

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, in the cafeteria of Maplewood Intermediate School, 19 School Lane, Huntington Station, New York.

**Present:**      **Board Members:**

President  
Vice President

Mr. Kaden \*  
Mr. Ciappetta  
Mrs. Brieff  
Mrs. DeGaetano  
Mrs. LaCara  
Mr. Nitkewicz

Mr. Kaden arrived at 8:10 p.m.

**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

Mr. Lupinacci

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

**Executive Session:**      Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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. DeGaetano, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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.

**Presentation on  
The Third Option  
Alternative  
Revenues:**

Dr. Bennardo stated that tonight's presentation was a discussion about the gap between revenue and roll-forward expenses. The reasons for this gap are:

- 2% constraints;
- limits on state aid;
- increases in obligations;
- mandates;
- variables still to be determined.

Dr. Bennardo noted that the traditional solutions to budget gaps was:

- Option #1 – Raise Taxes
- Option #2 – Cut Programs and/or People

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The Third Option  
Alternative  
Revenues:  
(Continued)**

Dr. Bennardo noted that option #1 was limited and option #2 was painful and stated that the district was being challenged to think a little differently. Dr. Bennardo stated that there was a third option and explained that this did not mean that options #1 and #2 ceased to exist. Dr. Bennardo stated that the third option was to develop relationships and partnerships that brought non-tax revenue into the district. Dr. Bennardo noted that some examples included corporate sponsorships, local business relationships in addition to partnering with boosters clubs and foundations. Dr. Bennardo stated that sponsorship is permitted provided it does not involve the commercial promotion of a product or service. Dr. Bennardo noted that "soft" recognition of a donation or sponsorship from a business was permissible. Dr. Bennardo stated that the rules indicate that the district cannot use its infrastructure for promotion. Dr. Bennardo noted that the district could thank people with modest signage.

Dr. Bennardo reported that letters would be mailed out next week to more than 3,000 businesses to try to build a relationship. Dr. Bennardo noted that there were many vibrant organizations in our district that could be seen as an untapped opportunity.

Dr. Bennardo stated that the district needed everyone's help. The Friends of South Huntington Schools would be a not-for-profit, volunteer, support organization designed specifically to develop business relationships and partnerships that would bring non-tax revenue to the district. Dr. Bennardo noted that volunteers and connections are needed to further the agenda. Dr. Bennardo showed two examples of a simple thank you for two local sponsors. Following Dr. Bennardo's presentation, the Board and audience were given an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Mr. Ciappetta thanked Dr. Bennardo for his presentation and stated that he was pleased that the district had "hit the ground running" and felt it was an important step in the right direction.

**Moment of Silence:** Mr. Ciappetta asked for a moment of silence for Director of Facilities Michael Morgan who had recently passed away. Mr. Ciappetta stated that Mr. Morgan had fought a long and courageous struggle with cancer. Mr. Ciappetta noted that he dealt closely with Mr. Morgan on the Facilities Committee and he was always ready with a joke and fought his cancer with a smile on his face all the while doing a great job for the district. Mr. Ciappetta acknowledged that this was a tremendous loss for the district.

**Adoption of  
Agenda:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

<b>Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve the following items:
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes of Board meeting held on October 20, 24 & November 1, 2012.
<b>Schedule of Investment Accounts:</b>	Schedule of Investment Accounts, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 589.
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	Treasurer's Report, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 590.
<b>Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:</b>	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 591-604.
<b>Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:</b>	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 605.
<b>Revenue Status Report, General Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 606.
<b>Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 607.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 608.
<b>Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund:</b>	Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 609.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 610-613.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 614.
<b>Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:</b>	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 615.

**Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:** Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 616-617.

**Budgetary Transfer Report:** Budgetary Transfer Report, September 2012, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 618.

**Tax Levy Schedule:** Tax Levy Schedule, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 619.

**Library Tax Levy:** Library Tax Levy, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 619.

**Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:** Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, September 2012, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 620-623.

<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	General Fund	Warrant 47	\$ 50,000.00
	"	48	1,433,612.71
	"	49	11,666.67
	"	50	1,980.00
	School Lunch	15	36,764.32
	Special Aid	19	4,447.35
	Capital Reserve Bond	16	72,356.75

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General Fund	Warrant 43	\$173,891.31
"	44	5,490.34
"	45	107,591.76
"	46	1,587,480.27
School Lunch	13	25,315.55
"	14	157.90
Special Aid	15	79,707.86
"	16	400.00
"	17	22,491.33
"	18	5,360.40
Capital Reserve Bond	15	8,686.08

**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.

**Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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 12, 13, 20, 27, October 3, 4, 9, 17, 22, 26, November 13, 14 and 15, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated November 13, 2012, is satisfied that the procedures of Chapter 853 of the

- Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:**  
(Continued)
- Education Law were followed and accepts the recommendations for placement set forth, copies made part of these legal minutes, pp. 624-632. Motion carried unanimously.
- Extension of Sheila Montague Memorial Scholarship:**
- 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 an extension of the Sheila Montague Memorial Scholarship from a one-time only to a yearly award of two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in the field of education.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- NYSSBA Winter Law Conference:**
- 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 at the NYSSBA Winter Law Conference to be held on January 10, 2013, in Ronkonkoma, New York. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:**
- Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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. 633-636, and authorizes implementation thereof:  
Schedule 7 – Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)  
Schedule 9 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)  
Schedule 16 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)  
Schedule 22 – Substitute Employee Appointments (Instr./Non-Instr.)  
Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Nitkewicz opposed.
- Information and Reports:**
1. Letters to Kevin Kennedy and Local 424 staff members from D. Bennardo for exemplary work performance re Hurricane Sandy
  2. Letters to K. Acker and P. Smerz from D. Bennardo for exemplary work performance re Hurricane Sandy
  3. School Grade Enrollment Report for the First Attendance Period October 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012
  4. The Silas Scoop/Silas Wood 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center
  5. Letter to Parents/Guardians from K. Acker re Progress Report Nights
  6. Memorandum to D. Bennardo from K. Acker re October Students of the Month
  7. Letters to recipients of the WWHS October Students of the Month from D. Bennardo
- Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 16, 2012
1. Letter to Dr. Bennardo from Rick Migliore, The Gift of the Rose Center, with information requested at Board meeting presentation

**Information and Reports:  
(Continued)**

2. Memo to Full-Time Employees from Mr. Light re 2013 Flexible Benefit Enrollment
3. Memo to the Board of Education and Cabinet from Ms. Robins re Upcoming Events
4. Personnel Postings (7)
5. *NYSIR NEWS*, Fall 2012 (Board Members Only)
6. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 11-8-12 and 11-15-12

**Committee Updates:**

None given.

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**

Mrs. Brieff thanked the entire staff for everything they did during Hurricane Sandy to keep the district functioning and sound. Mrs. Brieff stated that she felt it was very heroic and the district was very fortunate to have such dedicated employees.

Mr. Ciappetta acknowledged that Kevin Kennedy had stepped up his role to assist while Mike Morgan was ill. Mr. Ciappetta stated that Mr. Kennedy had done a great job during that time and continued to do a great job in his present role.

**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.


**Executive Session:**

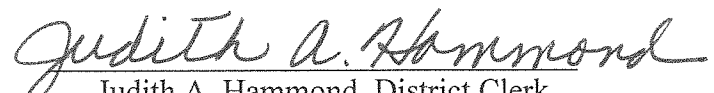
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Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Adjournment:**

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

  
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Jim Kaden, President

  
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Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 589 through 636.