

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, in the cafeteria of Oakwood Primary Center, 264 West 22 Street, Huntington, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President
Vice President

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

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools
Deputy Superintendent
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services
Interim Business Administrator
District Clerk

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

Absent: Supervisor of Assessment and Technology

Dr. Bloom

Call to Order: Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**School Board
Recognition:**

Dr. Bennardo stated that the district wanted to acknowledge and honor the Board of Education during School Board Recognition Week. Dr. Bennardo thanked the Board for their continued service and introduced the Oakwood Singers and their teacher Mrs. Luella Pinelli. The students gave a wonderful vocal performance to the enjoyment of all in attendance. Mrs. Pinelli and her students were thanked for their enjoyable performance.

Dr. Bennardo then introduced principals Eileen Kerrigan and Barbara Kenney. The principals introduced their students who presented each Board member with a handcrafted gift and read aloud thank you notes that they had prepared. The Board members gave a heartfelt thanks to the students and their principals.

School Board Recognition: (Continued)	Dr. Bennardo introduced PTA Council President Dominic LeClaire. Mr. LeClaire thanked the Board for their service to the community and presented each Board member with a gift of thanks from the PTA. Mr. Kaden and the other Board members sincerely thanked Mr. LeClaire and the PTA.
Varsity Football Team Recognition of SHPA:	Varsity Football Coach Robin Rosa and four of his varsity football players were present at the Board meeting to acknowledge and thank the South Huntington Paraprofessional Association members for their very generous donation of \$4,500 for the purchase of away game jerseys for the Walt Whitman High School Varsity Football team. SHPA Co-Presidents, Pat Dell and Linda Tedesco, together with Stephanie Thompson and Maryann Verdi each received a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a team playoff shirt as a thank you from the team.
Adoption of Agenda:	Motion by Mrs. Carey, 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. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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 3, 2013.
Schedule of Investment Accounts:	Schedule of Investment Accounts, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 414.
Treasurer's Report:	Treasurer's Report, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 415.
Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 416-428.
Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 429.
Revenue Status Report, General Fund:	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 430.
Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 431.
Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 432.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 433-436.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 437.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 438.

Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund: Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 439-441.

Budgetary Transfer Report: Budgetary Transfer Report, August 2013, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 442.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 443.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 443.

Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report: Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, July and August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 444-452.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 37	\$ 4,169.09
	"	38	1,532,801.23
	"	V030	(50.00)
	School Lunch	9	1,478.36
	Special Aid	13	139,983.59
	2003 Bond	9	4,500.00
	Scholarship	3	500.00

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General Fund	Warrant 33	\$ 76,546.80
"	34	217,596.17
"	35	144,106.25
"	36	890,000.00
School Lunch	8	1,935.78
Special Aid	12	97,235.00
2003 Bond	8	49,291.00

- 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. Invitation to Mr. Kaden from Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci to participate in a Suffolk Forum on Common Core to be held on October 10, 2013, at the Van Nostrand Theatre at Suffolk Community College
 2. Invitation to the Wildcat Marching Band Home Show 2013
 3. E-Mail letter from Mary DeFalco re Common Core
- Memorandum of Understanding for the 2013-14 Foster Grandparent Program:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District and the Federation of Organizations have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2013-2014 school year and the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to sign said agreement.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Memorandum of Agreement with United Public Service Employees Union:** 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 approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union.

Mr. Ciappetta moved, with a second from Mr. Nitkewicz, to table this matter until the October 16, 2013, Board of Education meeting.
Motion, to table, carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request NYSSBA Conference:** 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 approves the field trip for the Walt Whitman Chorale Group to attend and perform at the NYSSBA Conference to be held in Rochester, New York on October 24-25, 2013.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request France and Italy:** Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip request for Grades 11 and 12 students enrolled in Italian and French beyond the FLACS level to tour France and Italy on April 11-20, 2014.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request Spain:** Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip request for Grades 11 and 12 students enrolled in Spanish classes beyond the FLACS level to tour Spain on April 11-19, 2014.
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 June 3, 5, 6, 18, 19, 21, 24, July 10, 25, August 14, September 9, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23 and 25, 2013, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated September 10, 16 and 24, 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. 453-465.
Motion carried unanimously.

