. Light stated that the 2013 projects under consideration included:

- Selected Interior and Exterior Safety Lighting
- Fire and Smoke Detector Upgrades
- Interior Finishes at Silas Wood, Memorial and District Office

Mr. Light ended his presentation by stating that the 2003 Capital Bond Project would conclude in 2013, meeting the original time schedule and under budget. Following Mr. Light's presentation, the Board and audience were given an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve the following items:

Minutes:

Minutes of Board meeting held on August 15, 2012.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 22	\$ 1,565.98
	"	23	11,666.67
	"	24	443,061.69
	"	25	3,001.20
	"	V024	(2,992.42)
	School Lunch	6	459/74
	Special Aid	7	23,724.12

Approved – Board Packet of September 7, 2012

General Fund	Warrant 15	\$7,132.78
"	16	15.22
"	17	325.00
"	18	603,777.23
"	19	11,666.67
"	20	960,000.00
"	21	196,958.19
School Lunch	4	1,200.00
"	5	1,489.14
Special Aid	6	308,639.12
Capital Reserve Bond	5	318,169.19

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.

N-SSBA Annual Resolutions Dinner: 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 attendance at the Nassau-Suffolk Annual Resolutions Dinner to be held on October 4, 2012, at Fox Hollow.
Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement with Professional Registered Nurses Association: 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 and authorizes the September 11, 2012, Memorandum of Agreement with the South Huntington Professional Registered Nurses Association; and
Be it Further Resolved, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign a more formal agreement in conformity with the Memorandum of Agreement.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 1, 5, 12, 16, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29, April 2, 3, 18, 30, May 1, 4, 7, 9, 11, 22, 23, 24, 31, June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, July 30, August 14, 28 and September 6, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated August 28, 2012, and the Transition to the Committee on Special Education dated August 28, 2012, is satisfied that the

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE: (Continued) 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. 371-393.
Motion carried unanimously.

Establishment of the Sheila Montague Memorial Fund Scholarship: 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 establishment of the one-time Sheila Montague Memorial Fund Scholarship in the amount of two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in the field of education.
Motion carried unanimously.

State Required APPR Plan Modifications: Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, Whereas, the District submitted its Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Plan to the State Education Department for review on June 29, 2012, in accordance with Education Law §3012-c and 8 NYCRR §30-2, and
Whereas, the State Education Department rejected the District's APPR Plan and sent feedback to the District requiring certain changes be made to the plan, and
Whereas, the District has made the necessary corrections to its APPR Plan; now, therefore,
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the modified APPR Plan and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to resubmit the APPR Plan to the State Education Department.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. 394-402, and authorizes implementation thereof:
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 19 – Temporary/Seasonal Appointments (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 20 – Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)
Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Reports:

1. Thank you letter to Mr. Ciccarelli, Ms. Acker, Mr. D'Elia, Mr. Toto and Dr. Baralis from Dr. Bennardo re SHEF's Family Fun Day
2. Memo to Board Policy Manual Holders from Dr. Bennardo re Board Policy §7521 – Concussion Management

**Information and Reports:
(Continued)**

3. Letter to Parent(s)/Guardian(s) from Ms. Acker re Program Orientation Night to be held on September 20, 2012
4. Letter to Parents or Guardians from Ms. Robins re Code of Conduct
5. Letter to Parents from Ms. Robins re Curriculum Night
6. Personnel Postings (7)
7. September 2012 Calendar, Oakwood Primary Center
8. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 9-11-12
9. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 9-13-12

In envelopes:

1. Master Schedule, 2012-2013, Henry L. Stimson Middle School

Information Sent to Board Week Ending September 7, 2012

1. Memo to Board Policy Manual Holders from Dr. Bennardo re Board Policy 7521, Concussion Management
2. Memo to the Board of Education from Ms. Harris re Visit by Dr. John King
3. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Mr. Light re Final Internal Audit Reports
4. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re "Red, White and Blue Day" on September 11
5. Letter to Parents or Guardians from Ms. Acker re Code of Conduct revision to incorporate Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)
6. Personnel Posting (1)
7. Silas Wood Master Schedule, 2012-2013
8. Walt Whitman High School Master Schedule, 2012-2013
9. Confidential Staff Directory, 2012-2013

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mr. Nitkewicz noted that he had coached Mikal Oltedal in the past. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that it was good to see him and hear of his success. Mr. Nitkewicz noted that at a past Board of Education meeting there had been a resident who felt too much money was spent on special education. Mr. Nitkewicz thanked Mikal for proving that person wrong.

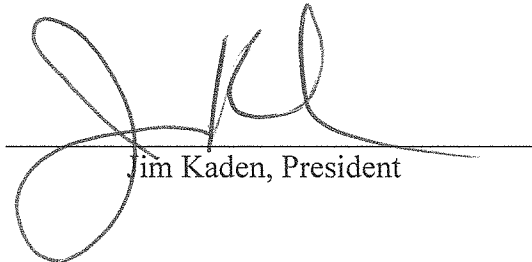
Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

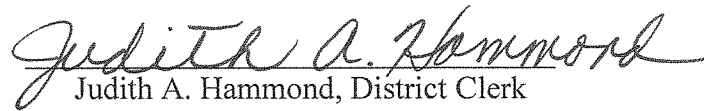
With regard to the new APPR Plan, a resident asked and was provided with an explanation by Dr. Bennardo as to what would occur if standards were not met. Dr. Bennardo explained how students are tested, how growth is measured and how improvement plans would be used for ineffective teachers. Dr. Bennardo also explained the teacher observation process. Another resident asked and was provided with an explanation by Dr. Bennardo about what would occur if improvement was not shown. Dr. Bennardo explained teachers' due process rights and how the district would handle the legal process.

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 9:00 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 371 through 402.