

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in Conference Room B of the Administration Building, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York.

**Present:**        **Board Members:**

President  
Vice President

Mr. Kaden  
Mr. Teresky  
Mrs. Brieff  
Mr. Ciappetta  
Mrs. LaCara  
Mr. Lupinacci  
Mr. Nitkewicz

**Staff:**

Superintendent of Schools  
Asst. Supt. for Business  
Asst. Supt. for Student Services  
Asst. Supt. for Instruction & Curriculum  
Asst. Supt. for Personnel & District Services  
District Clerk

Dr. Shea  
Mrs. Occhiogrosso  
Ms. Harris  
Dr. Eagen  
Dr. Centamore  
Mrs. Hammond

**Call to Order:**        Mr. Kaden opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:**    Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, 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. Teresky, 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.

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

**Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):**    Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District approve the following items:

**Minutes:**                Minutes of Board meeting held on December 14, 2011.

<b>Schedule of Bills (Warrants):</b>	General Fund	Warrant 63	\$ 1,389,613.75
	"	64	295,821.64
	"	65	6,000.00
	"	66	433,947.58
	"	67	10,896.69
	School Lunch	29	23,330.27
	Special Aid	26	37,884.01
	Capital Reserve Bond	29	104,289.25

Approved – Board Packet of January 13, 2012

General Fund	Warrant 60	\$8,402.66
"	61	835,604.54
"	62	3,115.22
"	V027	(1,170,842.12)
"	V000	(297.28)
School Lunch	27	18,283.62
"	28	4,111.66
Special Aid	25	7,761.01
Capital Reserve Bond	28	24,156.75

**Vote on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants):** Mr. Kaden asked for any additional comments or questions on the above items, and then called for a vote on the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Refunding of Bond Issues:** Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby resolves as follows: Section 1. The District has received several proposals for the refunding of certain outstanding bonds of the District issued in 2001 and 2003 and based upon the advice received from Munistat Services, Inc., the District's Financial Advisor, it is hereby determined that the proposal of Roosevelt & Cross, Inc. is hereby accepted and such firm is appointed to serve as underwriter. Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**School Lunch Bid Award Adjustments:** Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the school lunch bid award adjustment as outlined in Mr. McTiernan's January 18, 2012, memo to Mrs. Occhiogrosso, a copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 832-834.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Contract Increase Pneumatic Temperature Controls:** Motion by Mrs. Briefff, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the contract increase in the amount of \$20,000 for Pneumatic Temperature Control, Schedule #12-55, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 835-838.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**SHEF Donation of Two iPad Carts:**

Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby accepts the donation of \$48,000 from SHEF for the purchase of two iPad carts for student use at Birchwood and Maplewood. Motion carried unanimously.

**Donation to Football Extra Classroom Account:**

Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby accepts the donation of \$3,500 from the Walt Whitman High School Football Alumni Association. A football scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 to be awarded in the 2012-2013 school year and the remaining balance of \$2,250 to go to the football extra classroom account. Motion carried unanimously.

**Site-Based Management Biennial Review:**

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 2010-2011 Site-Based Management Biennial Review. Motion carried unanimously.

**Western Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the multi-year service agreement between the District and Western Suffolk BOCES for computer hardware for the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years; and  
 Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 839-840. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution to Declare Vehicles Obsolete and Authorization of Disposal:**

Motion by Mrs. Brieff, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, Whereas, the district has the following vehicles that are in poor and/or not operational condition:

<u>Vehicle #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Condition</u>
T11	1984 Dodge Rack Truck	Poor/Not Operational
157	1988 Chevrolet Van	Poor/Not Operational
161	1990 International Bus	MVA--Wrecked (Parts Taken)
162	1990 GMC Van	Poor/Not Operational
163	1990 GMC Van	Poor/Not Operational
174	1996 GMC Van	Poor/Not Operational
181	1997 International Bus	Poor/Can't Get Parts
191	1996 International Bus	Poor/Can't Get Parts

Whereas, the district would like to dispose of these vehicles through the obsolete bid process or, if they should not sell, they would be stripped of all able parts and scrapped; now, therefore, be it

**Resolution to  
Declare Vehicles  
Obsolete and  
Authorization of  
Disposal:  
(Continued)**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares the above noted vehicles obsolete and authorizes the disposal of these obsolete vehicles.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington School District, having reviewed minutes of the Committee on Special Education dated December 1, 6, 14, 21, 2011, January 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated January 3, 10 and 18, 2012, 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. 841-848.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:**

Motion by Mrs. LaCara, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, 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. 849-854, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 6 – Temporary Replacement Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 8 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 14 – Appointment (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16 – Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 19 – Temporary/Seasonal Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 23 – Substitute Employees (Instructional)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Information and  
Reports:**

1. SHUFSD New Website Page
2. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Acker re DECA Regional Conference Results
3. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Mrs. Lewis re Saturday Academy Program for ELA
4. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Mrs. Lewis re Enrollment in Saturday Academy for ELA
5. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Mrs. Lewis re learning styles assessment
6. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Ms. Robins re HIV/AIDS education
7. Minutes of Meeting, Huntington Station Action NOW Education Subcommittee, 1-10-12
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 1-12-12

**Information and  
Reports:  
(Continued)**

In envelopes:

