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A special meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on April 30, 2019, in the Leadership Conference Room of the James Kaden Administrative Offices, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, NY 11746

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

Not Present: At the Superintendent's request, Dr. Centamore and Mrs. Poprilo attended an Anti-Bias Task Force meeting at Town Hall.

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 to discuss a confidential employee 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 Girl Scout Troop 954 led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Girl Scout Troop 954
Bronze Award Report:**

Julia Fasciano, Shay Lublin and Tatiana Marr from Girl Scout Troop 954 reported to the Board of Education that approval was received from the Suffolk County Girl Scout Council for their Scratch Out Hunger Bronze Award project. The project had been approved by the Board of Education at the December 12th Board meeting. The girls addressed sustainability of the Scratch Out Hunger program, and recommended to the Board that the first week in June be designated as "Scratch Out Hunger Week" ensuring that sustainability will be an ongoing activity that Girl Scout Troop 954 will be responsible for year after year. The girls asked that the designation be added to the School Calendar/Parent Handbook each year so the food collection can be coordinated accordingly. The girls also requested that Dr. Bennardo

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mention the Scratch Out Hunger Week in his weekly wrap-up calls and the Superintendent's Newsletter. The girl scout troop will send flyers home via a backpack mailing to the families in the district in May bringing attention to the program of "how kids can help kids." Lastly, the three girls thanked the Board of Education for their time and consideration of their sustainability request.

Mr. Ciappetta thanked the girl scouts and asked if the Board had any questions or concerns regarding their request, to which the Board shared their support for the program. Mr. Ciappetta stated that the "Scratch Out Hunger Week" will be posted in the School Calendar, both the printed and electronic versions, and the Superintendent will lend his support through the wrap-up calls and newsletter. Mr. Ciappetta stated that a specific resolution will be added to the May 14th Board of Education meeting agenda approving the "Scratch Out Hunger Week" accordingly.

- Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. Carey, be it Resolved that the revised agenda be adopted.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):** Motion by Mr. Bronson, 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 March 27, 2019.
- Schedule of Bills (Warrants):**
- | <u>Schedule of Bills (Warrants)</u> | | | |
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| <u>Approved - Weekly Packet of April 19, 2019</u> | | | |
| General (A) | Warrant 111 | | \$188,507.49 |
| | 112 | | \$1,493,179.00 |
| | 113 | | \$13,337.04 |
| School Lunch | Warrant 45 | | \$112.49 |
| | 46 | | \$82,047.53 |
| Special Aid (F) | Warrant 41 | | \$39,481.16 |
- Vote on Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services 2019/2020 Administrative Budget:** Information regarding the proposed 2019/2020 Administrative Budget for Western Suffolk BOCES had been pre-filed with Board members.
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 approves the 2019/2020 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 had been pre-filed with District Board members. Each component school district of Western Suffolk BOCES may cast one vote for each of the three vacancies.

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Motion by Mr. Bronson, 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, as follows: Mrs. Ilene Herz, Esq., Mr. Brian Sales, and Mrs. Maryanne Zumpano.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agreement between the District and the South Huntington Administrators Association:

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 Agreement between the District and the South Huntington Administrators Association creating the position of Supervisor of Mathematics, Science, Business Education, Technology Education and Instructional Technology with a starting salary ratio of 1.05 and the deletion of the title of Supervisor of Mathematics, Business Education, Technology Education and Instructional Technology, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1393.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Scholarship:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Kindness Counts Scholarship, \$500 annually (or two, \$250 scholarships) with the criteria identified on the submission memorandum, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1394.
Motion carried unanimously.

Modification of Election Officials:

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 modifications made to the election officials working the Budget Vote/Elections on May 21, 2019, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1395.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:

Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Bronson, 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 6, 26, 28, March 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, April 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 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. 1396-1411.
Motion carried unanimously.

