

**REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Pitruzzella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella
Mr. Spiro
Mr. De Vincenzo
Mrs. Uhl (arrived 7:46)

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

Absent: Mr. Jacobs

ROLL CALL

III. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

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PROPOSALS

Board Announcements

Mrs. Pitruzzella, on behalf of the Board, welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Upcoming Events:

- SADD & SO CASA – Fun night at SOMS on December 17th
- CLE DARE Graduation – December 21st
- TZE is collecting tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- WOS is collecting for Meals on Wheels
- TZHS Winter Concert – 7:30 p.m. on December 21st
- Naturalization Ceremony – Mrs. Pitruzzella attended the Naturalization Ceremony on December 3rd that was held at SOMS. Board Member Guy De Vincenzo, who is a naturalized citizen, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Pitruzzella thanked Mr. De Vincenzo for sharing his story.

Board
Announcements

Superintendent's Report

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Report

Proposed Tax Cap – Dr. Mitchell met with other Rockland County Superintendents, Assemblywoman Jaffee, Assemblyman Zebrowski, and newly elected State Senator Carlucci regarding the proposed tax cap and how it would affect school districts. Dr. Mitchell stated that a “hard” tax cap (meaning no variations) over the next 4 years, would equate to a \$3.3 billion shortfall related to personnel in the state (not including city school districts); \$894 million shortfall which equates to 13,346 teaching positions in the state based on 2010-2011 salaries.

Proposed Tax Cap

Education Foundation – Dr. Mitchell attended Education Foundation meeting which was very productive and he will provide the Board with additional information in the future.

Education
Foundation

PTA Reports

PTA Council – Michelle Jones

- Mrs. Jones thanked Mr. De Vincenzo for attending the November PTA Council Meeting and for providing the Council with wonderful input and for being an inspiration.
- Founder’s Day – 28 plus nominees have been received for the Founder’s Day Award. Invitations will be sent out in January. The Tappan Fire Department will provide the Color Guard and students will be providing the entertainment.
- Board Member Annmarie Uhl will be attending the January Council meeting.
- The PTA is in the process of developing a Code of Ethics for PTA members and those in leadership positions

TZHS PTSA

- Membership – 250
- SO CASA & PTSA – January 18th Suicide Prevention presentation
- Project Graduation work has begun

SOMS

- Working on forming a Bullying prevention committee

SOCES

- Membership – 450
- \$1065 donated to CLE grade 4 Carnegie Hall field trip
- Comedy night was a success with 170 people in attendance
- Friend Smart introduced at TZE which aligns with the Character Education program
- January 12 next meeting

Building Conditions Survey

Mr. Jeff Fox from EMG presented to the Board the Buildings Conditions Survey which by law is required every 5 years. The presentation is posted on the district website.

Transportation Status Report

Mr. Phil Scala, Director of Facilities & Transportation, presented a study of the current transportation department. Please see the entire presentation on the district’s website. Following the presentation, the board discussion included a suggestion that a Transportation Task Force be formed to review the current data. Board members will submit any questions on the subject to the Board President.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- A parent suggested students use County transportation to get home from afterschool activities.
 - A parent voiced concern over the lack of sidewalks.
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PTA Reports

PTA Council

TZHS PTSA

SOMS

SOCES

Building
Conditions Survey

Transportation
Status Report

PUBLIC
COMMENTARY

V. DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

Discussion: Mrs. Uhl requested the minutes of December 2, 2010, be pulled for a separate motion.

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

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

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 P10, Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 10/11 C 9, Civil Service Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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

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

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Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education accept the minutes of December 2, 2010.

