

**REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Pitruzzella called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

7 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella  
Mr. Spiro  
Mr. De Vincenzo  
Mr. Jacobs (arrived 7:40 p.m.)  
Mrs. Uhl (arrived 8:17 p.m.)

Dr. Ken Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Ann Vaccaro-Teich, Deputy Superintendent  
Members of PTA & Community  
Others Members of Administration  
Theresa Campanella, District Clerk

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ROLL CALL

**III. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of particular individuals.

*Motion to accept carried unanimously.*

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ADJOURN TO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

**IV. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education convene to a public meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Motion to accept carried unanimously.*

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RECONVENE  
PUBLIC MEETING  
AT 7:30 P.M.

**V. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

**Board Announcements**

- Mrs. Pitruzzella, on behalf of the Board, thanked everyone for helping to get the Roof Project passed
- Thanksgiving Concert at TZHS on November 23, 2010

**Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Mitchell thanked the community for passing the roof project vote; he stated they have already been in touch with the architects.

**PTA Presidents' Reports – Highlights**

**PTA Council – M. Jones**

- Thanked board members for attending council meetings on a rotating basis.

INFORMATION &  
PROPOSALS

Board  
Announcements

Superintendent's  
Report

PTA PRESIDENTS'  
REPORTS

PTA COUNCIL

**TZHS PTSA**

- Co-sponsored Character Education guest speaker Joe Ehrman who presented to PTA and guests
- Project Graduation committee has met and officially started planning for June
- Founder's Day nominations are due by December 10<sup>th</sup>; form is available on-line

**SOMS**

- Membership is at 250 which includes staff
- Fall party for students in grades 6-8 was well-attended

**SOCES**

- October 29th Family Fun Night Bingo at TZE was well-attended
- December 3 – Family Fun Night Movie at CLE
- Next Meeting December 8<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 a.m. at WOS

**Fostering a Respectful Learning Environment – CLE**

Brian Culot, Principal, Karen Ramirez, Assistant Principal, Linda King, Psychologist, and Jacob Tanenbaum, technology teacher, from Cottage Lane presented to the Board the various ways in which Cottage Lane is meeting the district's goal of Fostering a Respectful Learning Environment. Their presentation included explanation of Morning Meetings, OLWEUS Anti-Bullying Program, Word of the Month program, and the anti-bullying assemblies. The entire presentation is available on the district's website.

A group of Cottage Lane students also presented to the Board their census titled "Why Move to Orangetown", which provided the board and audience with information on how they are learning through a problem-based approach.

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**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- Two parents of swimmers expressed their frustration and concerns that the pool is closed and the impact the closing is having on the boy's swim season.

Dr. Mitchell stated that the district is very frustrated also. He explained the reason for the repair was scheduled so that it would occur between the girls season and the boys season. Waiting to do this repair (replacing joint caulk) until the summer of 2011 may have created more significant damage. He reminded everyone that the pool was renovated, not replaced.

- Michelle Jones, as a Director of AGATE, thanked the Board of Education for their support of staff and staff members who attended and presented at the AGATE conference.
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TZHS PTSA

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PUBLIC  
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**VII. DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

- Policies: 1050 (Annual District Meeting); 6830 (Expense Reimbursement); 8334 (Use of Store Purchase Cards); 8500 Food Service Management); 8505 (Charging School Meals); 9170 (Meals and Refreshments) – Third Reading & Adoption

**Resolution to Adopt Policies**

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education adopt the following policies: 1050 (Annual District Meeting); 6830 (Expense Reimbursement); 8334 (Use of Store Purchase Cards); 8500 Food Service Management); 8505 (Charging School Meals); and 9170 (Meals and Refreshments).

*Discussion: Policy 6830 (Expense Reimbursement) – Regulations will be reviewed to assure they reflect the policy and the law. In addition, the Governance Compact will be reviewed to be aligned with policy 6830.*

***Motion to accept carried unanimously.***

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**Policy (Number TBD) – Recording & Podcasting of Board of Education Meetings – Fourth Reading - TABLED**

*Discussion: The policy will be amended as discussed but the policy will be tabled pending further review of the costs associated its implementation.*

Motion by Mr. Jacobs

Seconded by Mr. Spiro

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District table the policy on Recording & Podcasting of Board of Education Meetings.

