

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, in Conference Room B of the Administration Building, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

Mr. Kaden
Mr. Ciappetta
Mrs. Brieff
Mrs. DeGaetano
Mrs. LaCara
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

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

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

Moment of Silence: Mr. Kaden asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Assemblyman James Conte, who passed away on October 16, 2012.

The Gift at the Rose Center: Dr. Bennardo introduced Mr. Steven Chassman, a clinical social worker with the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Mr. Chassman thanked the Board for allowing him to speak about The Gift at the Rose Center, a residential and outpatient rehab center. Mr. Chassman noted that in the fifty-seven year history of the Council, they had never been as busy as they were now. Mr. Chassman noted that they now saw adolescents suffering from addiction at rates never seen before and it was becoming a national health care epidemic. Mr. Chassman stated that there was a meeting recently at St. Patrick's Church in Huntington that featured twenty-five families who had lost children to addiction. Mr. Chassman noted that there had been 370 fatal drug

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overdoses on Long Island this year involving adolescents. Mr. Chassman stressed the importance of early intervention. Mr. Chassman stated that currently there was no place for adolescents to go to get treatment in an evidence-based program. Mr. Chassman then introduced Nancy Durante. Ms. Durante stated that the facility would accommodate adolescents between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. They would offer a six-week inpatient residential program for boys only for treatment of substance abuse and dependence. Ms. Durante noted that the center would be a fifty-two bed facility with eight beds available for scholarships. Ms. Durante stated that Phase II of the program would be a six-month outpatient program. Schooling would be provided with both phases. The outpatient program would be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It would be a co-ed facility with up to seventy-five patients. It would be the parents' responsibility to bring their children to the facility and pick them up at the end of the day. Mr. Nitkewicz asked about supervision of the patients and security. Rick Migliore of The Gift at the Rose Center stated that the facility would have twenty-four hour security. Their security officers would be retired and off-duty law enforcement officers. They would also have two working dogs patrolling the grounds and sniffing for drugs. It was also noted that the facility would have video surveillance at all times. Mr. Nitkewicz asked if there would be a phone number residents could call with concerns and if there would be staff to field calls. Mr. Migliore acknowledged that there would be a contact person. Mr. Ciappetta asked how many security guards would be on call. Mr. Migliore stated that there would be three or four plus the facility staff. Mr. Migliore stated that parents would have to give the facility guardianship so that they could provide treatment. Mr. Migliore stated that if a patient left the facility, the police would be notified. Mr. Kaden asked about the requirements for outpatient participation. Mrs. Brieff asked if preference would be given to Huntington residents and asked about the difference between this program and Daytop. Mr. Chassman acknowledged that there were Daytop facilities on Long Island but they were a behavior modification program. The Gift at the Rose Center would be an evidence-based treatment program. Mr. Migliore stated that this was a cutting edge treatment program. Mr. Kaden expressed concern about being the resident district. Mr. Kaden questioned whether or not our district would be required to provide education. Dr. Bennardo noted that this was new territory for us as far as our obligation. Mr. Migliore stated that guardianship would be authorization for treatment not guardianship of the child. Mr. Nitkewicz asked Mr. Migliore to forward a copy of the authorization form to Dr. Bennardo. Mr. Ciappetta asked Mr. Migliore if the center would be willing to help the community by providing a program in the schools. Mr. Migliore stated that they would consider it if the community would benefit.

Mr. Migliore noted that the center would require approval from the Town Board, Town Zoning Board, State of New York and Suffolk County which would be approximately a three-month process. Mr. Migliore stated that the work to build out the facility would take an additional six

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months with an anticipated opening date of June or July of 2013. Several residents in the audience had questions regarding security. Mr. Ciappetta asked Mr. Migliore to send the Board their security plan. Mr. Chassman concluded the presentation by stating that the center would like to receive a letter of support from the Board of Education.

**2013-2014 Budget
Overview:**

Dr. Bennardo stated that the district wanted to keep the budget in the forefront and that was the reason for tonight's budget presentation. Dr. Bennardo then introduced Interim Business Administrator Larry Light. Mr. Light noted that we were very early in the budget process and that we are in a different place because of the cap and the tax levy. Mr. Light also noted that we were going into the second year of the tax cap. Mr. Light stated that the health insurance rates would change as of January 1, 2013, but, at this time, he did not know the amount and the effect it would have on the budget. Mr. Light also stated that it was too early to determine the budget tax levy. Mr. Light noted that line by line everything would be up for discussion and the administration would make accurate budget recommendations. Mr. Light then turned the presentation over to Dr. Bennardo.