Motion to accept carried: 3 Yes; 1 Abstain (Mrs. Uhl)

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Resolution Authorizing Execution of Clarkstown Landfill Site Consent Decree

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District hereby authorizes the execution of the Clarkstown Landfill Site Consent Decree by the Superintendent of Schools dated November 30, 2010, resolving the District's participation in the Clarkstown Landfill litigation. A copy of said Consent Decree shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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DISCUSSION/
ACTION ITEMS

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CONSENT
AGENDA

Schedule 10/11,
P10, Professional
Personnel

Schedule 10/11,
C9, Civil Service
Personnel

Schedule 10/11,
H10, Committee on
Special Education

Schedule 10/11,
HP6, Committee on
Preschool Special
Education

Acceptance of
Minutes of
December 2, 2010

Resolution
Authorizing
Execution of
Clarkstown
Landfill Site
Consent Decree

Disposal of Equipment

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WHEREAS in accordance with District Policy #5250, the following list of assets are to be deemed surplus. The upgrades necessary to update the equipment, given their age, is too costly and given their depreciable life schedule are of no value and therefore, they should be declared surplus and disposed of appropriately

Site	Location	Asset Tag #	Description	Qty
02	181	20092276	HP PLOTTER	1
02	181	20092459	WIDE FORMAT PRINTER	1
02	IT OFFICE	20092022	MULTI FUNCTION PRINTER	1

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District approves the equipment to be disposed of in accordance with District Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the sale of the assets, they will be removed from the District's capital inventory and insurance.

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Establishment of the Michael S. Emanuelo Memorial Youth Service Scholarship

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Service
Scholarship

RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept \$500 for the establishment of the Michael S. Emanuelo Memorial Youth Service Scholarship. Michael S. Emanuelo was an exceptional man who spent much of his life in service to youth and education. A scholarship of \$100 will be paid to a student intending to pursue a career working directly with youth or service youth needs in a community setting. Monies will be accounted for in the Trust & Agency Fund.

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Acceptance of Building Conditions Survey

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Conditions Survey
& Five Year Plan

WHEREAS the New York State Education Department, as part of 8 NYCRR Part 155 requires Building Condition Surveys (BCS) be updated every 5 years on all District buildings occupied by students and/or staff;

AND WHEREAS the survey required every major building system or component to be investigated by a registered architect or licensed engineer;

AND WHEREAS the South Orangetown Central School District did contract with EMG, licensed professionals, based on the Request for Proposal process conducted by Rockland County BOCES, appointed by the Board of Education on March 11, 2010, for the express purpose of providing services related to the five year Building Condition Survey update;

AND WHEREAS EMG, having performed the Building Condition Surveys for South Orangetown Central School District has made recommendation of an overall building rating as required by the State Education Department;

AND WHEREAS the overall rating of the buildings were determined by a weighted system developed by the Commissioner of the New York State Education Department in consideration of paragraphs (2) and (3) of subdivision C of Section 155.4 Uniform

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Code of Public School Building Inspections, Safety Rating and Monitoring.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Building Conditions Survey Report and Five Year Plan.

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Corrections to the 2010-2011 Tax Roll

Corrections to
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
65.19-1-47	\$ 478,500	\$ 459,400	\$ 649.82
74.13-3-81	255,400	242,200	449.09
70.9-1-11	177,200	173,900	112.26
65.17-1-16	340,700	334,000	227.94
70.13-3-5	230,100	218,400	398.06
74.06-1-31	204,000	192,100	404.86
74.09-2-34	193,100	179,600	459.30
70.11-1-10	615,300	563,800	1,752.13
70.09-3-61	298,800	281,900	574.98
70.06-1-66	329,600	313,200	557.96
69.20-2-41	186,800	177,500	316.40
69.20-2-46	207,800	196,300	391.25
74.13-4-35	210,000	196,300	466.09
74.13-4-7	201,300	183,700	598.78
77.15-1-64.4	229,900	215,100	503.52
77.20-2-25.2	226,300	215,100	381.05
78.09-1-23	192,800	183,700	309.60
75.38-2-15	255,600	242,200	455.89
75.55-1-1.5/1049	298,000	223,500	2,534.64
75.55-1-1.5/1050	277,600	208,200	2,361.12
74.13-4-46	215,400	198,400	578.37
74.13-3-22	214,900	208,800	207.54
74.14-3-74	236,700	208,800	949.21
70.18-1-3	195,400	181,700	466.10
74.06-1-36	174,000	167,000	238.15
74.06-2-55	180,400	171,200	313.00
74.09-1-35	207,700	202,500	176.92

