

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2011, 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. Teresky, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, 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. Brieff, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kaden opened the Business Meeting at 7:45 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Teacher of the Year Presentation: Dr. Centamore began the presentation by welcoming all to the Teacher of the Year presentation. Dr. Centamore noted that this ceremony is a proud, long standing tradition that is looked forward to every year. He thanked the Teacher of the Year Committee and Laura McLean for all their hard work. Dr. Centamore then recited from the poem by Walt Whitman, *An Old Man's Thought of School*. Dr. Centamore congratulated all honorees.

This year's teachers of the year are:

Barbara Sperrazza – South Huntington's Teacher of the Year
Maria Rodriguez – Countrywood Primary Center
Rebecca Medina – Oakwood Primary Center

Teacher of the Year Presentation: Paul Kosak – Birchwood Intermediate School
(Continued) Suzzane Ciccarelli – Maplewood Intermediate School
 Tracy Plattner – Silas Wood 6th Grade Center
 Karen Schmitt – Stimson Middle School

Dr. Centamore introduced each principal who spoke about their respective teacher. The South Huntington Teacher of the Year Barbara Sperrazza was given an opportunity to speak and expressed her gratitude to the Board of Education, administrators, her colleagues, and especially her family, students and her students' parents who trusted her and shared their children with her. Mrs. Sperrazza stated that her students brought her great joy and love every day. She noted that they inspired her to keep striving to be the best teacher she could be. Mrs. Sperrazza noted that she followed in the footsteps of her father who was a very caring and giving teacher. She also noted the contributions of her very loving and caring mother. Mrs. Sperrazza stated that she was inspired by her own teachers, one of whom was in the audience to share this special day with her.

Mr. Kaden and Dr. Shea presented each teacher with a plaque and a Proclamation from Legislator Steve Stern.

Closing remarks were made by Dennis Callahan, President of the South Huntington Teachers' Association, and Superintendent of Schools Thomas Shea.

Recess: A brief recess was called.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mrs. LaCara, be it Resolved that the revised tentative agenda with two additional new business items added, Attendance at the NYSSBA Awards Dinner in March and Discussion of the Legislative Committee Bylaws, be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Minutes through Schedule of Bills (Warrants): Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, 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 January 11, 2012.

Schedule of Investment Accounts: Schedule of Investment Accounts, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 864.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 865.

Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation:	Monthly Trial Balance and Bank Reconciliation, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 866-879.
Monthly Collateral Reconciliation:	Monthly Collateral Reconciliation, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 880.
Revenue Status Report, General Fund:	Revenue Status Report, General Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 881.
Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund:	Revenue Status Report, School Lunch Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 882.
Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Special Aid Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 883.
Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund:	Revenue Status Report, Capital Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 884.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) General Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), General Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 885-889.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) School Lunch Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), School Lunch Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 890.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Special Aid Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Special Aid Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 891.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) Capital Fund:	Budget Status Report (Expenditures), Capital Fund, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 892-893.
Budgetary Transfer Report:	Budgetary Transfer Report, December 2011, copies made part of these legal minutes, p. 894.

Tax Levy Schedule: Tax Levy Schedule, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 895.

Library Tax Levy: Library Tax Levy, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, p. 895.

Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report: Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 896-899.

Claims Audit Report: Claims Audit Report, December 2011, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 900-903.

Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	General Fund	Warrant 74	\$ 2,738.25
	"	75	579,705.27
	School Lunch	32	1,610.17
	Special Aid	29	8,709.26
	Capital Reserve Bond	32	173,510.60

Approved – Board Packet of February 3, 2012

General Fund	Warrant 72	\$307,538.14
"	73	4,041.44
"	V057	(96.40)
"	V070	(961.07)
School Lunch	31	13,670.23
Special Aid	28	22,088.69
Capital Reserve Bond	31	223.20

Approved – Board Packet of January 27, 2012

General Fund	Warrant 68	\$ 447.00
"	69	209,931.10
"	70	2,802,222.14
"	71	450.00
"	V000	(1,156.80)
"	V057	(1,735.20)
"	V059	(2,053.01)
"	V068	(447.00)
School Lunch	30	36,641.99
Special Aid	27	72,851.54
"	V021	(1,750.00)
Capital Reserve Bond	30	150,381.92

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.

