

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, in the cafeteria of Birchwood Intermediate School, 121 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

Mr. Kaden
Mr. Ciappetta
Mrs. DeGaetano
Mrs. LaCara
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
 Board Member

Mrs. Brieff
Mr. Lupinacci

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

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

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:55 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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 Mrs. LaCara, 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 October 10, 2012

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	<u>Approved – Board Packet of October 26, 2012</u>		
	General Fund	Warrant 41	\$1,552,659.07
	"	42	30,368.39
	School Lunch	12	29,951.80
	Special Aid	14	107,125.46
	Capital Reserve Bond	14	189,371.11

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. Letter from Thomas J. Nespeca and Timothy G. Kremer, New York State School Boards Association, re continued membership
2. Letter from Jeannette Santos, Western Suffolk BOCES, with invitations to the Annual Board Dinner

Lead Evaluators of Teachers: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, Whereas §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of lead evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of teachers in accordance with the requirements under §3012-c of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Reviews; and

Whereas, the individuals 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 individuals as lead evaluators:

Dr. David Bennardo, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Jacqueline Harris, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Joseph Centamore, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & District Services

Mr. Vincent D'Ulisse, Supervisor of Music & Arts

Dr. James Wright, Supervisor of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Recreation

Dr. Jared Bloom, Supervisor of Assessment & Technology

Dr. Matthew Krivoshey, Supervisor of Special Education

Mr. Matthew Prah, Assistant Supervisor of Special Education

Ms. Eileen Kerrigan, Principal, Oakwood Primary Center

Mr. Mitchell Levy, Assistant Principal, Oakwood Primary Center

Ms. Barbara Kenney, Principal, Countrywood Primary Center

Mrs. Kellie Njenga, Assistant Principal, Countrywood Primary Center

Mr. Anthony Ciccarelli, Principal, Birchwood Intermediate School

Mrs. Annie Michaelian, Assistant Principal, Birchwood Intermediate School

Mr. Vito D'Elia, Principal, Maplewood Intermediate School

Ms. Alison Bruno, Assistant Principal, Maplewood Intermediate School

Mr. Stephen Toto, Principal, Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center

Ms. Faye Robins, Principal, Stimson Middle School

Mr. Anthony Sansotta, Assistant Principal, Stimson Middle School

Ms. Kathleen Acker, Principal, Walt Whitman High School

Mr. Jonathan Varlamos, Assistant Principal, Walt Whitman High School

Dr. Scott Muller, Assistant Principal, Walt Whitman High School

**Lead Evaluators of Teachers:
(Continued)**

Ms. Colleen Grady, Assistant Principal, Walt Whitman High School
 Ms. Tiina Berman, English Chairperson, Walt Whitman High School
 Mr. James Corcoran, Social Studies Chairperson, Walt Whitman High School
 Ms. Nancy Nelson, Special Education Chairperson, Walt Whitman High School
 Ms. JoAnn Hili-Carbone, English/Reading/Social Studies Chairperson, Stimson Middle School
 Ms. Karen Mushorn, Special Education Chairperson, Stimson Middle School
 Mr. David Gunder, Mathematics Chairperson, Grades 6-12
 Mr. Marcus Maddy, Science Chairperson, Grades 6-12
 Motion carried unanimously.

Refunding Bond Resolution:

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 the Refunding Bond Resolution, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 546-569.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 19, October 16, 17, 22 and 24, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated June 5, October 9, 23, 24 and November 6, 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. 570-576.
 Motion carried unanimously.

School Make-Up Days:

A discussion was held on the need for make-up school days caused by the days lost due to Hurricane Sandy and the concern that we would be going into the winter without enough snow days. Mr. Kaden stated that there were rumors that the Commissioner of Education might waive or modify the school day requirements. Dr. Bennardo noted that the Commissioner of Education had the right to waive up to five days provided that the district used some of their vacation days before the waiving of any days would be granted. Dr. Bennardo stated that the districts were waiting for information from the Commissioner regarding this but no communication had been received, yet. Dr. Bennardo suggested the following calendar modifications to recapture lost instruction time:

- February 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2013 would be full school days
- April 1, 2003, would be a full school day
- May 24, 2013 would be a full school day

After further discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, Whereas, as a result of power outages and damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, schools were closed on the previously designated instructional days of October 29, 30, 31, November 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8, 2012; and

School Make-Up Days: (Continued)

