

**REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Pitruzzella called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

6:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella
Mr. De Vincenzo
Mr. Jacobs (rejoined public meeting 8:00)
Mrs. Uhl

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

Absent: Mr. Spiro

ROLL CALL

III. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. De Vincenzo

Seconded by Mrs. Uhl

RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourns to executive session for discussion of contractual matters.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

IV. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by Mr. De Vincenzo

Seconded by Mrs. Uhl

RESOLVED that the Board of Education reconvene to a public meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

RECONVENE TO
PUBLIC
MEETING

7:46 P.M.

V. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

Board Announcements

- WOS sent Valentine's cards and supplies to 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan
- SOCES & SOMS PTA Presents an overview Gifted & Talented programs – February 8th
- SEPTA Meeting – February 8th – Guest Speaker Dr. Vincent D'Amico
- Kindergarten Information Night – February 9th
- Interact Club Valentine's Senior Citizen Dance – February 11th
- Founder's Day Celebration – February 16th

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- TZ Boys Swimming & Boys Bowling won their respective league titles for second consecutive year
- National Finalists for Positive Coaching Alliance “Double Goal Coach Award” – Liam Frawley & Andy Di Domenico
- TZ Fall Senior Athletes of the Season – Kalie Kohlbrenner (Cross Country) & James McWilliams

Superintendent’s Report

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Snow Days

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In reviewing the snow days with the Board, Dr. Mitchell explained the law requires students to attend school for 180 days. There are 187 days built in to the calendar and as of this date, 4 snow days have been used, leaving 3 days remaining.

Budget

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Dr. Mitchell reviewed with the Board that state aid to the district has been cut by 7.3% (\$2.25 million). At this time, any tax cap would not be in place until the 2012-2013 school year; however, this will be considered when building the 2011-2012. Dr. Mitchell encouraged everyone to write to their legislators about the effect a tax cap would have on the school districts.

The Roles & Responsibilities of Assistant Principals

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Building principals presented to the Board the importance of the role of assistant principal and how their roles and responsibilities have changed. Their presentation, *How School Leadership Influences Student Learning*, was an executive summary of studies that have been done on the subject and outlined the duties of an assistant principal that include, but are not limited to, being Acting Principal when the principal attends district meeting, or professional development; supervision of teachers and staff; student management/discipline. In addition, an assistant principal also has instructional roles and responsibilities. This presentation is available on the district’s website.

Technology Update & Tentative Budget Needs

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George Brady, Director of Technology, gave an overview to the Board of how the Technology Department is supporting the 21st century learner. Mr. Brady outlined some of the key accomplishments that have taken place in the last three years, some of which include interactive whiteboard technology; tech, digital media and language labs), gigabyte infrastructure between buildings; high-speed broadband access; wireless networking and instructional laptops. In addition to Mr. Brady’s presentation, teachers Marc Eckert (Cottage Lane), Jacob Tanenbaum (Cottage Lane), Kerri McBride (SOMS), and SOMS Librarian Patty Eyer demonstrated to the Board how they are using technology in the classroom.

2011-2012 School Year Calendar

The 2011-2012 school year calendar will be on the February 17th agenda for adoption.

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- A parent of a student from Cottage Lane shared how her child is learning through technology.

VI. DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

BOARD DISCUSSION

- **5000 Series Policies First Reading:** 5000, Student Policies Goals; 5020.3, Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504; 5030, Student Complaints & Grievances; 5100, Attendance; 5130, Compulsory Attendance Ages; 5152, Admission of Non-Resident Students; 5162, Student Dismissal Precautions; 5210, Student Organizations; 5405, Wellness; 5420, Student Health Services; 5500, Student Records; 5550, Student Privacy

ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. Jacobs

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

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 P13, Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 C12 Civil Service Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 H13, Committee on Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 HP09, Committee on Preschool Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept the minutes of January 20, 2011.

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Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement & SMOA between SOCSA & South Orangetown Administrators & Supervisors Association

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the South Orangetown Administrators and Supervisors Association dated January 28,

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

BOARD DISCUSSION

CONSENT AGENDA

Schedule 10/11, P-13, Professional Personnel

Schedule 10/11, C12, Civil Service Personnel

Schedule 10/11, H13, Committee on Special Education

Schedule 10/11, HP09, Committee on Preschool Education

January 20, 2011 Board Minutes

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2011, as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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Corrections to the 2010-2011 Tax Roll

**Corrections to
the 2010-2011
Tax Roll**

WHEREAS the County of Rockland has informed the District that Small Claims Assessment Reviews (SCAR petition) have been settled to the owners of the properties listed below. Applications have been filed to correct the tax amounts as listed below on the 2010-2011 tax rolls. The County reviewed the applications and supports the property owners' requests for the refunds stated below.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District authorizes the Deputy Superintendent to issue refunds for these properties in the amounts listed from account A1001A Real Property Tax.