- Conference Attendance:** Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves conference attendance at the RTTT Teacher Evaluation conference to be held on February 29, 2012, at Western Suffolk BOCES.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Conference Attendance:** 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 conference attendance at the Measuring Principal Effectiveness conference to be held on March 13, 2012, at the Melville Marriott.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Comprehensive Educational Plans for Birchwood, Silas Wood and Stimson:** Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Comprehensive Educational Plans for Birchwood Intermediate School, Silas Wood 6th Grade Center and Stimson Middle School.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Disposal of Obsolete Equipment:** Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves disposal of the obsolete equipment as listed on Karen Occhiogrosso's memorandum dated February 9, 2012, a copy made part of these legal minutes, pp. 904-905.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Agreement with Auctions International:** 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 agreement with Auctions International for online auction services.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Budget Increase for SHEF Donation:** Motion by Mr. Ciappetta, seconded by Mr. Lupinacci, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the 2011-2012 budget increase of \$41,735 to code 2630-13-INC-500 and the increase of \$6,265 to code 2630-13-CSO-460 to accept a SHEF donation of \$48,000.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Field Trip Request:** 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 field trip request to the New York State DECA Competition to be held on March 6-9, 2012, in Rochester, New York.
Motion carried unanimously.

- Consultant Contract Amendment:** Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, seconded by Mr. Nitkewicz, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the amendment to the July 14, 2012, Consultant Agreement between the District and Lawrence Light. Motion carried unanimously.
- Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, 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 16, 20, 22, 2011, January 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, February 1, 2 and 6, 2012, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated January 20, 24, 26, 31, February 1 and 7, 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. 906-922. Motion carried unanimously.
- Energy Performance Contract Amendment:** A brief discussion was held of this matter. Dr. Shea stated that the State Education Department did not approve building aid for the portables stating that the district already received aid for the portables. They stated that you cannot receive aid twice. Several Board members expressed concern regarding this matter and had questions. Mr. Ciappetta requested the following:
- A copy of the documentation stating that no aid would be applied.
 - The original payment schedule.
 - A meeting with legal counsel to answer Board questions on this matter.
- Mr. Nitkewicz moved, with a second from Mr. Teresky, to table this item for further discussion at another Board meeting. Motion, to table, carried unanimously.
- It was the sense of the Board to hold a special meeting to discuss this matter on February 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the District Office.
- NYSSBA Awards Dinner:** Motion by Mr. Nitkewicz, seconded by Mr. Teresky, be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves attendance at the NYSSBA Awards Dinner on March 11, 2012, in Albany, New York. Motion carried unanimously.
- Heart Screen New York:** Dr. Shea introduced Karen Acompora and invited her to address the Board. Mrs. Acompora spoke about sudden cardiac arrest in young athletes during sports participation. Mrs. Acompora stated that a youth heart screening service was being offered free of charge to young people between the ages of 12 and 24. The heart screening would be held on March 31, 2012, in the South Gym of Walt Whitman High School between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Acompora noted that

Heart Screen New York: (Continued)

this was being offered through Heart Screen New York, an affiliate of the Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation and the Dominic A. Murray 21 Memorial Foundation.

Legislative Committee Bylaws:

Mr. Nitkewicz stated that he and Mrs. Brieff had been working on the bylaws for the Legislative Committee. They had a couple of matters they wanted to discuss with the Board:

- How many members?
- Number of meetings during the year.
- Confidentiality provision.

Mr. Nitkewicz stated that he would e-mail the draft of the bylaws to Board members for further discussion and action at a future Board meeting.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Lupinacci, 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. 923-930 and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 8 – Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 10 – Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 11 – Leaves of Absence; Ext. of Sick Leave (½ Pay);

Sabbatical Leave (Instructional)

Schedule 15 – Terminations (Non-Instructional)

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

Schedule 23 – Substitute Employees (Instructional)

Schedule 24 – Substitute Employees (Non-Instructional)

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ciappetta had a question on Schedule 8 that was answered to his satisfaction.

