

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, October 16, 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

**Staff:**

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

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

**Call to Order:**      Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Executive Session:**      Motion by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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. Carey, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda:**      Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda be adopted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**SHEF Thank You Awards:**      SHEF President Charles Ciravolo noted that \$500,000 had been raised over the years by SHEF to benefit the school district. Mr. Ciravolo stated that SHEF held its latest fundraiser, Family Fun Day, on September 8 at West Hills Day Camp. Mr. Ciravolo noted that attendance had been increased over the past two years since the addition of the dunk tank, which was a suggestion by Anthony Ciccarelli to Laura Carey. Mr. Ciravolo invited each of the dunk tank participants to come up to be acknowledged and presented each with a framed photo. This year's

**SHEF Thank You Awards:  
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participants were Ed Smith, Vito and Janine D'Elia, Dave Bennardo, Rich Schmidt, Sue Cirillo, Dennis Callahan and Stephen Toto. A group photo was taken after the presentation.

**Communications:**

1. E-mail from Mary DeFalco re Common Core.

**2014/2015 Budget Development Calendar:**

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 2014/2015 Budget Development Calendar, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 482.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation of SMART Board Speakers and Projectors for Use at Maplewood:**

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 the donation of a check in the amount of \$1,862.86 to be used for the purchase of SMARTBoard speakers and projectors for Maplewood Intermediate School donated by the Maplewood PTA from funds through the Cultural Arts fundraiser; and  
Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the 2013-2014 school budget in the amount of \$1,862.86 to budget code 2630-13-CSO-500 to accept these donations.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Field Trip Request, Heritage Music Festival 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 field trip to the Heritage Music Festival Competition to be held in Boston, Massachusetts on April 3-6, 2014.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Field Trip Request, NYSSMA Winter Conference:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 to the NYSSMA Winter Conference to be held in Rochester, New York on December 5-8, 2013.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the 2013 NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting:**

Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby designates Jim Kaden to serve as Voting Delegate and Nicholas R. Ciappetta to serve as Alternate Voting Delegate at the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting to be held on October 26, 2013, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, New York.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**2013 Resolutions for the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting:**

A discussion was held on the proposed resolutions to be brought before the voting delegates at the NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting to be held on October 26, 2013. Following the discussion, it was the sense of the Board to support Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 19; and oppose Resolutions 5, 7, 14, 17, 18 and 20.

**Tax Levy Rate:** Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that pursuant to Section 8 of the Suffolk County Tax Act and based upon the assessed valuation of \$44,388,223, which has been certified to the District by the Assessor of the Town wholly within the School District, the following computed tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to be adopted and ordered certified to the Supervisor of the Town, together with the dollar amount to be raised by the President of the Board:

	<u>AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED</u>	<u>COMPUTED TAX RATE</u>
Per \$1,000.00		
For Regular School Purposes	\$ 107,139,711	\$ 2,413.70
For District Public Library	5,750,401	129.55
School & Library Tax/\$1,000	112,890,112	2,543.75
Motion carried unanimously.		

**Memorandum of Agreement with United Public Service Employees Union:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the United Public Service Employees Union, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 483.  
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 September 4, 12, 18, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, October 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2013, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated September 24, 25, 27, October 8 and 9, 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. 484-494.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Policy 7212:** Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School Districts does hereby adopt Board Policy 7212, as submitted.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Report on Audit Report, 2012-2013:** Marianne Van Duyne of R.S. Abrams & Co. was present at the meeting and thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to report on the audit findings. Ms. Van Duyne noted that two audits were performed, Financial Statements and Extraclassroom Activity Funds. Ms. Van Duyne also noted that a management letter was issued. Ms. Van Duyne stated the Business Office had been very proactive in implementing recommendations from last year's report. Ms. Van Duyne thanked Mr. Light and his staff for the great job they did in providing all the

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documents needed for the audit and for working so well with the auditors. Ms. Van Duyne noted that the audit went very smoothly and the district is in very good shape financially. The Board was then given the opportunity for questions. Mr. Ciappetta and Mr. Kaden had several questions that were answered to their satisfaction by Ms. Van Duyne. Mr. Kaden asked that our bond counsel look at the 2003 bond resolution to determine if any remaining funds could be used for other capital projects. Mr. Kaden thanked Ms. Van Duyne for her report.

**Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, 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 18, 2013.

**Audit Report, 2012-2013:**

The Board of Education accepts, as submitted, audit reports prepared for the district by the firm of R.S. Abrams & Co., L.L.P., for the fiscal year 2012-2013 and Extra-Classroom Activity Funds for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

**Claims Audit Report:**

Claims Audit Report, August 2013, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 495-498.