Property	Original Assessment	Reduced Assessment	Refund
74.17-4-76	227,000	222,000	170.11
74.18-1-17	255,100	241,000	479.71
74.18-1-44	205,600	198,400	244.96
74.18-2-20	218,800	208,800	340.22
74.18-2-21	211,400	208,800	88.45
74.18-2-32	210,800	208,800	68.05
74.18-2-49	226,300	208,800	595.39
74.18-3-44	235,900	219,200	568.17
77.05-2-52	245,000	242,200	95.27
77.05-3-63	249,500	242,200	248.36
77.07-2-3.3	259,000	238,000	714.46
77.07-2-3.4	293,500	267,300	891.38
70.13-3-34	209,400	192,100	588.58
65.19-1-45	667,400	626,400	1,394.90
77.08-3-45	161,800	152,400	319.81
77.08-3-47	230,000	225,500	153.09
77.08-3-81	168,200	150,300	608.99
77.11-2-95	175,000	162,900	411.67
77.12-1-34.12	310,200	286,000	823.34
77.12-1-34.18	288,200	284,000	142.89
77.12-1-54.3	332,400	323,600	299.39
77.12-1-56	237,400	232,200	176.92
77.15-1-57	196,700	183,700	442.28
TOTAL			9,866.39

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Resolution to Accept Financial Reports – December 2010

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District has received from the District Treasurer the monthly financial schedules as stated below

FURTHERMORE, the Board has had an opportunity to review the reports, question items and receive responses from the Deputy Superintendent and District Treasurer

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the following financial schedules for December 2010

Schedule 2010-2011 T-DEC	Treasurer Reports
Schedule 2010-2011 BT- DEC	Budget Transfers
Schedule 2010-2011 FR- DEC 1	General Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2010-2011 FR- DEC 2	School Lunch Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2010-2011 FR- DEC 3	Special Aid Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2010-2011 FR- DEC 4	Capital Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2010-2011 FR- DEC 5	Debt Service Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2010-2011 W- DEC 1	General Fund Warrants
Schedule 2010-2011 W- DEC 2	School Lunch Fund Warrants
Schedule 2010-2011 W- DEC 3	Special Aid Fund Warrants
Schedule 2010-2011 W- DEC 4	Capital Fund Warrants
Schedule 2010-2011 W- DEC 5	Trust Fund Warrants

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Resolution to Abolish Position

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a 1:1 teacher's aide position is no longer needed in the District and it is necessary and appropriate to abolish the position, removing it from the 2010-11 inventory of positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective close of business February 11, 2011, the position of 1:1 teacher's aide (1.0833 FTE) is to be abolished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools to notify the affected individual of the abolition of their position effective February 11, 2011, and further advise of the individual of their rights, if any, pursuant to contract and/or law.

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Resolution to Establish Independent Employee Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Superintendent's recommendation to establish the salary of the District's Director of Athletics, Health, Physical Education and Safety at \$136,968, effective February 4, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to pay additional salary to said employee, as a non-covered employee, as

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described in a Memo from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education dated February 2, 2011.

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Resolution to Accept Claims Auditor Report – December 2010

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the Claims Auditor Reports for the month of December 2010 (see appended reports). Be it also noted that copies of the reports were also being provided to the Audit Committee.

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Acceptance of the Tappan Zee High School and South Orangetown Middle School Extraclassroom Activities Quarterly Reports – December 31, 2010

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the quarterly reports for the period ending December 31, 2010 for the Tappan Zee High School and South Orangetown Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Funds (see appended reports).

B. Resolution that Legislative & Unfunded Mandate Relief must be included in any New York State Property Tax Cap Proposal

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District that legislative and unfunded mandate relief must be included in any New York State property tax cap proposal.

WHEREAS, New York State leads the nation in local property taxes, in large part because New York leads the nation in imposing unfunded state mandates upon our local municipalities and school districts; and

WHEREAS, state mandated pension fund contributions are one of the largest components of every school district and municipal budget over which local officials have little control, and are increasing at exorbitant rates annually such that bills from the State Retirement System (ERS) will increase 40% and bills from the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) will increase 33% in the 2011-2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, state laws such as the Triborough Amendment, pertaining to the collective bargaining of contracts between school districts and employee unions, impede the ability of local officials to reasonably control the costs that such contracts impose upon local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, as a solution to New York's property tax crisis, the Governor of New York and members of the New York State Legislature have pledged to consider enactment of legislation imposing a cap on the annual growth in local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, any property tax cap must be accompanied simultaneously (1) by ending the practice of pushing State costs onto local school districts and municipalities, and (2) by a repeal of current underfunded or unfunded state mandates that require local

