

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2014, 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

* Ms. Harris was present at Executive Session but was excused from the Business Meeting.

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. LaCara, 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 7:35 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Carey, 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 March 26, 2014.

Bids: The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1087-1088.
 Ed Data Award Letters Schedule 14-15
 Miscellaneous Asphalt/Concrete Repair/Maintenance 15-52

Schedule of Bills	General Fund	Warrant 131	\$ 116,676.16
(Warrants):	"	132	618,140.71
	"	133	1,437,600.25
	School Lunch	39	39,883.38
	Special Aid	43	93,589.10
	2003 Bond	20	553.34

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General Fund	Warrant 129	\$171,491.15
"	130	68,530.80
School Lunch	38	17,163.61
Special Aid	42	46,347.67

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.

Western Suffolk BOCES 2014-2015 Administrative Budget: Information regarding the proposed 2014-2015 Administrative Budget for Western Suffolk BOCES had been prefiled with Board members.
 Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Administrative Budget for the Western Suffolk BOCES, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, New York.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Western Suffolk BOCES Candidates: Information regarding candidates for the vacancies on the Western Suffolk BOCES had been prefiled with district Board members. Each component school district of Western Suffolk BOCES may cast one vote for each of the two vacancies for three-year terms on the BOCES Board.
 Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mrs. Brieff, be it Resolved that the South Huntington Board of Education cast its votes in the annual election of members of the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services, for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2017, as follows: Jeannette Santos and Peter Wunsch.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement with SHAA:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement made between the South Huntington Union Free School District and the South Huntington Administrators' Association on April 10 2014, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1089-1091, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign a more formal agreement in conformity with the Memorandum of Agreement.
Motion carried unanimously.

Property Tax Report Card:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card as of April 11, 2014, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1092.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated February 25, March 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26, 27, 31, April 2, 4, 7 and May 8, 2014, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated March 11, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 2014, 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. 1093-1104.
Motion carried unanimously.

Long Island Community Foundation Dr. Robert and Olga Van Tauber Scholarship:

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 acceptance of two Long Island Community Foundation Dr. Robert & Olga Van Tauber Scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 each to be awarded to two graduating seniors residing in the Town of Huntington who demonstrate a financial need.
Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Election Officials:

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 appointment of the election officials, a copy of the resolution made part of these legal minutes, p. 1105.
Motion carried unanimously.

Stipulation in the Matter of Index No. 3282/2013 in the County of Albany:

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 authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute a Stipulation settling an action pending in Albany County under Index No. 3282/2013, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1106-1107.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential
Personnel
Resolution:**

Mr. Ciappetta moved, with a second from Mrs. Carey, to take from the table the matter of the Confidential Personnel Resolution.
Motion, to table, carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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. 1108-1110, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 3 - Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 13 - Salary Change (Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

1. Invitation to the May 20 Board of Education meeting to all staff receiving tenure (Board Members Only)
2. Letter of commendation to students in the Red Cross Club from Dr. Bennardo
3. Congratulatory letter to students who participated in the New York State School Music Association Festival from Dr. Bennardo
4. Congratulatory letter to students who participated in the Heritage Festival from Dr. Bennardo
5. Personnel Posting (1)

In envelopes:

1. *SCOPE's Education Forum*, Winter 2014 (Board Members Only)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending April 11, 2014

1. Letter to Mrs. Hammond from Donna Roche, South Huntington Public Library, re approval of 2014-2015 library operating budget
2. Save the Date Flyer re N-SSBA Annual Dinner Meeting to be held on May 29, 2014
3. Ingerman Smith LLP Affordable Care Act Presentation of April 1, 2014 (Courtesy of Mrs. Brieff)
4. Congratulatory letter to Birchwood Boosters for the month of March from Dr. Bennardo
5. Personnel Postings (7)
6. *The Silas Scoop*, April 2014
7. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 4-7-14

**Committee
Updates:**

None given.

**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:**

Mr. Nitkewicz thanked both Mr. Kaden and Mrs. Brieff for running again for the Board of Education. Mr. Nitkewicz also thanked Mrs. Adams-Kaden and Dr. Brieff for their sacrifice of family time. Mr. Nitkewicz stated that he was happy that Mr. Kaden and Mrs. Brieff were running again and continuing to serve the community. Mr. Kaden and Mrs. Brieff thanked Mr. Nitkewicz for his kind words. Mrs. Brieff stated that it was important for everyone to be involved in the community. Mrs. Brieff stated that she was happy to continue to do this and appreciated all the work everyone does.

Mr. Nitkewicz reminded everyone that the Parent University was scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014. Mr. Nitkewicz remarked that it was a terrific event.

Dr. Bennardo stated that he had good news about *U.S. News and World Report's* list of the nation's best high schools. Dr. Bennardo reported that Walt Whitman High School was awarded a Silver Medal in the best high school rankings. Dr. Bennardo noted that the list started about six or seven years ago and it was based solely on how many AP courses were offered. Dr. Bennardo stated that they now consider students' performance on mandated state assessments, AP offerings and AP exam success rates as well as minority and economically disadvantaged subgroup performance. Dr. Bennardo reported that out of 120 Long Island high schools, Walt Whitman ranked 18th. Whitman also ranked 4th in Suffolk County, 64th out of 1,200 schools in New York State and 663rd out of 20,000 in the nation. Dr. Bennardo stated that he sees a Gold Medal on the horizon. Dr. Bennardo remarked that this says a lot about our teachers, parents, students and our Board of Education. Dr. Bennardo offered his congratulations to everyone in the room. Mr. Ciappetta noted that it was terrific news and he thanked Dr. Bennardo for his leadership and for setting high expectations.

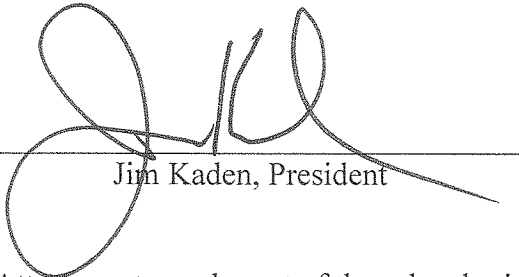
Mr. Ciappetta noted that behind our district are many women who do very important work. Mr. Ciappetta thanked all the women of the district for their service including Laura McLean and Judy Hammond. Mr. Ciappetta thanked Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Hammond for being such good representatives of the district and for always being there for the needs of the Board. In recognition of Administrative Professionals' Day the Board presented a gift to Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Hammond. Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Hammond thanked the Board for their kindness.

**Voice of the
Residents:**

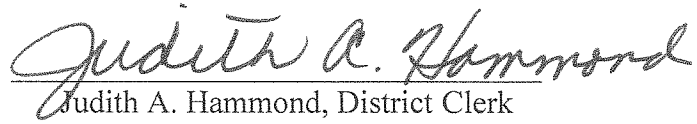
Visitors were invited to participate.

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1087 through 1110.