AIS Discussion:

A Board discussion was held on the Academic Intervention Services (AIS) requirements. Under discussion was the fact that the New York State Education Department had lowered the cut scores for AIS. The state had required schools to provide AIS to any student in grades 3-8 who scored below proficiency on math or ELA. Mr. Kaden noted that the requirement for AIS had been below Level 3 but that was now changed to 297 which was the middle range of Level 2. The Regents decided on September 16 to grant school districts greater leeway in determining which students with scores in Level 2 or below should receive remedial help. The Board discussed the effectiveness of daytime AIS scores, section size and model options. Mr. Kaden stated that he felt the district should give any student below Level 3 the opportunity to take AIS services because he would like to see the progress we have made be maintained. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that he agreed with Mr. Kaden and would like to see students get as much support as possible. Mr. Kaden requested the number of students who fall into the new cut score range and also how many fall below Level 3. Some of the concerns expressed by the Board were that students were pulled out of subject classes for AIS services, services are provided in a group setting not individual help, and the financial impact of providing these services. Following further discussion, it was the sense of the Board that the district would not exercise their option to drop the AIS requirement below the originally designated high level 2 cut score. In addition, the Board agreed to allow the administration to retain their discretionary latitude but expressed their interest in building upon the progress by providing AIS services to anyone who scored at Level 1 or 2, and asked that their commitment to providing AIS services to as many Level 2 students as possible be considered in the administrative decision making going forward.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Carey, 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. 466-474, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 12 - Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave

Schedule 15 - Appointments (Non-Instructional)

**Personnel:
(Continued)**

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.)
 Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

1. Letter to Tyler Gianchetta from Dr. Bennardo re performance at Board meeting of September 18
2. Letter to Destinee Felder, Diamond Garcia and Christopher Corbin from Dr. Bennardo re reading of essay at Board meeting of September 18
3. Thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. R. Fisher from Dr. Bennardo re donation of upright piano
4. Personnel Postings (13)
5. Invitation to Annual Track and Field Day to be held on October 31, 2013
6. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 9-23-13
7. Letter to Special Education Director from Jacquelyn Best and Eileen Taylor, NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 9-26-13; *Newsday*, 9-27-13

In envelopes:

1. Confidential Staff Directory 2013-2014

Information Sent to Board Week Ending September 20, 2013

1. Thank you letter to Town of Huntington Supervisor Frank Petrone and Councilwoman Susan Berland from Dr. Bennardo for installation of traffic control signal on Wolf Hill Road by Birchwood Intermediate School
2. Thank you letter to Reverend Evelyn Digsby and Reverend Saba Mchunguzi, United Church of Healing Light, from Dr. Bennardo for donation of 100 backpacks
3. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Mr. Smith re Stimson Middle School Curriculum Night to be held on September 26, 2013
4. Suggestion (1), Birchwood Intermediate School
5. Personnel Schedules (8)
6. *NYSIR News*, August 2013 (Board Members Only)
7. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 9-19-13

**Committee
Updates:**

None given.

**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:**

Dr. Bennardo presented a New York State School Boards Association Master of Boardmanship Award to Mr. Kaden. The NYSSBA has a recognition program to acknowledge the extensive time and effort required of school board members who continually strive to expand their knowledge and skills for better board governance. Mr. Kaden had reached Board Mastery Level 3 and 250 points. Mr. Kaden also received a commemorative padfolio and pin from the NYSSBA.

**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:
(Continued)**

Mrs. Brieff stated that the South Huntington Arts in Education Foundation was holding a fundraiser, "Rock for the Arts," on Saturday, November 2, in the Performing Arts Center at Walt Whitman High School at 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Mrs. Brieff noted that tickets could be purchased in advance until Monday, October 28, or at the door.

Mr. Nitkewicz stated that the Walk Now for Autism Speaks fundraiser would be held this Sunday, October 6, at Jones Beach State Park. The name of the Mr. Nitkewicz's team is "Edward's Army." Mr. Nitkewicz noted that he was a Committee Co-Chair and that this was the largest walk in the country.

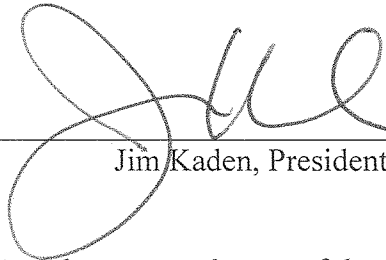
**Voice of the
Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

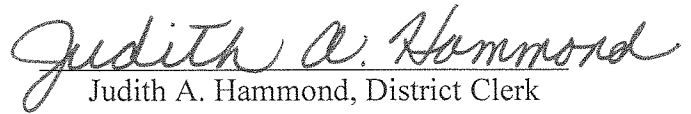
Adjournment:

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

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 414 through 474.