Whereas, the district would like to meet the current New York State minimum requirement for instructional days, recapture important lost instructional time and preserve days for winter snow emergencies; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares the following previously closed school days to be full instructional school days: February 19, 20, 21 and 22, April 1, and May 24, 2013.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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. 577-582, and authorizes implementation thereof:
Schedule 9 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)
Schedule 11 – Terminations (Instructional)
Schedule 14 – Abolition of Positions (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 16 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 19 – Temporary/Seasonal Appointments (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 22 – Substitute Employee Appointments (Instr./Non-Instr.)
Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Reports:Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 26, 2012

1. Letter to Dr. Bennardo from Jane and Charles Nostrand re gratitude for support provided to WWHS Marching Band, as well as their appreciation for the leadership abilities of Mr. Daniel Krueger, Band Director.
2. Personnel Postings (4)
3. Minutes from the SHTA Executive Board meeting held October 22, 2012
4. Minutes from the Facilities Committee meeting held October 17, 2012
5. Letter to parents/guardians from F. Robins re Meet the Teacher Nights
6. News articles: *The Long Islander*, 10/25/2012 (3 articles)
7. School Law, 34th Edition (BOE members only)

Committee Updates:Facilities

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the committee met on October 17, 2012. One of the items discussed was the repair of the Stimson track. Mr. Ciappetta noted that the track is in terrible disrepair. Mr. Light noted that Landtek would do the work as they were the lowest bidder. Mr. Ciappetta also reported that the committee discussed a potential security booth that would be built at the entrance of the high school. Mr. Ciappetta noted that the security guards currently sit in a truck to greet visitors. The truck is constantly idling and this affects the maintenance costs of the truck.

**Committee
Updates:
(Continued)**

Mr. Ciappetta had photos of a security booth that were passed to the other Board members. A discussion was held with concerns expressed about the flow of traffic, the size of the structure and the cost involved. Mr. Kaden requested a scaled drawing of the booth and area surrounding it. Mr. Ciappetta stated that he would like to see the area marked off with tape on the ground so that they could get a better perspective. Mr. Kaden agreed that it should be done. Mr. Ciappetta also reported that the committee discussed the 2013 summer projects and the financing for these projects.

Mr. Kaden asked about the old library building. Mr. Ciappetta stated that it is still in negotiations. Mr. Light noted that Mr. Greiner of Greiner Maltz had damage to his residence caused by Hurricane Sandy and he has been involved with that. Mr. Light did state that the Genesis Group is still interested and excited to go forward.

Mr. Ciappetta reported that there was a monthly SHEF meeting at the District Office. Mr. Ciappetta noted that SHEF would have a food court at the Fine Arts and Craft Fair this weekend. Many food vendors had donated food for the event and he thanked them for their contribution. Mr. Ciappetta also noted that Ray Spatafora would be the SHEF Golf Outing Honoree scheduled for July 3, 2013. Mr. Ciappetta also reported that SHEF, rather than holding its annual wine tasting event, would be holding a chocolate tasting event on at Sweet Hollow Hall in February. Mr. Ciappetta noted that more details would be coming as they are finalized.

**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:**

Mr. Kaden thanked the entire staff for pulling together during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Kaden noted that Dr. Bennardo, Ms. Acker and her administrative team, Dr. Centamore and others, including maintenance, grounds and custodial staff were in every day during the storm. Mr. Kaden thanked everyone for a great job.

Mr. Kaden stated that Mr. Lupinacci was not present at the meeting because he was in Albany. Mr. Kaden noted that Mr. Lupinacci won election to the 10th Assembly District and it would be good to have someone in Albany looking out for Long Island's interests. Mr. Kaden explained that Mr. Lupinacci could not continue on as a Board member. Mr. Kaden stated that the Board could appoint someone until the end of this school year, hold a special election or leave the seat vacant until the next election. Mr. Kaden asked the Board members to give some thought to their preference and the Board would discuss this again at the next meeting.

Mr. Nitkewicz also thanked the administrators, staff and community for pulling together during the Hurricane Sandy aftermath.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

Robert Bartolomeo noted that California voters passed Proposition 30, Sales and Income Tax Increase Initiative, during the recent election. Mr. Bartolomeo wondered if this was a conflict with Proposition 13. Mr. Bartolomeo asked the Board for their opinion on this matter. Mr. Kaden stated he wanted to look into this further as he was not that familiar with the details. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that he was glad to see it pass. He feels the educational system was taking a hit and he was happy to see this pass.


Executive Session:

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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 546 through 582.