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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Birchwood Intermediate School, 121 Wolf Hill Road, Melville, 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

Business Administrator

Supervisor of Assessment and Technology

District Clerk

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

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. Carey, 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 Mr. Ciappetta, 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 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 October 7, 2015.

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Schedule of Bills	General Fund (A)	Warrant 43	\$1,000.00
(Warrants):	“ “	44	999.00
	“ “	45	436,525.42
	“ “	V000	(199.80)
	“ “	V031	(4,685.45)
	School Lunch	12	29,148.67
	Special Aid (F)	17	152,447.71
	Capital Reserve (H)	6	430,911.41

Approved – Board Packet of October 23, 2015

General Fund (A)	Warrant 40	\$193,026.30
“ “	41	1,458,456.50
“ “	42	1,995,710.04
School Lunch	11	24,498.99
Special Aid	16	59,587.04

**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 September 28, October 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 26, 2015, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated October 6, 19, 20, 21, 27, 2015, 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. 594-608. Motion carried unanimously.

**Obsolete
Declaration and
Donation of Six
Computers to
Senior Net:**

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 declares six computers obsolete for District purposes, and approves the donation of same to Senior Net. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bennardo reported that Senior Net was an organization that provided computer lessons to senior citizens. The computer hard drives were cleared of any district information. Dr. Bennardo further stated that there was an aging-out period for computer technology after approximately five years, and the donation of these computers to a source such as Senior Net was a win-win for both the District and the organization.

**Assistant Arts
Facilitator Position**

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 an agreement with the South Huntington Office Staff Association dated October 22, 2015, which authorizes the transition of a bargaining unit member to a middle management position entitled Assistant Arts Facilitator; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a contract with employee listed in the resolution as the Assistant Arts Facilitator commencing November 5, 2015, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 609-610. Motion carried unanimously.

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Settlement Agreement:

Motion by Mrs. Briefff, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves and authorizes a settlement agreement with an employee identified in State Education Department Case Number 26,798 executed by such employee on November 2, 2015, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 611-615.

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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. 616-624, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 5: Part-time Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 7: Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 10: Tenure Appointments

Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 13: Salary Change (Instructional)

Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Reports:

1. Letter from Ira McCracken, Chief Examiner, NYS Comptroller, Re SHSD Audit
2. Letter from Ms. Cappy, School Nurse, Silas Wood, re Head Lice
3. Letter to Parents/Guardians re Intramural Program from Mr. Toto
4. Flyer re Silas Wood Community re Thanksgiving Food Drive 2015
5. Flyer re SW/SMS PTA Fundraiser Wildcat Bash at The Big Kahuna
6. Flyer re Upraised Math from Silas Wood
7. SHTA Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting from Oct. 26, 2015
8. Memorandum from Dr. Bennardo to Policy Holders re §8460, Field Trips
9. Letter from Dr. Bennardo to students re NAFME all National Designation

Information Sent to Board Week Ending October 23, 2015

1. Facilities Committee meeting minutes from October 20, 2015
2. Thank you letter from Mr. Kaden to Silas Wood students for hand-written notes to Board members regarding Silas Wood activities
3. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Mr. Murphy regarding retaking Regents Examinations in January, 2016
4. The Long-Islander (5)
5. 2015-2016 Staff Directory (for personal use)
6. Envelope from Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci

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**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:**

Mr. Ciappetta made inquiry as to each building's intramural programs; Dr. Bennardo shared that at the intermediate level, the numbers at Maplewood were at 130 students participating, and Birchwood had similar numbers. At the middle school, the intramural program was a bit more challenging, yet Mr. Smith was able to provide activities that attracted students. Dr. Wright added that there were 39 students that attended the high school intramural program this evening, and another 66 students signed up for alternate activities, such as chess. Dr. Bennardo expressed his gratitude to the Board for providing the opportunity for the students, as well as the administrative team for their fine input in promoting the program.

Mrs. Carey thanked both Mr. Ciccarelli and Mrs. Michaelian for hosting this evening's board meeting and expressed her delight with the lovely fall decorations that were so carefully arranged.

Mrs. Carey also shared that the Silas Wood/Stimson Middle School's fundraiser at The Big Kahuna was taking place Friday night, November 6. She added that there was a tremendous number of baskets and with the raffle, the event promises to be a fun evening. She encouraged audience members who have not yet signed up to do so.

Dr. Bennardo reported that the Men's Soccer Team was playing for the County Championship on Thursday evening, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Dowling College's Golden Lions Field in Shirley. Arrangements have been made to have two buses transport approximately 100 student fans to the game.

Dr. Bennardo announced that next week auditions for the intermediate theater program will take place and as such, the South Huntington School District will be the only district with a Grade 3-12 theater program. Additionally, Dr. Bennardo reported that the high school's Natural Helpers and Ambassador Program were underway. Mrs. Brieff asked what the selection process was for the Natural Helpers Program. Dr. Bennardo responded that it was a student selection process. It needs to be a student who can be approachable should a student be "jammed up" and needed advice. However, if a student was having suicidal tendencies, the Natural Helper "advisor" was trained to contact an authority in that particular instance where immediate assistance could be provided to the student.

Mr. Nitkewicz shared an event happening this weekend that was of particular importance to him and many others in the community. At Farmingdale College, Autism Speaks was having a Transition Planning workshop that addressed the needs for young adults with Autism transitioning into adulthood. Mr. Nitkewicz thanked everyone who supported Autism Speaks; contributions help finance important workshops for students and their families. Mr. Nitkewicz praised the

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District's special education program, especially Mrs. Harris. He explained that there were aspects that families need assistance with, such as Medicaid, and this Transition Planning workshop was of tremendous support. Mr. Nitkewicz asked the audience to feel free in letting people know of this important event.

Dr. Bennardo shared with the audience that one of the Board actions taken this evening was the approval of the tenure appointment for Ms. April Poprilo, Supervisor of Curricula Services. Dr. Bennardo shared that Ms. Poprilo was one of those "quiet engines" who worked "like a beaver" in Dr. Bloom's office, feverishly collecting data and completing multiple tasks.

Dr. Bennardo also stated the Board took action in appointing Ms. Jackie Tartaro from a secretarial position in the Music Department to the newly created middle management position of Assistant Arts Facilitator. Ms. Tartaro willingly took on additional responsibilities in all aspects of the Arts—music, art, dance and theater—and has become the "go-to" arts person. Dr. Bennardo thanked the Board for their support in promoting Mrs. Tartaro to this position.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

Executive Session:

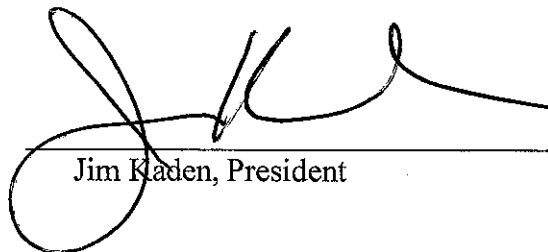
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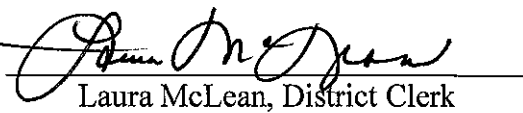
Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Jim Kladen, President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 594 through 624.