

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 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. Carey
Mrs. DeGaetano
Mrs. LaCara
Mr. Nitkewicz

* Mr. Kaden arrived at 7:42 p.m.

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools
Deputy Superintendent
Interim Business Administrator
Supervisor of Assessment and Technology
District Clerk

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

Absent: Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services

Dr. Centamore

Call to Order: Mr. Ciappetta opened the meeting at 6 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 Mrs. LaCara, 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.

**Guests and
Delegations,
Huntington Manor
Fire Department:**

Huntington Manor Fire Department Chief Fred Steenson and 1st Assistant Chief Frank McQuade presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the Walt Whitman High School Marching Band. Chief Steenson thanked the marching band for marching in support of the Huntington Manor Fire Department during the Memorial Day parade. Dr. Bennardo accepted the check on behalf of the marching band and thanked the Huntington Manor Fire Department for their generous donation.

Chief Steenson and 1st Assistant Chief McQuade also presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the South Huntington Educational Foundation. Chief Steenson stated that the fire department used the fields at Stimson Middle School for their annual fundraising fair. The donation was a token of their appreciation. Mr. Ciappetta accepted the

Guests and Delegations, Huntington Manor Fire Department: (Continued)

check on behalf of SHEF and thanked the Huntington Manor Fire Department for their generous donation.

Chief Steenson stated that on behalf of the Huntington Manor Fire Department he wanted to offer any assistance that the fire department could give to the school district. The Board members thanked Chief Steenson for his thoughtful offer.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.

Mr. Ciappetta moved, with a second from Mr. Nitkewicz, to amend the agenda to add an additional business item, Appointment of an Interim Administrative Dean for the Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion, as amended, 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 July 2, 2013.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

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| General Fund | Warrant 21 | \$ 4,491.87 |
| " | 22 | 392,996.27 |
| " | 23 | 6,464.41 |
| School Lunch | 3 | 4,981.19 |
| " | 4 | 1,200.00 |
| Special Aid | 8 | 215,655.90 |
| " | 9 | 2,114.02 |
| 2003 Bond | 5 | 1,155.00 |
| Voids | V013A | (150.00) |
| " | V003C | (690.34) |

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| General Fund | Warrant 18 | \$ 67,002.82 |
| " | 19 | 1,437,600.25 |
| " | 20 | 207,189.37 |
| Special Aid | 6 | 59,689.30 |
| " | 7 | 515.99 |
| 2003 Bond | 4 | 516,562.25 |

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| General Fund | Warrant 14 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| " | 15 | 2,824.33 |
| " | 16 | 255,946.75 |
| " | 17 | 228,194.64 |
| Special Aid | 5 | 44,182.35 |
| " | 3 | 5,822.62 |

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. E-mail from Mary DeFalco re Common Core

Donation from the Stimson Middle School PTA and an Increase in Budget Codes:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation of two (2) checks in the amount of \$2,227.42 for a total amount of \$4,454.84 to be used for the purchase of one SMART Board, one audio system and hardware for Stimson Middle School and one SMART Board, one audio system and hardware for Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center and the installation costs for both Stimson Middle School and Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center donated by the Stimson Middle School PTA from funds awarded through Scholastic Book sales; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the 2013-2014 school budget in the amount of \$2,754.84 to budget code 2630-13-CSO-500 and an increase in the 2013-2014 school budget in the amount of \$1,700 to budget code 2630-13-CSO-478 to accept these donations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden questioned the Board's authority to increase the budget. It was his understanding that the Board could not increase the voter approved budget. Mr. Light stated that he would double check with the auditors but it was his understanding that the Board did have the authority to increase the budget as a result of donations.

Approval to Rescind a Resolution and Accept a Donation from SHEF:

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, Whereas, at the Board of Education meeting held on August 14, 2013, the Board of Education approved a donation of \$31,240 from the South Huntington Educational Foundation (SHEF) for the purchase of one full robot, two torsos and warranties and approved the increase of \$31,240 to budget code 2630-13-INC-500-000 to accept the donation; and

Whereas, SHEF has indicated that they would prefer to purchase the items and donate them directly to the South Huntington Union Free School District;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds the resolution approved at the August 14, 2013, Board of Education meeting accepting the donation of \$31,240 from SHEF for one full robot, two torsos and warranties and increasing budget code 2630-13-INC-500-000 by \$31,240 to accept the donation; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the donation from SHEF of one full robot, two torsos and warranties.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Recommendations
for Placement by
CSE/CPSE:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, 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 March 15, 18, 21, 22, April 2, 8, 17, 18, 19, 22, 26, 29, May 3, 6, 10, 15, 17, 20, 24, 29, 30, 31, June 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 20, 21, July 10, August 9, 12, 14, 15 and 26, 2013, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated May 20, July 2, 9, August 6, 13, 14 and 21, 2013, 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. 291-315.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation from the
South Huntington
Paraprofessionals
Association:**

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 the donation of \$4,500 from the South Huntington Paraprofessionals Association used for the purchase of away game jerseys for the Walt Whitman High School Varsity Football Team.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of
Interim
Administrative
Dean at Silas
Wood:**

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the appointment of Patrick Scarola as Interim Administrative Dean for Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign the agreement of employment, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 316-317.

Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, 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. 318-331 and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2 - Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 5 - Part-time Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 6 - Summer School Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 7 - Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 11 - Terminations (Instructional)

**Personnel:
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Schedule 12 - Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave
 Schedule 15 - Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 16 - Terminations (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 17 - Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 20 - Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)
 Schedule 22 - Substitute Employee Appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

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Schedule 7 - Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)
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 Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

1. Thank you letters to Mr. Mulhaul, Ms. LaMonica and Mrs. Metzack from Dr. Bennardo re mailing of school calendars
2. Suggestion (1), Administration Building
3. Personnel Postings (3)
4. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 8-29-13

In envelopes:

1. Second Summer Mailing, Silas Wood Sixth Grade Center
2. School Calendars

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 23, 2013

1. Appreciation letters to Ms. Buhse, Mr. Krueger, Mr. Toledo and Mr. DeNicola from Dr. Bennardo
2. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mr. Light re Audit Committee Agenda for meeting of August 27, 2013
3. Letter to the Board of Education from Mary DeFalco re Common Core
4. Personnel Postings (6)
5. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 8-22-13

Information Sent to Board Week Ending August 16, 2013

1. Suffolk County Assessment Rank List
2. Thank you note from Robin and Lon Gooch
3. Walt Whitman High School Summer Mailing Packet

Information and Reports:
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4. Memo to Cabinet and Board of Education from Mr. Smith re Second Summer Mailing Packet
5. Personnel Postings (7)
6. Confidential letter from Erika Nichols re a personnel matter
7. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 8-15-13
8. *NYSIR News*, July 2013 (Board Members Only)

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Dr. Bennardo thanked parents for their patience during opening day. Dr. Bennardo noted that there were some problems with transportation as the district had been very aggressive with routing. Dr. Bennardo stated that the Transportation Department was working to fix the problem as some of our students are on the bus for too long a period of time. Dr. Bennardo stated that he recognized that this was an inconvenience but he assured parents that the problem would be corrected.

Mr. Ciappetta stated that Sunday, September 8, is SHEF's Family Fun Day at West Hills Day Camp from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Ciappetta stated that the cost of admission was \$10 per person. Mr. Ciappetta noted that everyone had a great time last year and stated that the dunk tank would be back again this year. Mr. Ciappetta noted that some of this year's participants in the dunk tank would be Dr. Bennardo, Mr. Smith and Mr. Callahan.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 291 through 331.