Dr. Bennardo began the budget presentation by stating that this was just an initial conversation about the 2013-2014 budget and the inevitable budget cap:

- The reality of the 2% constraints
- The limits of state aid
- The increases in obligations
- The increasing costs of mandates
- The variables still to be determined
- The gap between our revenue and costs

Dr. Bennardo noted that the goal of this presentation was to start a dialogue about the difficult choices that would have to be made at budget time. Dr. Bennardo also noted that the numbers had been approximated for the purposes of discussion. Dr. Bennardo stated that the numbers did not represent exact spending figures but provided an indication of the general spending required for each program. Dr. Bennardo stated that health care costs could be a 5% difference on the low and high end.

Dr. Bennardo noted that 80% of the budget was salaries. Dr. Bennardo then reviewed the figures for the personnel portion of the budget which was estimated for the purpose of discussion. Dr. Bennardo noted that the savings that would be realized from the reduction of teaching staff would have a very real impact on class size. Dr. Bennardo then reviewed class size numbers if there were teacher reductions. Dr. Bennardo concluded his presentation by reviewing estimates of costs for extra-curricular activities and other expenditures. Dr. Bennardo noted that the district was applying for every grant and looking into corporate sponsorship. Following Dr. Bennardo's presentation, the Board and audience were

**2013-2014 Budget Overview:
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given an opportunity for questions and discussion. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that the Board wanted the community to get a look at what the district would be facing with regard to the budget. Mr. Nitkewicz further stated that the community and Board must work together. Mr. Kaden noted that when the Governor released the state budget in January, the district would have a better idea of state aid amounts. A resident asked when decisions would be made as far as extra-curricular activities. She wanted to know as soon as possible so that they could begin fundraising. Dr. Bennardo suggested that they begin fundraising right away.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, 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 Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, 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 September 19, 2012.

Claims Audit Report:

Claims Audit Report, August 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 504-507.

Bids:

The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 508-511.

Sound for Drama/Musicals/Graduation Schedule 13-40

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

General Fund	Warrant 37	\$ 220.00
"	38	900,322.74
"	39	1,413,375.75
"	40	23,356.74
"	V038	(20.43)
School Lunch	11	27,166.31
"	V010	1,086.86
Special Aid	13	17,627.59
Capital Reserve Bond	12	26,542.87
"	13	146,485.25

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General Fund	Warrant 34	\$169,374.86
"	36	129.95
School Lunch	10	28,259.21
Special Aid	11	93,182.22
"	12	9,339.10
Dental Insurance	35	11,666.67
Capital Reserve Bond	11	38,759.59

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.

Change Orders:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District approve Deduct Change Order No. G1 for the Birchwood Elevator Addition, a decrease to Nagan Construction Inc., in the amount of \$17,495, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 512.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve Change Order No. G1 for the Oakwood Elevator Addition, an extension of time to Rockmore Construction Corp., copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 513.
Motion carried unanimously.

Communications:

1. Invitation from Jeannette Santos, Western Suffolk BOCES, to Annual Board Dinner scheduled for November 29, 2012

State Required APPR Plan Modifications:

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 or his designee to resubmit the APPR Plan to the State Education Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Lead Evaluator of Principals:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, Whereas, §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of lead evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of principals in accordance with the requirements under §3012-c of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Review;

Whereas, the individual named below has successfully completed a course of training that meets the requirements prescribed in §30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the South Huntington Union Free School District certifies the following individual, Dr. David Bennardo, Superintendent of Schools, as a lead evaluator.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Appointment of Deputy Superintendent:** 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 appoints Jacqueline Harris to the position of Deputy Superintendent and authorizes her to act as Superintendent of Schools and perform the duties of the Superintendent of Schools in his absence. Motion carried unanimously.
- Use of Facilities Policy #3280 Schedule of Charges:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves changes to the schedule of charges to the Use of Facilities Policy #3280 and the policy will be adopted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2013-2014 Budget Development Calendar:** 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 2013-2014 budget development calendar. Motion carried unanimously.
- Donation by Island Sports Physical Therapy:** Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation by Island Sports Physical Therapy of weight training equipment, lockers and desks valued at \$8,525. Motion carried unanimously.
- Donation by The United Way:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation by The United Way of \$2,000 to the Project Excel program. Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request NYSSMA All State Performances:** Motion by Mr. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip to the NYSSMA All State Performance on November 29-December 2, 2012, in Rochester, New York. Motion carried unanimously.
- CSE Surrogate Parent:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby appoints Susan Harvey to serve as Surrogate Parent on the Committee of Special Education for the 2012-2013 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

- Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated April 4, May 2, 21, 22, June 15, 19, September 10, 20, 25, October 3, 4, 10 and 11, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated October 9, 10 and 11, 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. 514-528.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Donation from MSG Varsity:** Motion by Mr. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation of \$2,000 to the Whitman Robotics Club for the purpose of purchasing equipment.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Superintendent's Attendance at the New York State Field Band Competition:** Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Superintendent's attendance at the New York State Field Band Competition on October 28, 2012.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. 529-537, and authorizes implementation thereof:
Schedule 2 – Probationary Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 9 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 11 – Terminations (Instructional)
Schedule 16 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 17 – Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 18 – Re-Employment to Positions (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 19 – Temporary/Seasonal Appointments (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 22 – Substitute Employee Appointments (Instr./Non-Instr.)
Motion carried unanimously.
- Information and Reports:**
1. Hall of Fame Itinerary
 2. Letter to Supervisor Frank Petrone from Dr. Bennardo re support of additional traffic controls by Birchwood Intermediate School
 3. Thank you letter to Charles Ciravolo from Dr. Bennardo re \$5,000 donation of Wii Fitness System to Oakwood Primary Center
 4. Thank you letter to Mrs. Kenny and Ms. Kerrigan re School Board Recognition Week ceremony

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5. Thank you letter to Oakwood Singers from Dr. Bennardo re their performance at School Board Recognition Week ceremony
6. Thank you letter to Oakwood and Countrywood students who presented gifts to the Board of Education from Dr. Bennardo
7. Thank you letter to Members of the Marching Band Parents' Association from Dr. Bennardo re Home Show
8. Congratulatory letter to Birchwood Booster Citizens of the Month from Dr. Bennardo
9. Congratulatory letter to Walt Whitman High School September Students/Athletes of the Month
10. Memo to the Board of Education from Ms. Harris re Update on Students Given Permission to Start School in South Huntington
11. Personnel Postings (2)
12. Letter to Mrs. Diane Hoppe from Joseph E. Madsen, Esq., Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., re FOIL request
13. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-18-12

In envelopes:

1. Replacement Pages for Emergency Plan Book (Board Members Only)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 12, 2012

1. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Dr. Bennardo re Audit Committee Minutes
2. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Mr. Light re Facilities Committee Agenda, October 17
3. Personnel Postings (2)
4. Suggestions (4) from Walt Whitman High School
5. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-4-12 and 10-11-12

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mrs. Brieff reported that she, Doreen Boehme and Eleanora Ferrante attended the Long Island Public Hearing for the New NY Education Reform Commission that was held on October 11, 2012. Mrs. Brieff noted that the Commission was examining the current structure of the state's education system with the best interests of the students in mind. Mrs. Brieff stated that there were many speakers. Some of the topics discussed were:

- The need for additional money for Kindergarten
- Consolidation of school districts
- STEM Technology
- School funding and distribution of state aid
- Senator Flanagan spoke about special education

Mrs. Brieff stated that there was one speech that she felt was especially powerful by Marc Greene, the President of NYSSMA. Mrs. Brieff read

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excerpts from Mr. Greene's speech that stated that in California in 1999 there were 1.1 million students enrolled in music courses while in 2011 there were only 470,000, with a thousand fewer music teachers. California also had one of the highest dropout rates in the country. Mr. Greene blames No Child Left Behind and Proposition 13. Mrs. Brieff noted that she had the entire speech and would be happy to share it with anyone who would like a copy.

Mr. Kaden thanked the administration and community for a wonderful Homecoming celebration. Mr. Kaden noted that the football team won the game. Mr. Kaden stated that the Hall of Fame ceremony went very well and he thanked Ms. Harris for all of her efforts.

**Voice of the
Residents:**

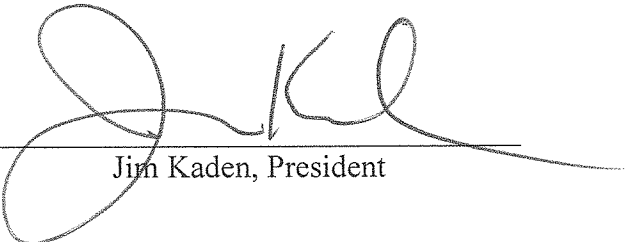
Visitors were invited to participate.

None given.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 504 through 537.