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A meeting of the Board of Education of South Huntington Union Free School District was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, in the Leadership Conference Room of the James Kaden Administrative Offices, 60 Weston Street, Huntington Station, New York.

Present: Board Members:

President

Mr. Ciappetta

Mr. Biangasso

Mr. Bronson

Mr. Joyner

Mrs. Meijer

Mr. Scragg

Samantha Regalado

Ex-Officio Student Member

Staff:

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. D'Elia

Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Centamore

Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Murphy

Asst. Supt. for Student Services

Mrs. Poprilo

Asst. to the Supt. for Elementary Education

Dr. Steele

Executive Director for Personnel

Mr. Smith

Executive Director for Technology

Dr. Fulton

District Clerk

Mrs. Caliendo

Not Present: Mrs. LaCara

Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Scragg, seconded by Mr. Biangasso, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Call to Order: Mr. Ciappetta opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Voices of Walt Whitman - Students Jess Diaz - Soprano, Samantha Regalado - Alto, Edilson Palma Romero - Tenor and Carlos Banegas - Bass performed "Thirty Second Fa La La" by Donald Moore.

Presentation: Recognition of Maplewood students chosen to represent New York State for the National Christmas Tree Lighting at the White House.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Mrs. Meijer, seconded by Mr. Scragg, Be it Resolved that the revised agenda be adopted.
Motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion on
Minutes through
Schedule of Bills
(Warrants):**

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Biangasso, 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 October 12, 2022

**Schedule of
Investment
Accounts:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Treasurer's
Report:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Monthly Trial
Balance and Bank
Reconciliation:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Monthly
Collateral Testing:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Revenue Status
Report, A Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Revenue Status
Report, C Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Revenue Status
Report, CM Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Revenue Status
Report, F Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Revenue Status
Report, H Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Budget Status
Report
(Expenditures)
A Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

**Budget Status
Report
(Expenditures)
C Fund:**

None provided for this meeting.

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Budget Status Report (Expenditures) CM Fund:	None provided for this meeting.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) F Fund:	None provided for this meeting.
Budget Status Report (Expenditures) H Fund:	None provided for this meeting.
Budgetary Transfer Report:	None provided for this meeting.
Tax Levy Schedule:	None provided for this meeting.
Library Tax Levy:	None provided for this meeting.
Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report:	None provided for this meeting.
Schedule of Bills (Warrants):	None provided for this meeting.
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.
Communications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Invitation to the Board of Education and Cabinet to attend Longwood's 19th Annual Regional Legislative Breakfast.2. Invitation to the Board of Education and Superintendent to attend the N-SSBA /NCCSS / SCSSA Joint Conference.
Student Disciplinary Appeal	Mr. Scragg offered the following resolution, and Mr. Joyner moved its adoption: WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered an appeal of a Superintendent's Hearing decision under Section 3214 of the NYS

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Education Law involving a student made known to the Board in an executive session of the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon due consideration of the Appeal and relevant documentary evidence related thereto, the appeal is denied and the Superintendent's decision is upheld in all respects.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Gehricke v. South
Huntington Union
Free School
District**

Mr. Scragg offered the following resolution, and Mr. Biangasso moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Richard Gehricke commenced litigation against the South Huntington Union Free School District (the "School District") alleging negligence; and

WHEREAS, the School District sought a defense and indemnification under the Continental Insurance Company's liability policy believed to be in effect during the time-period affected by the allegations set forth in the aforementioned litigation captioned Richard Gehricke - against - South Huntington Union Free School District and Maplewood Intermediate School pending before the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, Index No. 616541/2020 (the "Action");

WHEREAS the Continental Insurance Company, which also operates under the name "CNA," disputed coverage for the litigation against the School District but agreed to provide the School District with a defense in the litigation under a reservation of rights; and

WHEREAS the Continental Insurance Company challenged the availability of coverage, following testimony of the Plaintiff in the Action, by notifying the School District that it would be denying liability coverage going forward;

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the School District understands the inherent uncertainties of litigation, the expenses, costs and fees, and the inconvenience or diversion of time associated with anticipated litigation, the parties have agreed to settle the insurance coverage dispute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby authorizes settlement of the coverage dispute between the School District and Continental Insurance Company in accordance with the terms of the Policy Buyback and Release Agreement wherein Continental Insurance Company agrees to contribute to the settlement of the Action in exchange for a release from further coverage responsibilities

