

December 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on December 13, 2018, in the All Purpose Room of the Countrywood Primary School, 499 Old Country Road, New York.

Present: **Board Members:**

President

Vice President

Mr. Ciappetta

Mrs. Carey

Mr. Bronson

Mrs. DeGaetano

Mr. Joyner

Mrs. LaCara

Mr. Nitkewicz

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools

Asst. Supt. for Business & District Operations

Asst. Supt. for Instruction & Curriculum

Asst. Supt. for Student Services

Personnel Administrator

District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo

Dr. Centamore

Dr. Bloom

Mrs. Poprilo

Mr. Fallon

Mrs. McLean

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

Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board go into Executive Session regarding a confidential personnel matter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta opened the Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. and introduced Girl Scouts Julia Fasciano, Shay Lublin and Tatiana Marr, who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Holiday Music
Presentation:**

Mr. Levy introduced the Countrywood singers from Ms. Rabideau and Ms. Cariello's second-grade classes. Music teacher Adam Slawitsky enthusiastically led the children in delightful holiday melodies—Jingle Bells, My Dreydl, Blitzen—surrounded by beautiful hanging snowflakes, candy canes and snowmen that transformed the stage into a winter wonderland. The children's excitement was contagious, and one could not help but watch in amazement their holiday spirit displayed with such brilliance.

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Girl Scout Bronze Award Presentation:

Mr. Ciappetta asked the Girl Scouts from Troop 954 to approach the Board of Education. Julia Fasciano, Shay Lublin and Tatiana Marr shared that they participated in various food drives since kindergarten. Their bronze award project pertained to addressing a community issue of hunger and food insecurity for our neediest students during the summer months when free and reduced breakfast/lunches were not available. Their proposal was to place large plastic food containers in the four elementary buildings, and to assist with raising awareness for this endeavor, place posters in the schools and send flyers home, as well as posting the information on the website. Their hope was to encourage their fellow students to assist and make a positive difference in the community. Each girl scout thanked the Huntington Arts Center for assistance with the creation of their logo for this project, as well as Mrs. Buhse, who had met with the girls to share information about the breakfast and lunch program. Additionally, the girls sincerely thanked the Board of Education for their time and consideration for the project.

The consensus of the Board was extremely positive.

State Champions WWHS Wildcat Marching Band Recognition:

Mr. Ciappetta proudly congratulated the WWHS Wildcat Marching Band for their recent New York State Championship. He and Vice President Laura Carey provided each Marching Band member with a Certificate of Achievement, and a group photograph was taken with the Board of Education, Cabinet members, and the Marching Band students.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the revised agenda be adopted.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approve the following items:

Minutes:

Minutes of Board meeting held on November 7, 2018.

Vote on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):

Mr. Ciappetta asked for any additional comments or questions on the above items, and then called for a vote on the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Persons with Disabilities Tax Exemption:

Mr. Nitkewicz offered the following resolution, and Mrs. Carey moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §459-c provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the South Huntington Union Free School District has, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation

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for its qualifying persons with disabilities pursuant to RPTL §459-c; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature periodically amends RPTL §459-c (5) to increase the maximum income eligibility for persons with disabilities partial exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the South Huntington Union Free School District has consistently intended to provide the maximum tax exemption available to its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §459-c(5), with any future increases provided by legislative amendment, shall determine the percentage exemption granted to persons with disabilities of the South Huntington Union Free School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the partial exemption shall be made in accordance with the chart contained below.

Where M is the annual income indicated by RPTL § 459-c(5)

Income Range	% Exemption
<i>Less than M</i>	50%
$(M) \leq \text{income} < (M + 1,000)$	45%
$(M + 1,000) \leq \text{income} < (M + 2,000)$	40%
$(M + 2,000) \leq \text{income} < (M + 3,000)$	35%
$(M + 3,000) \leq \text{income} < (M + 4,000)$	30%
$(M + 4,000) \leq \text{income} < (M + 4,800)$	25%
$(M + 4,800) \leq \text{income} < (M + 5,700)$	20%
$(M + 5,700) \leq \text{income} < (M + 6,600)$	15%
$(M + 6,600) \leq \text{income} < (M + 7,500)$	10%
$(M + 7,500) \leq \text{income} < (M + 8,400)$	5%

Motion carried unanimously.