1. *NYSIR News*, Winter 2011/2012 (Board Members Only)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending January 13, 2012

1. **Confidential** letter from Dr. Shea re a personnel matter
2. Memo to Building Principals and Supervisors from Dr. Centamore re Board of Education Teacher of the Year Presentation
3. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Meeting Minutes of architect meetings of January 4 and 11, 2012
4. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re a facilities matter
5. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Capital Funds
6. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Projected Fund Balance
7. Thank you letter to Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Schiavone from Ms. Harris the Students Helping Students, Special Education Guidance Night
8. Letter to Students, Parents and Guardians from Ms. Acker re Advanced Placement Information Night
9. Letter to Parents/Guardians/Students from Ms. Acker re January 2012 Examination Schedule
10. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Ms. Acker re Kaplan Test Prep Program and SAT Review Sessions
11. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Acker re Science Fair
12. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Acker re Honored Students
13. Thank you letter to the Board of Education from Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Russell re Gugliotta Tournament donation
14. Personnel Postings (3)
15. Minutes of the SHTA Executive Board Meeting, 1-9-12
16. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 1-5-12

**Committee  
Updates:**

Facilities

Mr. Ciappetta reported that the committee met on January 9 and discussed the following:

- DO playground – there are plans to move the playground to a new location and put up new swings and another piece of equipment. This could be done for under \$30,000 and is going out to bid.
- Solar Panels at Whitman
- Bathrooms at DO are completed and now handicapped accessible.
- Old library building is available for rent. An RFP for realtors has gone out.
- Air conditioning at Walt Whitman library. Reviewed costs. It would cost over \$400,000 to install. This will be added to the list of considerations.
- Bond - will be completed next year. There are still a lot of issues: security lighting at Silas Wood and Countrywood (Dr. Shea noted that Countrywood's lights should be in about two weeks.), uni-vents, fire alarms and rescue windows. H2M will prioritize.

**Committee  
Updates:  
(Continued)**

- Could the \$7 million dollars of bond money authorized by the voters be redirected to capital improvements? No, a new bond would have to be approved by the voters.
- Analysis of options with regard to closing of Silas Wood – eight graders going to Whitman or sixth graders going to Stimson with split sessions. The Whitman option is not feasible. This would require \$9 million in construction to accommodate the number of students. Closing of a school building needs SED approval. They would be reluctant to give approval when closing to save money. Dr. Shea noted that we would need the Commissioner's approval for split sessions. Unlikely for financial reasons.

Audit

Mr. Kaden reported that the committee met on January 4. They met with the claims auditors and discussed the review of claims and confirming purchase orders. The committee also met with the internal auditors and discussed an investigation that is currently in process. Mr. Kaden noted that the internal auditors would be looking into capital projects, time sheet and paycheck audits. They would also be looking into split dollar life insurance policies. Mr. Kaden stated that the next meeting would be held on February 1.

**Comments from  
Board Members  
and Staff:**

Mr. Kaden thanked the PTA for the invitation to the PTA Principals and Presidents Dinner. It was a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Kaden noted that he and Doreen Boehme attended the Legislative Roundtable Breakfast at Western Suffolk BOCES. Mr. Kaden noted that the breakfast began with the participants voicing their questions and concerns and then the legislators spoke. Mr. Marcellino spoke about his bill that would cap central administration costs at 3% of a school district's total budget. Mr. Kaden noted that, at this time, the bill does not have a co-sponsor. John Flanagan stated that the Triborough Amendment reform is a dead issue. The legislators also discussed the property tax cap. Mr. Kaden noted that he would be attending another Legislative Breakfast at Longwood on February 11. Mr. Kaden also noted that there would be a workshop on Saturday, January 28, sponsored by the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association and Eastern Suffolk BOCES. He and others from the district would be attending.

Mrs. Brieff stated that she attended a joint press conference with local politicians and the Suffolk County Police Department on the police department's anti-gang plan. The press conference was held on Tuesday in the parking lot at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church. Mrs. Brieff noted that Suffolk County Supervisor Steve Bellone was there to announce a new strategy that would redeploy specialized units to the precincts. Mrs. Brieff also stated that Legislator Spencer is trying to synchronize the ShotSpotter gunshot detection system with surveillance cameras already in place in Huntington Station. Mrs. Brieff also reported that Town Supervisor Frank Petrone stated that the revitalization of Huntington

**Comments from  
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and Staff:  
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Station is not possible until there is an end to gang violence and crimes. Mrs. Brieff stated that she was optimistic about this new plan and she was glad that she attended the press conference.

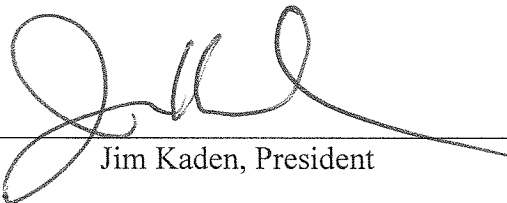
**Voice of the  
Residents:**

Visitors were invited to participate.

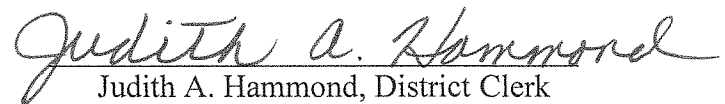
**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 832 through 854.