

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2013, in the cafeteria of Maplewood Intermediate School, 19 School Lane, Huntington Station, New York.

Present:	<u>Board Members:</u> President Vice President	Mr. Kaden Mr. Ciappetta Mrs. Brieff Mrs. Carey Mrs. DeGaetano Mrs. LaCara
	<u>Staff:</u> 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
Absent:	Board Member	Mr. Nitkewicz

Call to Order: Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 6:45 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 Mr. Ciappetta, 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 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. Carey, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 16, 2013.

Bids: The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 601-603.

Memorial Toilet Renovation	Schedule 14-02C
Exterior Safety & Lighting Birchwood	14-03C
RFP Affordable Care Act Consultant Services	14-04R1

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 60	\$ 3,238.79
	"	61	791.66
	"	62	5,452.38
	"	63	604,032.30
	"	64	30.00
	School Lunch	17	13,052.96
	Special Aid	21	24,249.36
	2003 Bond	13	3,183.48

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General Fund	Warrant 56	\$ 2,765.62
"	57	759,603.75
"	58	11,666.67
"	59	120.00
School Lunch	16	31,578.02
Special Aid	20	6,994.09
2003 Bond	12	12,638.71

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.

Mr. Ciappetta had several questions on the bids that were answered to his satisfaction by Mr. Light.

Approval to Declare Social Studies Textbook Obsolete: Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, Whereas, the district has 17 copies of the social studies textbook, *American Nation* (ISBN #0-13-063710-6), that are no longer being used by students due to various states of disrepair, and

Whereas, the district would like to dispose of these textbooks through the obsolete bid process or, if they should not sell, they would be destroyed in a safe manner; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares the above noted textbooks obsolete and authorizes the disposal of these obsolete textbooks.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Lease Extension –
Huntington
Historical Society:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves a lease extension to the Huntington Historical Society for storage space at 2 Melville Road North, Huntington Station, through September 30, 2014, a copy of the terms and conditions made part of these legal minutes, p. 604.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Certification of
Lead Evaluators of
Teachers:**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, 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 have 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:

Mr. Edwin Smith, Principal, Stimson Middle School

Ms. April Poprilo, Supervisor of Curricula Services

Ms. Leah Lugoviña, Student Services Chairperson

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mrs. Carey, 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 October 9, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, November 1, 6, 7 and 12, 2013, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated October 22, November 6, 7, 12 and 13, 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. 605-615. Motion carried unanimously.

**Local Assistance
Plan (LAP) for
Oakwood,
Maplewood and
Stimson:**

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Local Assistance Plan (LAP) for Oakwood Primary Center, Maplewood Intermediate School and Stimson Middle School.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion on Tax
Abatement:**

Dr. Bennardo stated that Suffolk County is giving school districts the opportunity to opt out of participation in the county's program of tax abatements to target industries for new construction or renovation of existing buildings. To spur selective growth, Suffolk County's Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board offered local towns and villages the opportunity to designate specific geographic areas and specific industries for which a tax abatement program would be offered. The county would provide eligible businesses with a phase-in of the increase in property tax

**Discussion on Tax Abatement:
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resulting from eligible capital improvements, allowing for the business owner to recoup some of the investment before reaching full valuation. Huntington is one of eight participation towns and villages offering tax abatements. Dr. Bennardo noted that most of the Boards of Education are adopting resolutions to deny the abatement. After discussion, Mr. Kaden asked that a resolution to opt out be put on the December 18th Board agenda for further discussion.

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. 616-623, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 9 - Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 11 - Terminations (Instructional)

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

Schedule 13 - Salary Change (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. Congratulatory letter to Birchwood Boosters for the month of October from Dr. Bennardo
2. Congratulatory letter to Susan Turner-Radin and Vicki Dollin re the Center Stage production of "A Murder is Announced"
3. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Ms. Harris re School Grade Enrollment Report for the First Attendance Period October 1, 2013, through October 31, 2013
4. Memo to Dr. Bennardo from Ms. Acker re students of the month for October 2013, together with Dr. Bennardo's congratulatory letter to students
5. Letter to Parents and Guardians from Mr. Smith re STEM/Curriculum Fair to be held on January 16, 2014
6. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re Progress Report Nights
7. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re student-organized trips
8. Confidential Communications from Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. (3)
9. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 11-14-13

In envelopes:

1. Western Suffolk BOCES Accomplishments 2012-2013 (Board Members Only)

Information and Reports:
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Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 8, 2013

1. **DRAFT** LAP Plans for Oakwood, Maplewood and Stimson
2. Invitation to Mr. Kaden to the Walt Whitman Shops Grand Re-Opening to be held on November 21, 2013
3. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mr. Light re Audit Committee Agenda November 13, 2013
4. Congratulatory letter to students with artwork at the Huntington Arts Council's "Nightmare on Elm Street" gallery from Dr. Bennardo
5. Memo to the Board of Education and Cabinet from Mr. Smith re Upcoming Events
6. Confidential correspondence from Ingerman Smith, LLP
7. Invitation to Mr. Kaden and the Board of Education from Maryann Zumpano, Western Suffolk BOCES, to the Annual Board Dinner to be held on Thursday, December 5th
8. Personnel Postings (2)
9. *Countrywood Chronicle*, November 2013
10. *The Stimson Source*, November 2013
11. *The Silas Scoop*, November 2013
12. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 11-7-13
13. *Spotlight*, Fall 2013
14. *SCOPE's Education Forum*, Fall 2013

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mr. Ciappetta stated that the Fine Art and Crafts Fair would be held this Saturday at Walt Whitman High School. Mr. Ciappetta noted that Vicki Dollin has always done a great job of getting a variety of vendors. Mr. Ciappetta also stated that SHEF would provide a variety of food in the food court area.

Mrs. Brieff stated that she and other Board members attended the Center Stage performance of Agatha Christie's *A Murder Announced*. Mrs. Brieff noted that she was amazed at the talent of the students and happy to see that talent on display.

Mrs. DeGaetano stated that she attended last week's Booster Club 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and she was favorably impressed.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

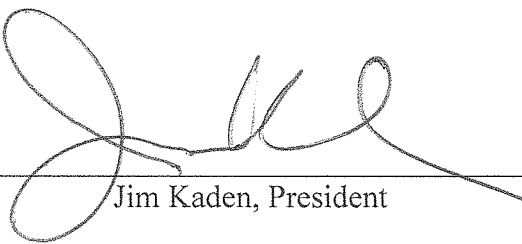
Robert Bartolomeo had a question regarding opting out of the tax abatement.

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 8:10 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 601 through 623.