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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in the Performing Arts Center at Walt Whitman High School, 301 West Hills Road, Huntington Station, 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 and District Operations  
Asst. Supt. for Instruction and Curriculum  
Asst. Supt. for Student Services  
Personnel Administrator  
Deputy District Clerk

Dr. Bennardo  
Dr. Centamore  
Dr. Bloom  
Mrs. Poprilo  
Mr. Fallon  
Mrs. Ferranti

**Absent:**      District Clerk

Mrs. McLean

**Call to Order:**      Mr. Ciappetta opened the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ciappetta began the meeting with a few business items he wanted to address.

Mr. Ciappetta announced that the Board voted to appoint Dr. Centamore to the position of Deputy Superintendent. Dr. Centamore has been with the district for many years and has had many responsibilities and job titles in the district. He has exceeded beyond our expectations in handling all of his duties.

Mr. Ciappetta spoke of two additional personnel announcements. Dr. Vito D'Elia has been a phenomenal Principal at Maplewood for over a decade with tremendous success. Mr. Ciappetta and the Board of Education are pleased to appoint Dr. D'Elia as Assistant Superintendent for Business and District Operations. He has made the district proud throughout his tenure. Dr. D'Elia addressed the audience, and he is looking forward to working in his new position. Ms. Annie Michaelian has a great success story as well, with many years at Birchwood Intermediate School, and most recently as Assistant Principal at Oakwood Primary Center. Annie is a great ambassador, a tremendous person, who loves children unconditionally. Congratulations to Ms. Michaelian on her new position as Oakwood Principle. Ms. Michaelian thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Bennardo, and she is looking to make many memories at Oakwood.

Mr. Ciappetta announced to the community that we will be conducting a search

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to fill these openings, and will move forward in the quickest possible way.

Mr. Ciappetta announced that, after many years of dedicated service to the South Huntington School District, our very own Dr. Jared Bloom, who has been outstanding as our Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, has been appointed as Superintendent in the Franklin Square School District. Dr. Bloom received a standing ovation and resounding applause from the parents, staff, and students.

Mr. Ciappetta went on to say that Dr. Bloom was brought in as a technology expert, and he has worked diligently in his position. Mr. Ciappetta congratulated Dr. Bloom and wished him well in his new endeavor.

Dr. Bloom thanked the Board of Education, Dr. Bennardo, and the community, for welcoming him 8 years ago on this incredible journey. He spoke to our amazing students, parents, and colleagues, and will miss everyone. Dr. Bloom will keep an eye on our district and will look forward to seeing great things happen in the future at South Huntington. It has been an amazing family.

Mr. Ciappetta went on to announce that Dr. Centamore will fill the position of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum. He has done a great job where he is and will continue to do so in this new position.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Fallon to proceed with the regularly scheduled program.

**Retirement  
Recognition:**

Mr. Fallon thanked our 21 retirees for their accumulated 543 years of dedicated service to the district. He spoke of each retiree individually, to their devotion to South Huntington, and highlighted their commitment to the staff, parents, and students alike. Mr. Fallon called each retiree to the podium and presented them with a certificate for their unending service, and to stand and be recognized by the community and Board of Education.

**Tenure Recognition:**

Mr. Fallon spoke about how our newly tenured teachers and administrators were hard-working and dedicated. Mr. Fallon congratulated Mr. John Murphy, our High School Principal, as being a true “superstar” for our district. Mr. Fallon gave praise to Dr. Matthew Murphy, and expressed how humble and modest he was, while providing his expertise in supervising K-12 Math, Technology and Business. All of the tenured teachers were greatly accomplished and have had tremendous success. They are all role models and will impact the district for years to come. Each teacher was called to the podium with resounding applause.

**Student Leadership  
Awards:**

Mr. Edwin Smith, Principal of Stimson Middle School, congratulated all the retirees and newly tenured staff, and thanked Dr. Bennardo and the Board of Education for recognizing all the student leaders. Each student leader was called to the podium to receive their plaque.