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in accordance with the terms and exceptions of the Policy Buyback and Release Agreement which has been reviewed and approved in Executive Session with the Board and counsel for the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Policy Buyback and Release Agreement has been duly executed by an authorized representative of the Continental Insurance Company on the _____ day of December, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the above-mentioned Policy Buyback and Release Agreement. Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the policy buyback and release agreement put forth, a copy made part of these legal minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Gehricke v. South
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District**

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

WHEREAS, Richard Gehricke commenced litigation against the South Huntington Union Free School District (the "School District"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with said lawsuit the School District denied all material allegations and asserted various defenses to the negligence claims alleged by Richard Gehricke against the School District; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as the School District understands the inherent uncertainties of litigation, the expenses, costs and fees, and the inconvenience or diversion of time associated with litigation, the parties have agreed to settle the pending litigation commenced by Richard Gehricke;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby authorizes settlement of the action titled Richard Gehricke - against - South Huntington Union Free School District and Maplewood Intermediate School currently pending before the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, Index No. 616541/2020 (the "Action") in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Release said agreement having been reviewed and approved in Executive Session with the Board and counsel for the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Settlement Agreement and Release has been duly executed by Plaintiff Richard Gehricke on the _____ of December, 2022; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the above-mentioned Settlement and Release agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School District's attorneys of record to execute any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the dismissal or discontinuance of the action with the Court, a copy made part of these legal minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

**SEQRA
Determination for
Security Booth
Construction at
Walt Whitman HS**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District desires to embark upon a capital improvement project consisting of Security Booth at the Walt Whitman High School; and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement project at Walt Whitman High School is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(9)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District has examined all information related to the Security Booth construction project and has determined that said capital improvements is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) (9) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares that the Security Booth construction at Walt Whitman High School, is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department, copy made part of these legal minutes, pp.
Motion carried unanimously.

Request for New Course Approval

Motion by Mr. Scragg, Seconded by Mr. Bronson and Mr. Joyner, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves three new courses "Advanced Strength and Conditioning", "Nutrition and Wellness" and "Sports Literature and Culture".
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of NSBA National Conference

Motion by Mr. Bronson, Seconded by Mr. Scragg, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves Board Trustee William Biangasso to attend the NSBA National Conference in Orlando.
Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Obsolete Books

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 declares the listed materials as obsolete and deemed to be disposed of in a safe and secure manner, a copy made part of these legal minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

Declaration of Obsolete IT Equipment

Motion by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Biangasso, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby declares the listed materials as obsolete and deemed to be disposed of in a safe and secure manner, a copy made part of these legal minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

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Data Privacy and Confidentiality Agreements

Motion by Mr. Bronson, Seconded by Mr. Scragg, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District hereby approves the Data Privacy and Confidentiality Agreement for Language Testing International, Inc.
Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations for Placement by CSE/CPSE

Motion by Mr. Bronson, seconded by Mr. Joyner, 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 8, 14, 28, October 13, 14, 26, November 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, December 1, 2, 5, 2022 and the Committee on Preschool Special Education dated October 20, 25, November 10, 15, 30, December 1, 2022, 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.
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Reject Bid Proposals for Armed Guard Services contract pursuant to Bid No. 23-01B

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

WHEREAS, on or about September 29, 2022, the South Huntington Union Free School District (the "District") requested bid proposals for South Huntington Union Free School District Armed Guard Services contract pursuant to Bid No. 23-01B;

WHEREAS, on or about October 18, 2022, the District received and opened bid proposals for the Armed Guard Services contract;

WHEREAS, based upon the bid 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 bid proposals received for the provision of armed guard services and to re-advertise for new bid proposals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all bid proposals received in response to Bid No. 23-01B Armed Security Guard Services and authorizes the School District to re-advertise for new bids.

Dr. D'Elia stated that in order to revise specifications within the original bid, we have to present a new bid. In order to do so, we must reject all vendors that participated in the original bid due to a revision that needs to be made in consultation with our attorneys. The new bid will be in the paper tomorrow, and will close at 10:00 a.m. on December 22.