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74.09-2-11	200,000	183,800	551.15
74.09-2-30	173,900	171,200	91.85
74.10-1-29/47	95,900	91,900	136.08
74.10-1-29/69	114,200	100,200	476.30
77.10-1-14/114	153,200	139,900	452.49
TOTAL			\$18,541.90

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Acceptance of Donation

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accepts, with gratitude, the following donation from the SOCES PTA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District increase the 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$ 1065.00, as follows:

Estimated Revenue – A/C A510	\$ 1065.00
A/C A2705.05 Donations CLE	1065.00
Appropriations – A/C A960	\$ 1065.00
A/C A2110.407-05-0407	1065.00

Motion to accept Consent Agenda as amended carried unanimously.

B. NEW BUSINESS

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- Board of Education/PTA Presidents Retreat will be held on January 25th
- Audit Committee – an RFP for a Claims Auditor will be issued; the Audit Committee will meet on January 24th at 6 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Uhl Seconded by Mr. Spiro

RESOLVED: the meeting is adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Campanella
District Clerk

SCHEDULE 10/11 P-10 - Professional Personnel

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**SOUTH ORANGETOWN
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Certificated Personnel

I LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

It is recommended that the Board of Education extend the leave of absence for the following administrator:

- **Juliet Gevargis**, 1.0 Assistant Principal at TZHS
1/31/11 – 6/30/11 Unpaid leave

II APPOINTMENTS:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the FTE increase for the following teacher effective 12/17/10 – 6/30/11:

- **Matthew Rotjan**, additional .05 music at SOMS

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following substitute teaching assistant for the 2010-2011 school year at the rate of \$16.51 per hour:

- **Susan Newman**

III EXTRA-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENT:

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

CLE Learning Institutes – Math

Each teacher works up to 16 hours at \$51.67 per hour, plus up to 1 hour planning time at \$36.80 per hour:

- **Pamela Heilbronn**
- **William McAuliffe**
- **Helen Scala**
- **Karen Sutton**

CLE Learning Institutes – ELA

Each teacher works up to 16 hours at \$51.67 per hour, plus up to 1 hour planning time at \$36.80 per hour:

- **Susan Flugler**
- **Lawanda Lane**
- **Elizabeth Leibrock**
- **Jamie Sainz**

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

- **Robert Favre**

Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

I.APPOINTMENT

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

- **Susan Newman, substitute Teacher's Aide, \$13.93 per hour, effective 1/3/11.**

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:

- **Thomas Warren, Maintenance Supervisor (Buildings & Grounds)(Schools), Facilities, effective 12/30/10.**

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

DRAFT

Staff Students

July 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

September 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			(8/31)	(1)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30			

December 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

19 September 2011 17
 8/31-9/1 Supt. Conf Day
 5 Labor Day
6 First Day of School
 29-30 Rosh Hoshana
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
 24-25 Thanksgiving Recess
17 December 2011 17
 16 Half-day 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
 13 Half-day Supt Conf Day
 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Obs.
16 February 2012 16
 10 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

January 2012						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

February 2012						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March 2012						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 2012						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May 2012						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30	31		

June 2012						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

No School for Students & Staff

Staff Day (NO school for students)
Full Conf Days: 8/31, 9/1, 11/8

Early Release
(Half conf days: 10/7, 12/16, 1/13, 2/10, 3/16)

30 mins. Emer. Early Dismissal

Staff/Student make-up snow day

Modified Schedule WOS, TZE, CL, SOMS, TZHS

Staff Days 183 + 3 snow days
 Student Days 180 + 3 snow days

**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 **April 13**, school will be in session.

If 5 days are used, then on **April 12**, school will be in session.

If 6 days are used, then on **April 11**, school will be in session.