Donation from Mathnasium:

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the \$2,000 donation from Mathnasium; \$1,000 for the January 19th Dance Team Competition and \$1,000 for District-Wide Special Programs. Be it Further Resolved, as the donation was made for student-specific purposes, the budget code for same to be increased accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

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- Donation from Platinum Properties:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the \$1,250 donation from Mr. Jonas Wagner of Platinum Properties for sponsorship of the District newsletter, Spotlight. Be it Further Resolved, as the donation was made for a specific purpose, the budget code for same to be increased accordingly.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Board Policy:** The Board Policy Review Committee and all appropriate groups have had the opportunity to provide input and, as such, the policies are now being submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. After discussion, the Board of Education took the following action:
- Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, be it Resolved that Policy §7702 Districtwide & Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities and Policy §7703 Declassification of Students with Disabilities, be adopted as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, 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 request for the Varsity Cheerleading Team's competition in Bridgewater, New Jersey, on January 6, 2019.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request:** Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip request to the RBERN Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute on March 9, 2019, through March 11, 2019.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request:** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the field trip for the Winterguard International Championships on February 16, 2019, through February 17, 2019.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Lease Assignment with Dance Technicians, LLC:** Mr. Bronson offered the following resolution, and Mr. Joyner moved its adoption:
- WHEREAS, on or about April 19, 2016, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District entered into a lease agreement with TB Dance Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a North Shore Studio of Dance ("North Shore Studio of Dance");
- WHEREAS, North Shore Studio of Dance has informed the School

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District that it intends to sell its business to Dance Technicians, LLC, a successor in interest;

WHEREAS, the Dance Technicians, LLC, as successor-purchaser has represented to the School District that the business will continue to operate in the same manner as it currently operates; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Studio of Dance has requested that the School District consent to its assignment of the lease agreement in order for it to consummate the sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District consents to the assignment subject to the closing of the sale and the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the lease agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District authorizes the Board President to execute any documents necessary to evince this consent and/or effectuate the assignment and transfer.
Motion carried unanimously.

Creation of FSW Sick Bank:

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the creation of a Local 424/Food Service sick bank for one of their members, who is currently under a physician's care and treatment.
Motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Physical Education Plan & Corrective Action Plan:

Mrs. Carey offered the following resolution, and Mr. Nitkewicz moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved the Comprehensive Physical Education Plan for the 2017/2018 through the 2024/2025 school years at the Board meeting of November 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State Comptroller's Office has recently recommended that the Comprehensive Physical Education Plan and the Corrective Action Plan include language that both Plans be submitted to the NYSED accordingly;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby reapproves the Comprehensive Physical Education Plan and the Corrective Action Plan, including language to file the Comprehensive PE Plan and the Corrective Action Plan with the NYSED.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. Carey, 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 20, October 9, 10, 23, 29, Nov. 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2018, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated November 9, 14, 19, 20, 26, 29, December 6, 2018, 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. 808-823.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, 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. 824-831, 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 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 17: Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)
Schedule 22: Substitute Employee appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)
Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and
Reports:**

Information and Reports

1. Congratulatory Letter 2019 Scholarship for Academic Excellence from Superintendent
2. Congratulatory Letter Spaceflight Experiment Program from Sup't.
3. Senior/Faculty Sports Night Thank You Letter from Principal Murphy
4. 8th Grade Parent Orientation Letter from Principal Murphy
5. Winter Wonderland Thank You Letter from Principal Murphy
6. Maroon & White Day Congratulatory Letter from Principal Murphy
7. Newsday, Saturday, December 1, 2018
8. The Long Islander, Thursday, November 29, 2018
9. NSSBA/NC and SC School Superintendents Association to Long Island Public Schools Meet the Challenges of Shifting Political and Educational Landscapes on January 30, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
10. Countrywood Chronicle, December 2018
11. Enrollment Report, November 2018
12. Student Congratulatory Letter re Islip Basketball Tournament
13. Student Congratulatory Letter re Lady Wildcat Basketball Tournament
14. Appreciation Letters to Community Leaders re Tree/Menorah Lighting

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15. Field Trip Cancellation Notice
16. Letter of Request for Hearing

Information Sent to Board Week Ending November 30, 2018

1. Congratulatory Letter for Noises Off from Superintendent
2. Gratitude Letter re Winter Wonderland from Superintendent
3. SHTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes from November 26, 2018, Meeting
4. Personnel Posting
5. Oakwood's December Calendar/Principal's Message
6. First Annual Lady Wildcat Flyer

Committee Updates:

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the Facilities Committee meeting was scheduled for the following evening at Birchwood Intermediate School with Principal Ciccarelli in preparation of the bond vote.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

There were no comments.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President



Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 808 through 830.