Smart Schools Investment Plan Approval:

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 purchases outlined in the Smart Schools Investment Plan.
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Agreement with H2M
for Engineering Services
with Energy
Performance Project:**

Mr. Joyner offered the following resolution, and Mr. Bronson moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the District and H2M Architects, Engineers, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, D.P.C., d/b/a H2M Architects + Engineers, for engineering services in connection with an Energy Performance Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attached agreement, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1412-1423.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute such Agreement between the District and H2M Architects, Engineers, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, D.P.C., d/b/a H2M Architects + Engineers on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Rejection of the
2019/2020 Home-to-
School Student
Transportation Bid:**

Mr. Joyner offered the following resolution, and Mrs. LaCara moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on or about April 4, 2019, the South Huntington Union Free School District (the "District") requested proposals for the 2019-2020 Home-to-School student transportation, including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, and Parochial Schools contract

WHEREAS, on or about April 29, 2019, the District received and opened proposals for the 2019-2020 Home-to-School student transportation contract;

WHEREAS, based upon the proposals received, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District believes it to be in the best interest of the School District to reject all transportation proposals received for the provision of transportation services for Home to School Transportation (including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, and Parochial Schools) and to re-advertise for new transportation proposals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all proposals received in response to the RFP for the provision of transportation services for the 2019-2020 Home to School Transportation (including In and Out-of-District Transportation for Public, Private, and Parochial Schools and authorizes the School District to re-advertise for new transportation proposals.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Approval of Attendance: Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the attendance of the Board President to attend the Long Island Gridiron at the Brentwood Country Club on May 3, 2019, where two high school seniors will be recognized, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1424.

Motion carried unanimously.

Update re SEPTA Grants:

Mrs. Maureen Basedow, the SEPTA President, shared with the Board of Education the decision made to fundraise specifically for grant opportunities for special education teachers/service providers. Mrs. Basedow stated that SEPTA supported the entire school district's Special Education population, from Kindergarten to 21 years of age. She was pleased to report that \$2,000 was raised for the grants. Mrs. Basedow then introduced Mrs. Valarie Gaus, who provided the details for the grants—namely, that the funds were for items not covered in the district's budget. Mrs. Gaus shared that the proposals submitted were very creative, and it was exciting to have a mechanism to give back to the district. The grants ranged from \$350 to \$450 with five teachers/service providers receiving the funds to purchase items such as large print reading books, music therapy sessions, "Mindfulness" items for use in the speech room at Oakwood, and a stand-up electric mixer for the Life Skills Room—all of which enhanced classrooms. Mrs. Basedow added that a few of the grants can be used in mainstream settings thus supporting all students of the district.

Mr. Ciappetta articulated how impressed he was with the grants SEPTA provided. He thanked both women for all they do for the students of our district.

The Board provided the SEPTA representatives with a round of applause.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Bronson, 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. 1425-1432 , and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 1: Abolition of Positions (Instructional)

Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 8: Re-Employment to Positions (Instructional)

Schedule 10: Tenure Appointments

Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 15: Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mr. Ciappetta congratulated both Principal John Murphy and Dr. Matthew Murphy for their tenure appointments, which had been approved under Schedule 10. Additionally, Mr. Ciappetta shared that Mrs. Eileen Kerrigan's resignation for retirement was also approved this evening and congratulated Mrs. Kerrigan accordingly.

Information and Reports:

1. Invitation to the Minithon, May 14th, 10 a.m. from Dr. Wright
2. Congratulatory Letter to Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients
3. Junior Class Fundraising Letter from Principal Murphy
4. Personnel Postings
5. Junior Prom Letter from Principal Murphy
6. Maroon & White Recipients Letter from Principal Murphy
7. NYSIR News, April 2019 (Provided at Board Meeting)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending April 19, 2019

1. Congratulatory Letter re Mary Poppins from Superintendent
2. Personnel Posting

Comments by Board Members:

Mr. Nitkewicz acknowledged the many staff members that bought tickets to Thursday evening's Autism Speaks Gala. Mr. Ciappetta commented how much he was looking forward to the event.

Mr. Joyner reminded the audience that the Miles for Michael Run was taking place on Saturday, May 11th. Registration was ongoing and could be completed online or with the paper registrations he had in his possession.

Voice of the Resident:

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Sherer with their 13-year old son, Nicholas, approached the podium to address the Board of Education. When it was apparent that the topic pertaining to Nicholas was of a private nature, Mr. Ciappetta compassionately asked Mr. and Mrs. Sherer if an appointment for a meeting could be orchestrated to continue the conversation privately. Mr. Nitkewicz further explained to the parents that he, too, as a parent of a 20-year old Autistic son, would be more than happy to meet with them at any time. Mr. Nitkewicz, as well as Mr. Ciappetta, expressed a true willingness to assist. Mr. and Mrs. Sherer thanked the gentlemen and agreed that a private meeting would be best. An appointment was arranged.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President


Laura McLean, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1393 through 1432.