**Schedule of Bills (Warrants):**

General Fund	Warrant 43	\$ 1,523.82
"	44	143,315.13
"	45	11,666.67
"	46	38,925.31
"	47	14,715.00
School Lunch	10	49,365.99
"	V10	(17,802.07)
"	11	1,200.00
"	12	17,855.65
Special Aid	15	22,539.60
"	16	4,050.00

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General Fund	Warrant 39	\$ 2,002.01
"	40	168,590.86
"	41	17,141.74
"	42	3,439.46
Special Aid	14	43,900.27

**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.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Light, 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. 499-510, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 10 - Tenure Appointments

Schedule 11 - Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 15 - Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 17 - Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 19 - Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 22 - Substitute Employee Appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and Reports:**

1. Thank you letters from Dr. Bennardo re 2013 Homecoming to the following: Steve Bartholomew, Mr. Savarese, Mr. Kennedy, Chief Fred Steenson, Huntington Manor Fire Department, Inspector Edward Brady, SCPD, Senator Carl L. Marcellino, Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci, Legislator Lou D'Amaro, Councilwoman Susan Berland, Councilman Mark Mayoka, Ms. Acker, Mr. Varlamos, Dr. Muller, Ms. Grady, Mr. DeNicola, Solange Rich
2. Congratulatory letter to Whitman's Students-of-the-Month for September from Dr. Bennardo
3. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Ms. Harris re School Grade Enrollment Report for the First Attendance Period September 3, 2013, through September 30, 2013
4. Personnel Postings (7)
5. October Newsletter and Calendar, Oakwood Primary Center
6. Flyer re "Why Try Program," Eastern Suffolk BOCES
7. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-10-13

Mrs. DeGaetano had a question on Item 3 that was answered to her satisfaction by Ms. Harris.

In envelopes:

1. School Board Recognition Week Certificates, Western Suffolk BOCES

Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 4, 2013

1. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Dr. Centamore re Timeline for Teacher Tenure Appointments for 2013-2014
2. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mr. Light re Audit Committee Agenda, October 8, 2013

**Information and Reports:  
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3. Letter to Parents and Students of the Graduating Classes of 2014 and 2015 from Ms. Acker re Military Recruitment "Opt Out" Request
4. Letter to Mr. Kaden from Mary Ann Sadowski, Ingerman Smith, LLP, together with invitations to reception at NYSSBA Convention in Rochester
5. Confidential document from Ingerman Smith, LLP re a personnel matter
6. Memo to Board of Education from Mark Masin and Mary Jo O'Hagan, N-SSBA, re Tally Sheet for Proposed Resolutions
7. Personnel Postings (3)
8. *The Stimson Source*, October 2013
9. *The Silas Scoop*, October 2013
10. *Countrywood Chronicle*, October 2013
11. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 10-3-13

**Committee Updates:**

None given.

**Comments from Board Members and Staff:**

Mrs. Brieff stated that SHAIIEF's fundraising event, *Rock for the Arts*, would be held on Saturday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Walt Whitman High School with Left Jab performing. Mrs. Brieff noted that tickets were available until October 28 or they could be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Mrs. Brieff reported on a meeting on Common Core that she attended on Tuesday with Dr. Bennardo. The meeting, held at Oyster Bay High School, was organized by Senator Carl Marcellino. In attendance were State Education Commissioner John B. King, Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch, Regent Roger Tilles, school superintendents, board members, PTA members and teachers. The Board held a brief impromptu discussion on Common Core.

Mr. Nitkewicz thanked Dr. Bennardo, Mrs. LaCara and Ms. Cirillo for their participation in the walk at Jones Beach for Autism Speaks. Mr. Nitkewicz noted that many teachers came and walked in support. Mr. Nitkewicz thanked the Board, administration and community for all their support.

Dr. Bennardo stated that the district had two great events since the last Board meeting. Dr. Bennardo thanked everyone who participated in the Marching Band Home Show and Homecoming weekend. Dr. Bennardo noted that the extended parade route for Homecoming was very well received and a great success. He thanked Mr. Kennedy, Dominic LeClaire and Solange Rich for all their help.


**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

**Adjournment:**

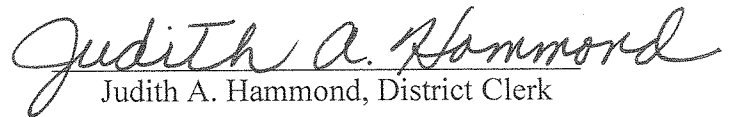
Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 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 482 through 510.