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Auditor Report –
December 2010

Acceptance of
TZHS & SOMS
Extraclassroom
Activities
Quarterly
Reports,
December 31,
2010

Resolution that
Legislative &
Unfunded
Mandate Relief be
included in any
NYS Property Tax
Cap Proposal

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municipalities and school districts to significantly increase spending and therefore local property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a property tax cap without repeal of costly underfunded and unfunded state mandates will inescapably lead to drastic cuts in essential local school district programs and services, as well as significant layoffs of school district employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District that the Governor of the State of New York and the members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly must reform the cost drivers that lead to high property taxes in New York - including mandate relief, pension benefits, and the collective bargaining process - as the central element of any effort to provide property tax relief to the residents and businesses of New York State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, and the members of the State Senate and Assembly representing the South Orangetown Central School District.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

- March 13 & 14 – NYSSBA State Issues Conference in Albany
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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. Jacobs

RESOLVED: the meeting is adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Campanella
District Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

9:45 P.M.

SOUTH ORANGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Staff Students

19 September 2011 17

1-2 Supt. Conf Day

5 Labor Day

6 First Day of School

29-30 Rosh Hashanah

20 October 2011 20

7 Half-day Supt Conf Day

10 Columbus Day

19 November 2011 18

8 Election Day/Supt Conf Day

11 Veteran's Day Observed

23 Half-day Supt Conf Day

24-25 Thanksgiving Recess

17 December 2011 17

9 SOCES P/T Conf; SOMS/TZHS Supt Conf Day

23 30 mins. Emergency Early Dismissal

26-30 December Recess

20 January 2012 20

2 New Year's Day Observed

3 School Reopens

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Obs.

16 February 2012 16

17 Half-Day Supt. Conference Day

20-24 President's Day/Mid-Winter Recess

22 March 2012 22

16 Half-Day Supt. Conference Day

15 April 2012 15

6-13 Spring Recess

16 School Reopens

22 May 2012 22

28 Memorial Day

16 June 2012 16

18-22 Modified Schedule

21 Rating Day/TZHS Graduation

22 Last Day of School for Students

July 2011						
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June 2012						
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6/25, 6/26, 6/27 Staff make-up snow days

 No School for Students & Staff
 Staff Day (NO school for students)
 () Full Conf Days: 9/1, 9/2, 11/8, 12/9

 Early Release
 (Half conf days: 10/7, 11/23, 2/17, 3/16)

 30 mins. Emer. Early Dismissal

 Staff/Student make-up snow day

**Modified Schedule WOS, TZE,
 CL, SOMS, TZHS**

**SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

EMERGENCY CLOSING (Snow Days, etc.) INFORMATION

In anticipation of emergency closings, such as snow days, the district makes an effort to build the school calendar with additional days in order to first comply with New York State Education Law related to student attendance and then with any EASO contractual obligations. Each year's calendar varies due to the number of holidays that fall on weekdays; therefore, there is an annual review to ensure that the district meets the legal attendance requirements while adding a cushion of potential emergency days.

If no days are used, then **April 5, May 25, & May 29** will be vacation days

If 1 day is used, then **May 25 & May 29** will be vacation days (*April 5 school is in session*)

If 2 days are used, then **May 29** will be a vacation day (*April 5 & May 25 school is in session*)

If 3 days are used the calendar stands as shown (*April 5, May 25, & May 29 school in session*)

If 4 days are used, then on **June 25** school will be in session for staff

If 5 days are used, then on **June 26** school will be in session for staff

If 6 days are used, then on **June 27** school will be in session for staff

Adopted: February 17, 2011

Certificated Personnel

I CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following probationary teachers:

- **James Ardizone**, .5 special education teacher at TZHS; probationary period 2 years; tenure area Special Education; Special Education Permanent Certificate; effective 9/1/10
- **Christopher Rastelli**, .6 health teacher at SOMS; probationary period 2 years; tenure area Health; Health Initial Certificate; effective 9/1/10

SCHEDULE 10/11 C12- Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

DATE OF MEETING: February 3, 2011

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Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

I.EXCESS

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

- **Theresa Dunn-Simon, Teacher's Aide, TZE, 3 hours per day, effective 2/11/11 (end of day).**

II.APPOINTMENT

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the probationary appointment of the following in accordance with Civil Service rules and regulations:

- **Ann Quigley, Secretarial Typist, TZE, step 1, \$38,125.00 per year (prorated), effective 2/7/11.**

III CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT

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

- **Donna Barrese, Teacher's Aide, from 1.0833 FTE at SOMS, to .5 FTE at TZE, effective 2/14/11.**