***Motion to accept carried unanimously.***

*Narrative: Mrs. Uhl explained that the 5000 series, including updates received from NYSSBA, will be completed by December. The remaining policies (6000, 7000, 8000, and 9000 series) are targeted to be completed by January 2011.*

**Committee Reports**

**Education Foundation – Mr. De Vincenzo**

Mr. De Vincenzo, Board Liaison, attended the recent meeting of the Education Foundation. He stated he is impressed by their enthusiasm for what is a very difficult job. Mr. De Vincenzo thanked Dr. Mitchell and Ms. Ann Vaccaro-Teich for attending the meeting. Mrs. Neuendorf, a member of the Education Foundation, also thanked the Board and Dr. Mitchell for their support.

**DISCUSSIONS/  
ACTION ITEMS**

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

**Policies**

**Resolution to  
Adopt Policies**

**Policy – Recording  
& Podcasting of  
BOE Meetngs –  
TABLED**

**Committee Reports**

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**Audit Committee/Finance Council – Mr. Jacobs**

Mr. Jacobs, Board Liaison, attended the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that meeting, two candidates for Financial Advisor and three candidates for Bond Council were reviewed. The process is completed and the resolution will be put before the Board of Education on December 2, 2010.

Audit  
Committee/Finance  
Council

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

*Discussion: Mrs. Uhl requested the minutes of November 4, 2010, be pulled for a separate vote.*

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

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 10/11 P-8, Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (see blue schedule).

Schedule 10/11 P-8, Professional Personnel

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 10/11 C-8 Civil Service Personnel, be approved as attached (see blue schedule).

Schedule 10/11, C-8, Civil Service Personnel

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 10/11 H-8, Committee on Special Education, be approved as attached (see blue schedule).

Schedule 10/11, H-8, Committee on Special Education

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 10/11 HP-4, Committee on Preschool Special Education, be approved as attached (see blue schedule).

Schedule 10/11, HP-4, Committee on Preschool Special Education

**Acceptance of Minutes of November 4, 2010**

Acceptance of  
Minutes of  
November 4, 2010

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education accept the minutes of November 4, 2010.

***Motion to accept minutes of November 4, 2010, carried:***

**4 Yes**

**1 No (Mrs. Uhl)**

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**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education accept the minutes of November 16, 2010.

Acceptance of  
Minutes of  
November 16, 2010  
Special District  
Meeting

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**Resolution Authorizing Attendance at FRN Conference**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District authorizes Rosemary Pitruzzella to attend the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C., February 5 – February 9, 2011. Mrs. Pitruzzella was appointed by the National School Boards Association to attend the conference.

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Resolution  
Authorizing  
Attendance at FRN  
Conference

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**Acceptance of Tax Certiorari Settlement**

**WHEAREAS:** the owners of 705 Oak Tree Road, Palisades, Section 78.18-2-1 has brought tax certiorari proceedings for the 2004 through 2010 assessment years asking for a reduction in assessment; and

**WHEREAS:** the Assessor for the Town of Orangetown has determined the property overassessed; and

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

**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:

2004 - From \$134,100 to \$ 99,200, decrease of \$34,900  
2005 - From \$134,100 to \$ 99,200, decrease of \$34,900  
2006 - From \$134,100 to \$ 99,200, decrease of \$34,900  
2007 - From \$134,100 to \$104,600, decrease of \$29,500  
2008 - From \$134,100 to \$104,600, decrease of \$29,500  
2009 - From \$134,100 to \$104,600, decrease of \$29,500  
2010 - From \$134,100 to \$104,600, decrease of \$29,500

2. The District Treasurer be authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$9,398.52, 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 \$9,398.52 as follows:

Appropriated Reserve - Tax Certiorari – A/C #A511		\$9,398.52
Appropriations	A/C #A960	\$9,398.52
Refund on Real Property	A1964.400-10-0000	\$9,398.52

***Motion to accept Consent Agenda as amended carried unanimously.***

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Acceptance of Tax  
Certiorari  
Settlement

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**B. NEW BUSINESS**

- NYSSBA Winter Law Conference, Teacher and Principal Evaluations - January 20, 2010. It was agreed to put forth a resolution authorizing board member(s) to attend.