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Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Kristen Bernard, Silas Wood class advisor, to speak and congratulate her student leaders. Ms. Bernard thanked them for all their hard work, enthusiasm, empathy, and amazing community service throughout the year.

Mr. Smith then introduced Mrs. Karen Schmitt, the Student Council advisor for Stimson Middle School. Mrs. Schmitt thanked her 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade officers for the phenomenal job they did all year. Stimson had a lot to be proud of, and these students have a great future ahead of them.

Ms. Charlotte Hirsch-Beckman, as her first year with the freshman class, stated that it was a real pleasure to be the faculty advisor for these student leaders. They will be the best Class of 2022. Each student was called to the podium and awarded a plaque for their dedicated service to their class.

Ms. Melissa Papianou, sophomore class advisor, introduced each officer and thanked them for working tirelessly throughout the year. Ms. Papianou wished them well as they move forward as leaders.

Mr. Keith Goldman, as his first year with the junior class, stated that they were a very special group of officers, and he thanked them very much for all their hard work each and every day throughout the year. Each officer came forward for recognition.

Mr. John Murphy, in the absence of Mrs. Zamow, thanked the senior class officers for all their accomplishments throughout the school year. Each leader was presented with a plaque, and Mr. Murphy announced the colleges they will be attending in the fall.

Ms. Elizabeth Leogrande introduced all the ESGO officers and stated she was honored to work with an amazing group of students. Ms. Leogrande introduced the officers and announced the college the seniors will attend in the fall.

**Principal's List:**

Mr. Ciappetta introduced the newly tenured Principal Murphy to present to the community his Principal's List. Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Ciappetta, Dr. Bennardo, the Cabinet, and the Board of Education. Mr. Murphy stated that this group especially means a lot to him, as they began their high school career the same year he became Principal of Walt Whitman High School. They walked the same halls for four years, they struggled, they persevered, and they are the "shining stars" of Walt Whitman. Mr. Murphy stated that this group was the future of Walt Whitman, and he was so proud to have gotten to know them and can't wait to see and hear of all their accomplishments. Mr. Murphy also thanked the parents for this fine group of students and congratulated them. In closing, he began his Walt Whitman career with only 65 Principal List students, and today 109 students have achieved this honor. Mr. Murphy spoke briefly, with a slide show presentation of each student's individual accomplishments and honors, and concluded each presentation with the student's college choice for the fall.

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- Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Bronson, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District approve the following items:
- Minutes:** Minutes of Board meetings held on April 16, 2019 and April 30, 2019
- Schedule of Bills (Warrants):**
- | <u>Schedule of Bills (Warrants)</u> |             |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| General (A)                         | Warrant 123 | \$1,794,097.74 |
|                                     | 124         | \$385.42       |
|                                     | V123        | -\$120.24      |
|                                     | V000        | -\$419.60      |
| School Lunch                        | Warrant 50  | \$7,139.04     |
| Special Aid (F)                     | Warrant 44  | \$21,662.97    |
| Capital (H)                         | Warrant 20  | \$7,724.15     |
- Vote on Minutes through Schedule of Bills:** Nick Ciappetta asked for additional comments or questions on the above, and then called for a vote on the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Communications:** 1. Invitation to Board President Nicholas Ciappetta to Oheka Castle's Centennial Garden Party 2019, June 12, 2019, 5 p.m.
- Two Requests to Remain in South Huntington Schools** 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 two requests to remain in South Huntington Schools, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1522-1523.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Contract Extension, Schedule #20-23, Towing Services** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Joyner, Be it Resolved that the contract extension Schedule #20-23 for Towing Services be approved for the 2019-2020 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp.1524-1525.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- Contract Extension, Schedule #20-26, Sand with 20% Rock Salt** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Bronson, Be it Resolved that the contract extension Schedule #20-26 for BITTLE & SONS, INC. be approved for the 2019-2020 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1526-1527.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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- Contract Extension, Schedule #20-37, Microsoft License** Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, Be it Resolved that the contract extension Schedule #20-37 for CDW-G be approved for the 2019-2020 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1528-1529. Motion carried unanimously.
- Contract Extension, Schedule #20-46, Cesspool, Wastelines, Sewerjets Maintenance and Repairs** Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, Be it resolved that the contract extension Schedule #20-46 for Clear River Environmental be approved for the 2019-2020 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1530-1531. Motion carried unanimously.
- Contract Extension, Schedule #20-66, Vehicle Body Work/Painting** Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mrs. DeGaetano, Be it Resolved that the contract extension Schedule #20-66 for Island Wide Auto and Truck Collision, Ltd., be approved for the 2019-2020 school year, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1532-1533. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Attendance for Superintendent of Schools and Board Member** 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 attendance of the Superintendent of Schools and Board Member to a conference on May 31, 2019, in Albany, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1534. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dr. Bennardo stated that the conference, My Brother's Keeper, (mentorship program) offers a great deal of funding and support, and is a great learning resource for closing the achievement gap. Motion carried unanimously.
- Approval of Election Officials** 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 approves the change in the election officials, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1535. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Recommendations  
for Placement of  
students by the  
Committee on  
Special Education**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated March 11, 12, 13, April 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 25, 30, May 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2019, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated April 2, 8, 11, 25, May 2, 7, 2019, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1536-1547.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of  
Attendance for  
Board President**

