

**REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Pitruzzella called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

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II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella
Mrs. Uhl
Mr. De Vincenzo
Mr. Jacobs

Dr. Ken Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Ann Vaccaro-Teich, Deputy Superintendent
Other Members of Administration
PTA & Community Members

Absent: Mr. Spiro
Theresa Campanella, District Clerk

ROLL CALL

III. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

PTA Reports

SOCES - Vickie Caramante

- SOCES PTA membership is over 400 members, including 40 building staff
- Implementation of PayPal for membership
- Germ Smart – over 75 parents attended assembly on October 4th
- SOCES Vice President Kristan Bridges, who developed the Germ Smart curriculum at WOS is working on bringing the program to the other elementary schools
- Family Fun Night – Halloween themed Boo Bingo on October 29th
- SOCES Comedy Night fundraiser is Friday, December 3rd
- Mrs. Caramante thanked the board for the recent PTA/Board of Education Retreat. She also thanked Dr. Mitchell, Ann Vaccaro-Teich, and Rosemary Pitruzzella for attending the October 13th PTA meeting to discuss the roof project.

TZHS PTSA – Trish Bakker

- New Project Graduation Chair is Nicole Glazer
- Drive to increase membership
- Mrs. Bakker thanked Dr. Mitchell for attending the recent PTSA meeting

SOMS – Michelle Jones (for Evan Karzhevsky)

- Membership has increased
- Sixth grade social well-attended
- Social on Friday, October 20th for all grade levels
- School Picture Day was a success
- Assembly program is underway

INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

PTA REPORTS

SOCES

TZHS PTSA

SOMS

PTA Council – Michelle Jones

- In September, Central Hudson Region PTA presented to the Council the National PTA Program on Building Successful Partnerships, which addresses the four District goals
- PTA Council, as well as the other PTA units, voted to support the Roof Project Vote on November 16, 2010
- PTA units will be sending postcards to all SOCSO voters asking them to support the Roof Project Vote on November 16th
- Mrs. Jones thanked the Board members for taking the time to attend Council meetings
- Founder's Day Celebration – nominations are due by December 10th; Founder's Day will be on February 16, 2011
- Education Foundation made a presentation to Council
- Mrs. Jones, on behalf of the various PTA Units, thanked the Board for volunteering their time to serve the students and community. Mrs. Jones presented the Board with a token of gratitude in honor of School Board Recognition Week.

Superintendent's Report

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Dr. Mitchell thanked the Board of Education for their efforts and volunteering their time to serve on the Board of Education. Dr. Mitchell recognized the amount of time Board Members spend in the performance of their duties as Board of Education Members.

Superintendent's Training in PA

Dr. Mitchell gave a brief overview of his recent training in Gettysburg and Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which is part of Columbia University Teacher's College Education Fellowship Policy Program that he is currently enrolled. He also thanked the Board for supporting him as he participates in this program.

Race to the Top (RTTT)

Dr. Mitchell said he recently signed an agreement to accept the Race To The Top funds which will amount to approximately \$5000 over a four year period, of which we are permitted to use 75%. In four years, when the new APPR evaluation plan for teachers and principals goes into effect, we will receive an additional \$1700 per year. It is anticipated that initially it will cost the district approximately \$50,000 for these unfunded mandates (required staff development, etc.) Dr. Mitchell will be part of a state-wide group that will study the costs to the districts.

Incident at SOMS

Dr. Mitchell addressed a recent incident at the South Orangetown Middle School in which some seventh grade students used "Hug a Jew Day", originally meant to be a special day, expanded it to include other ethnic groups, and distorted the meaning of the day. Dr. Mitchell described the incident as despicable. Dr. Mitchell commended the middle school administration for addressing the incident. A letter from Dr. Mitchell was sent to the SOCSO community and posted on the District's website.

PTA COUNCIL

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Training in PA

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Incident at SOMS

Fostering a Respectful Learning Environment – WOS

Mrs. Nora Polansky, Principal, and Ms. Jeannine Carr, Assistant Principal, presented to the board the ways in which WOS is Providing a Respectful Learning Environment, one of the District's goals. Mrs. Polansky reviewed what is currently in place: Charlie CAAPS program which teaches all students to be kind and caring; marble jars in classrooms which provides positive reinforcement for behaviors; Golden Bus Assemblies, etc. Next steps include enhancing the Charlie CAAPS program using a literature-based Character Ed program developed by the school psychologist; faculty workshops; training for teaching assistants; and keeping parents informed. Individual building goals can be found on the District's website.

Fostering a
Respectful
Learning
Environment –
WOS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- A resident questioned when the District will begin to podcast the Board of Education Meetings. The resident also feels the district should look into Google Apps. Dr. Mitchell said the district is exploring Google Apps.
 - A parent spoke about the hurt and harm of the incident at SOMS. The parent stated the response was quick and compassionate; however, the parent feels that the incident is a community problem and the District has the responsibility to address the problem. Dr. Mitchell stated the issue of tolerance is being addressed and Dr. Michael Fowlin (Psychologist and speaker) will be returning to address the students. On November 4th, Anke Spitzer, a widow of one of the Munich 11, will be speaking to our students.
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PUBLIC
COMMENTARY

V. DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

BOARD DISCUSSION

- 6000 Series Policies – *Second Reading*; Policies 8330, 8332, 8834, 8500, 8505, 9170 – *First Reading*.

Mrs. Uhl requested her email address be posted on the website should a community member request information on a particular policy. The 5000 series will be reviewed again; the remaining series (7000, 8000, and 9000) will be reviewed with a mid-January adoption date

- NYSSBA Annual Convention – Resolutions – the Board deferred to Mrs. Pitruzzella to vote at the NYSSBA Convention.

ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

RESOLVED: that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved (see resolutions marked with an asterisk {*})

DISCUSSIONS/
ACTION ITEMS

BOARD
DISCUSSION

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT
AGENDA

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 P-6, Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

Schedule 10/11
P-6,
Professional
Personnel

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 C-6, Civil Service Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

Schedule 10/11,
C-6, Civil
Service
Personnel

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 H-6, Committee on Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

Schedule 10/11,
H-6, Committee
on Special
Education

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RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept the minutes of October 7, 2010.

Minutes of
October 7, 2010

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Disposal of Vehicles

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Vehicles

WHEREAS, in accordance with District Policy #5250, the following bus shall be deemed surplus. Based upon inspection by BOCES Department of Transportation, it was recommended that the repair to this vehicle given its age, mileage and lack of use was too costly and therefore, should be declared surplus and disposed of appropriately.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declares the following bus as surplus:

Year	Make/Model	Original Cost
1998	Chevrolet/Van	\$34,538

AND WHEREAS in accordance with District policy #5250, the vehicle will be sold at auction to the highest bidder through Auctions International, per the Rockland County Bid for surplus auction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the vehicle will be removed from the District's capital inventory and insurance.

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Acceptance of Tax Certiorari Settlement

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Tax Certiorari
Settlement

WHEAREAS: the owners of 615 Route 303, Blauvelt, Section 65.18-1-9 has brought tax certiorari proceedings for the 2009 and 2010 assessment years asking for a reduction in assessment; and

WHEREAS: the Assessor for the Town of Orangetown has determined the property over assessed; and

AND WHEREAS: a settlement has been negotiated reducing the property's assessment;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education authorizes the law office of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to enter into a stipulation reducing the assessments as follows:

2009 – From \$6,200,000 to \$5,687,500, decrease of \$512,500
2010 – From \$6,200,000 to \$5,750,000, decrease of \$450,000
2. The District Treasurer be authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$45,863.09, as required, after an order incorporating the assessment reductions is received by the school district or its attorneys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District authorizes an appropriation of the tax certiorari reserve to increase the 2010-2011 budget in order to pay the tax certiorari refund in the amount of \$45,863.09 as follows:

Appropriated Reserve - Tax Certiorari – A/C #A511		\$45,863.09
Appropriations	A/C #A960	\$45,863.09
Refund on Real Property	A1964.400-10-0000	\$45,863.09

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Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer

WHEREAS the Special Education Department projects the placement of individual students during the budget process in December of each year. Additional Committee on Special Education meetings are coordinated to address student needs as required throughout the year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District approves the following budget transfer to properly reflect the placement of individual students based on CSE recommendation.

Transfer from:	A2250.470-40-0498	\$ 28,980.00
Transfer to:	A2250.470-40-0472	\$ 28,980.00

Motion to accept Consent Agenda carried unanimously.

B. New Business

- **Taxpayer Payment Plan** - it was agreed that the subject of a taxpayer payment plan will not be revisited based on prior information received.
- **Building Conditions Survey** – the previous draft received is being revised. Upon receipt of the new draft, Board Members will forward any questions to Mrs. Pitruzzella.

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer

NEW BUSINESS

Taxpayer Payment Plan

Building Conditions Survey

SCHEDULE 10-11-P-6 - Professional Personnel

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**SOUTH ORANGETOWN
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Certificated Personnel

I LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for the following teacher:

• **Lauren Calcaterra, 1.0 English teacher at TZHS**

On or about 1/14/11 – 3/18/11	Paid leave concurrent with FMLA
On or about 3/19/11 – 4/15/11	Unpaid leave concurrent with FMLA
On or about 4/16/11 – 6/30/11	Unpaid leave

II EXTRA-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following for the 2010-21011 school year:

TZHS Spring Musical

Name	Position	Stipend
Nicole Farish	Art Director	\$2,307
Edward Clinton	Backstage Director	\$1,388
Edward Clinton	Business Manager	\$1,137
Russell Wagoner	Choral Director	\$1,388
Edward Clinton	Choreographer	\$1,970
Edward Clinton	Director	\$3,331
Edward Clinton	Lighting Director	\$1,137
Donna Grasso	Make-Up Director	\$853
Janice Tocco	Music Director	\$2,661
Edward Clinton	Set Director	\$2,427

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following non-EASO members for athletic supervision for the 2010-2011 school year, at the same rate of pay per the EASO contract, Article VI, C.:

James Gerosimo	Milli Kropp	Sandra Narcisco
David Pollack	Keith Zeig	

III EXTRA-PAY ASSIGNMENTS:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following teacher mentors for the 2010-2011 school year at the contractual rate of pay according to the EASO contract, Article XIX, E 2, \$750 per year:

Lori Berube	Beth Fox	Kerri Goldstein
Patty Eyer	Mary Fleming	Pamela Hess
Katrina Smith	Karen Sutton	Eileen Fiorentino
Laura Ferrante	Seth Resnikoff	Luann Carbonetto
Peter Burgos	Sarah McMane	Pamela Heilbronn

SCHEDULE 10-11-C6- Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

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Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

I. RETIREMENT

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the resignation of the following for the purpose of retirement:

- **Katherine Notaro, Secretarial Typist, TZE, 20 years, 5 months in the District, effective 1/25/11.**

II. APPOINTMENTS

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Aides/LFT Clerks unit members as substitutes, at their per diem rate of pay for the 2010-2011 school year providing they have completed their contractual obligations:

Substitute clerk typist
Angela Brennan
Kathleen DeStefano
Jane Bradbury
Angela DiVenere

Substitute aide
Jane Bradbury