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the South Orantetown Central School District, authorize its board members to attend the NYSSBA Winter Law Conference, Teacher & Principal Evaluations, on January 20, 2010, in Islandia, Long Island.

***Motion to accept carried unanimously.***

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- PTA Council Meetings Attendance: Mrs. Pitruzzella, December 6th; Mrs. Uhl January 10th
  - A board member suggested the Cottage Lane students who presented to the Board earlier in the meeting do the same presentation to the Town Board
  - BOCES Services Guide Dinner – December 8<sup>th</sup>
  - March 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – the Board will discuss time of meeting
  - March 31<sup>st</sup> – BOCES Gala at Pearl River Hilton

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. De Vincenzo

Seconded by Mr. Spiro

**RESOLVED:** the meeting is adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Campanella  
District Clerk

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution  
Authorizing  
Attendance at  
NYSSBA Winter  
Law Conference**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**9:48 PM**

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**SCHEDULE 10/11 P-8 - Professional Personnel**

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**Certificated Personnel**

**I APPOINTMENTS:**

It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the action of the BOE meeting 6/17/10 for the appointment of the following:

- **Celine Zatarga**, amend position to: 1.0 elementary regular substitute at TZE; amend effective dates to: 9/1/10 to on or about 5/4/11.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher for the 2010-2011 school year at the contractual rate of pay according to the SOSTA contract:

- **Christinamae Rispoli**

**II EXTRA-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:**

It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the action of the BOE meeting of 10/7/10 for the appointment of the following club advisor:

- **Roberta Avantifiori**, changed from SOMS Italian Club Advisor to SOMS Italian Club Advisor (shared); stipend changed from \$1,568 to \$784

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following for the 2010-2011 school year:

**Club Advisors**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Christina Crowe	SOMS Italian Club Advisor (shared)	\$784
Edward Honcharski	TZHS Peer Mediation Club Advisor (shared)	\$784
Eileen Fiorentino	TZHS Peer Mediation Club Advisor (shared)	\$784

It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the action of the BOE meeting of 9/16/10 for the appointment of the following winter coach:

- **John Alaimo**, rescind appointment as Modified Boys Swimming Coach

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

**Winter Coaches**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Category/Step</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Raphael Rispoli*	Modified Wrestling Coach	H/1	\$2,587
Chris Lorusso	Girls Modified Basketball Coach	H/1	\$2,587
Peter Jelalian	Boys Modified Basketball Coach	H/1	\$2,587
John Scarpino	Intramural Fencing Coach		\$1,137
Daniel Linehan	Boys Varsity Basketball Asst. Coach		Volunteer
Joseph Maniscalco	Wrestling Assistant Coach		Volunteer

\*pending fingerprint clearance

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**Certificated Personnel**

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.:

- **Margaret Umbrino**
- **Daniel Linehan**

**III CONSULTANT/CONTRACTED SERVICE**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following for the 2010-2011 school year:

- **Dr. Stanley Weinberg**, training & mentoring for SOCSO psychologists to develop detailed functional behavioral analysis and subsequent behavior plans, at the rate of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000

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**SCHEDULE 10/11 C8- Classified (Civil Service) Personnel**

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**Classified (Civil Service) Personnel**

**I. APPOINTMENT**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following:

- **Margaret Doolan, substitute Clerk Typist, \$18.00 per hour (retiree rate), effective 11/19/10.**
- **Margaret Doolan, substitute Secretary/Account Clerk Typist, \$20.41 per hour, effective 11/19/10.**

**II. CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the change in status from probationary to permanent for the following employee in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations:

- **Robert Speno, Custodial Worker, WOS, effective 11/30/10.**