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Mr. Ciappetta stated that the Board was planning on a presentation, discussion of bids and a vote at this December meeting. He anticipates this will now happen in January, and will depend on bids received. Mr. Ciappetta stated that the Board has already vetted one company. It is expected that in January the board will have a discussion to amend district policy with respect to armed guards and to approve or not approve a contract for armed security. Dr. D'Elia will make sure the community is informed in order to give them the opportunity to address the Board of Education.

Personnel:

Motion by Mr. Scragg, seconded by Mr. Biangasso, 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, and authorizes implementation thereof:

Schedule 2: *Probationary Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 3: Administrative/Supervisory Appointments (Instructional)

Schedule 9: Coaching/Extracurricular Appointments

Schedule 11: Terminations (Instructional)

Schedule 12: Leaves of Absence (Instructional)

Schedule 15: *Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 16: Terminations (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 17: Leaves of Absence (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 19: Temporary/Seasonal Appointment (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 20: Re-Appointments (Non-Instructional)

Schedule 22: *Substitute Employees (Instructional and Non-Instructional)

AYES - 6; Mrs. Meijer abstained from vote

Information and Reports:

1. Personnel Postings
2. Whitman Cares Article in Huntington Patch
3. Maplewood Article in Long Islander
4. Congratulatory Letter from Dr. D'Elia to Maplewood Students
5. Congratulatory Letter from Dr. Murphy to Maplewood Students
6. Letter of Recognition from Dr. Murphy to Lea Tyrrell
7. *Sale of Obsolete Equipment and Results of Auctions International Bid

Weekly Packet of December 2, 2022

1. Personnel Postings
2. Schedule of Bills 11-25-22
3. National Christmas Tree Press Release

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4. Newsday article highlighting library/makerspace at Silas Wood
5. Maplewood National Tree Ornament article in Huntington Now
6. Invitation to SEPTA Holiday Sign Along
7. Letters of thanks for Winter Wonderland participants from Dr. D'Elia
8. Board & Administrator Publication December 2022

Weekly Packet of November 22, 2022

1. Personnel Postings
2. Letter of congratulations to Whitman Art students from Dr. D'Elia
3. Invitation to Wildcat Cares Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
4. Invitation to SEPTA Paint Night Fundraiser

Administrative Reports & Committee Updates:

Minutes from the Curriculum Council Meeting on November 17, 2022
Ms. LaCara was not in attendance, and the report was not discussed.

Comments from Board Members and Staff:

Mrs. Meijer wished everyone a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season. She thanked all music teachers for the time put into the wonderful winter concerts being performed. Mr. Biangasso thanked the PTA and local businesses for their support of our district. Mr. Ciappetta noted the official ribbon cutting of the Wildcat Cares food pantry made possible by a \$10,000 grant from Stop and Shop and spoke of it as a beautiful act of love for our community. He thanked the students and faculty involved in the project for the hard work that they put into this wonderful program.

Comments by Superintendent of Schools:

Dr. D'Elia thanked everyone involved in this year's Winter Wonderland. Last week was our Hour of Code. We will continue to move in a direction that promotes these 21st century skills. He echoed Mrs. Meijer in thanking our music teachers for the wonderful winter concerts being performed. He wished everyone a happy holiday and wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Comments by Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board of Education:

Ms. Regalado thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board of Education. She stated how wonderful it is to learn of the happenings in our district, such as the Hour of Code and Wildcat Cares program.

Voice of the Residents:

Visitors were invited to participate.

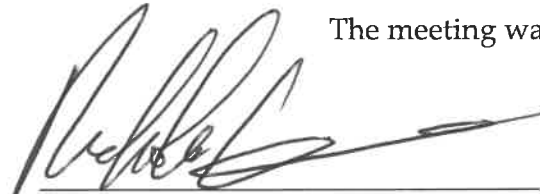
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Executive Session: Motion by Mrs. Meijer, seconded by Mr. Bronson, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education return to Executive Session to discuss a confidential matter of personnel.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Meijer, seconded by Mr. Bronson, Be it Resolved that the Executive Session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Biangasso, seconded by Mr. Joyner, be it Resolved that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:28 p.m.



Nicholas R. Ciappetta, J.D., President



Regina Caliendo, District Clerk