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 approves the attendance of the Board President at the Gold Key Dinner on June 4, 2019, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1548.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Confidential  
Personnel  
Resolution**

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 confidential personnel resolution, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1549.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Certification of  
Election  
Results**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Joyner, WHEREAS, the Annual District Elections of the South Huntington Union Free School District of the Town of Huntington, New York, was duly called to be held on May 21, 2019, and was held on said date within said School District for the purpose of voting on the Propositions and Elections set forth in the notice calling said Annual District Election; now therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby determines that said election was held in all respects in the manner prescribed by Education Law of the State of New York and accepts the results as declared by Chairperson Alyssa Slansky:

Proposition No. 1 – School Budget	784 Yes	243 No
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The vote for School Board Trustees was as follows for two, three-year terms of office:

Nicholas R. Ciappetta	Received 863 votes
Laura B. Carey	Received 851 votes

A copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 1550.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel**

Motion by Mrs. Carey, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District, having reviewed the Chief School Administrator's recommendations contained within, is satisfied that the provisions of Section 3012 of Education Law were followed and thereby accepts the recommendations as set forth in schedules made part of these legal minutes, pp. 1551-1560, and authorizes implementation thereof:  
Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

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Schedule 6: Summer School Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)  
 Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)  
 Schedule 13: Salary Change (Instructional)  
 Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 17: Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)  
 Schedule 19: Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional) REVISED  
 Schedule 22: Substitute Employee Appointments (Inst./Non-Inst.)  
 Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and Reports**

1. Retirement Party Invitation for Oakwood Retirees, Including E. Kerrigan
2. Congratulatory Letter re Recognition from Suffolk County Human Rights Commission
3. Congratulatory Letter re Varsity Badminton Season
4. Congratulatory Letter re Success with LeGrand Concours
5. Congratulatory Letter re Success with 1600 Medley Relay
6. Congratulatory Letter re L.I. Science Congress Recognition
7. Thank You Letter re Hosting NYS Assembly Members to Principal Murphy
8. Thank you Letter re Hosting NYS Assembly Members to Principal Levy
9. Thank you Letter re Parent University Success to David Perkins
10. Congratulatory Letter re Success with NYSSMA Majors
11. Congratulatory Letter re Success with ASSET
12. Congratulatory Letter re Success with Long Island Poster Competition
13. Personnel Posting

**Administrative Reports/Committee Updates**

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the Bond vote will take place on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and the presentation will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Comments by Board Members**

None provided.


**Voice of the Residents**

None provided.

**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 10:12 p.m.

  
 Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President

  
 Elaine Ferranti, Deputy District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 1522 through 1560.