Information and Reports:

1. **Confidential** memo from Ingerman Smith, LLP re recent changes in law
2. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Paid Lunch Sales
3. Memo to the Board of Education and Cabinet from Ms. Robins re Upcoming Events
4. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Harris re School Grade Enrollment Report for the First Attendance Period January 3, 2012 through January 31, 2012
5. Memo to Dr. Shea from Ms. Acker re Honored Students
6. Letter to Parents/Guardians from Mrs. Lewis re "Future Physicians" program
7. Personnel Postings (2)
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 2-2-12 and 2-9-12

Information and Reports:
(Continued)

Information Sent to Board Week Ending February 3, 2012

1. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Audit Committee Minutes, 2-1-12
2. Letter to School Superintendents and School Board Members from Assemblyman Jim Conte re Information Regarding Elementary and Secondary Education Budget Hearing Held on January 23 and synopsis of Governor Cuomo's Proposed 2012-2013 State Budget
3. Letter to Mr. Kaden from Joan Johnson, Western Suffolk BOCES, re nominations for Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education
4. Invitation to Board members from Mr. D'Elia re Maplewood's Guest Reader's Day
5. **Confidential** letter from Aneill Migliore re a personnel matter
6. Memo to Dr. Shea from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Meeting Minutes of architect meetings of January 25 and February 2, 2012
7. Personnel Postings (2)
8. *February Newsletter*, Birchwood Intermediate School
9. *February Calendar*, Oakwood Primary Center
10. *Silas Scoop*, Silas Wood 6th Grade Center, February 2012
11. Western Suffolk BOCES Shared Services 2012-2013 Directory (Board Members Only)
12. Calendar of Events, February 2012
13. Flyer re Symposium at the Tilles Center, "More Than a Number"

Information Sent to Board Week Ending January 27, 2012

1. Memo to Mr. Kaden from Mrs. Occhiogrosso re Audit Committee Agenda
2. Memo to School Superintendents, School Board Members and Interested Parties from Assemblyman Jim Conte re School Aid Figures from Governor Cuomo's 2012-2013 Proposed State Budget
3. Letter to Parent/Guardian from Dr. Shea re revised 2011-2012 school calendar
4. Thank you letter to the Board of Education from Mrs. Miranda and Mrs. Twist re personnel matter
5. Suggestion – Interoffice Mail (1)
6. Personnel Postings (2)
7. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, SHTA, 1-23-12
8. News articles: *The Long-Islander*, 1-19-12
9. *Spotlight*, January 2012

Committee Updates:

None given.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mrs. Brieff thanked the PTA for their work in organizing the Tax Cap Forum. Mrs. Brieff noted that there was a nice turnout for this importance issue that people need to be aware of. Mr. Kaden also thanked the PTA for all their efforts.

**Comments from
Board Members
and Staff:
(Continued)**

Mr. Kaden stated that he testified before the Governor's Mandate Relief Council. Mr. Kaden noted that he doesn't know how much it helped but he hoped it had an impact. Mr. Kaden noted that people sometimes asked him why he continued to fight. Mr. Kaden used the analogy of two groups of people of opposing opinions on either side of a wall. Mr. Kaden stressed the importance of continuing to fight for what you believe in and not giving up trying to make changes.

Dr. Shea announced that Mr. Kaden was named the New York State School Boards Association Advocate of the Year. Dr. Shea noted that there is only one person in the state who is picked to receive this honor. Dr. Shea stated that Mr. Kaden would be honored at an Awards Dinner in Albany on March 11.

**Voice of the
Residents:**

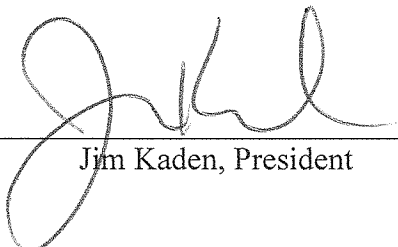
Visitors were invited to participate.

Laura Carey asked if the Board had reviewed the kindergarten poster and if they had approved it for posting. Dr. Shea responded that the poster had been approved by the Board.

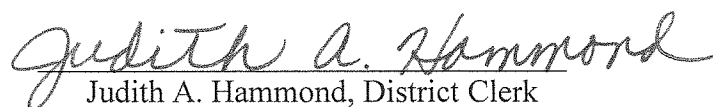
Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Teresky, seconded by Mr. Ciappetta, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



Jim Kaden, President



Judith A. Hammond, District Clerk

Attachments made part of these legal minutes, pages 864 through 930.