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A special meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 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. DeGaetano  
Mrs. LaCara  
Mr. Nitkewicz

**Staff:**

Superintendent of Schools  
Asst. Supt. for Business & District Operations  
Deputy Superintendent  
Asst. Supt. for Instruction & Curriculum  
Interim Personnel Administrator  
District Clerk

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

**Absent:**      Mrs. Carey

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

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

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:40 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Farewell to Kevin Kennedy, Supervisor of Facilities:**      Mr. Ciappetta shared that Mr. Kevin Kennedy was retiring effective Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. He credited Mr. Kennedy for helping to make our facilities the best on Long Island. Mr. Kennedy humbly thanked the Board, and further shared his deep appreciation for staff members in the maintenance and grounds department, the custodians, security, and the ladies in his office who made him look good. He thanked everyone who wished him the best in his retirement. A cake was shared with all attending the Board meeting to commemorate Mr. Kennedy's retirement.

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

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- Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve the following items:
- Bids:** The following bids, as recommended by Administration on schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1556-1557.  
Driver Education Schedule 18-29  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Vote on Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services 2017/2018 Administrative Budget:** Information regarding the proposed 2017/2018 Administrative Budget for Western Suffolk BOCES has been pre-filed with Board members.  
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 2017/2018 Administrative Budget for the Western Suffolk BOCES, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, NY.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Vote on Candidates to Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services:** Information regarding candidates for the vacancies on the Western Suffolk BOCES has been pre-filed 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. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby casts its votes in the annual election of members of the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Services, for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2020, as follows: Mrs. Jeannette Santos and Mr. Peter Wunsch.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Appointment of Election Officials:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby appoints the individuals submitted to act as officials at the Annual School Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 16, 2017. The rate of pay for the Suffolk County Board of Election Inspectors shall be \$12.50 per hour. The rate of pay for the Suffolk County Board of Election Custodian, to be identified by the Suffolk County Board of Elections at a later date, shall be \$42 per hour from 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1558.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Request to Remain in South Huntington Schools:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the request of the parent for her son to remain at Stimson Middle School for the balance of the school year; transportation is to be provided by parent, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1559-1561.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Request to Remain  
in South  
Huntington  
Schools:**

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 request of the guardian for his two brothers to remain in Walt Whitman High School for the balance of the school year; transportation is to be provided by the guardian, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1562.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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. 1563-1565, and authorizes implementation thereof:  
Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)  
Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)  
Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and  
Reports:**

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1. Appreciation Letter to J. O'Toole re Booster Club Donation from Mr. Kaden
2. Appreciation Letter to Family Residences re Donation from Mr. Kaden
3. Appreciation Letter to NY Community Bancorp re Donation from Mr. Kaden
4. Letter to Principal List Students re Recognition from Principal Murphy
5. Letter to Marian Raspantini re Health & Wellness Fair from Mrs. Harris
6. Letter to Jane Samuels re Health & Wellness Fair from Mrs. Harris
7. Personnel Postings (3)
8. Board & Administrator, April 2017
9. The Long-Islander (2)

**Comments from  
Board Members  
and Staff:**

Dr. Bennardo shared that our own Dr. Jared Bloom has been selected by Western Suffolk BOCES as "Administrator of the Year" and will be recognized as such at their end-of-year meeting on June 7, 2017. Dr. Bennardo further stated that the Western Suffolk BOCES serves over 20 school districts, thus the selection process was tedious, and the honor quite significant.

Mrs. Brieff officially announced that she was not running for another term, and that May 9<sup>th</sup> would be her last Board meeting due to family commitments. She shared that has absolutely loved being on the Board of Education.

Mr. Ciappetta reported that he had attended the previous week's unveiling of the bench that Girl Scout Troop 239 was instrumental in

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orchestrating through their efforts in collecting bottle caps for this project. The bench was for our Silas Wood School, and the cost of the bench was sponsored by Mathnasium. The bench was maroon in color, and Mr. Ciappetta shared that it looked great. He also mentioned that he was surprised at how sturdy and well-made it was, and commented that it took one ton of bottle caps to create. Subsequent benches will be made for our primary schools.

Mr. Ciappetta also reported that he had attended last week's Nassau-Suffolk School Board's Association meeting; the national school board conference will be held in Denver, and the NYSSBA will be in October at Lake Placid, New York. Legislative initiatives were discussed and included the creation of a TRS reserve for districts and the ability for districts to collect taxes directly, as well as other initiatives.

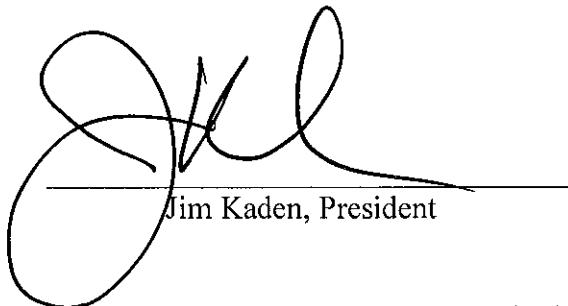
**Voice of the Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

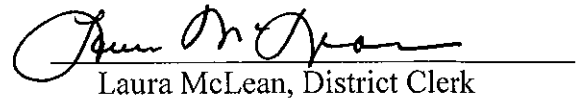
**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



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Jim Kaden, President



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Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1556 through 1565.