

**REGULAR MEETING, SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL TO ORDER

7 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella
Mr. Jacobs (arrived 9:13 p.m.)
Mr. De Vincenzo
Mr. Spiro
Mrs. Uhl

ROLL CALL

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

III. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. Spiro

RESOLVED that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

ADJOURN TO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

IV. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

RESOLVED that the Board of Education convene to a public meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

RECONVENE
PUBLIC MEETING

V. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

Board Announcements

- Mrs. Pitruzzella, on behalf of the Board, wished everyone Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, and Happy New Year
- Congratulations to inductees to the Italian Honor Society held on December 6th and the National Honor Society held on December 12th
- River Rower Club – 12 TZHS students in the club and the Varsity Team was named as Scholar Athletes. The Board will recognize them at the January 5, 2012, board meeting.
- Thank you to TZHS Teacher Michael Francesco for saving the life of a student who was choking.
- Beginning January 5th the Board Meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

INFORMATION &
PROPOSALS

Board
Announcements

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Superintendent's Report

- Rockland County Superintendents participated in Leadership Rockland panel discussion at Rockland Community College on December 15th

PTA President's Report

PTA Council

- Founder's Day Celebration will be held on February 15th at Casa Mia Manor House
- A Jenkins Memorial Fund Scholarship, provided by the NYS PTA, will be given to a senior who is pursuing a career in education.
- 2012-2013 School Calendar – PTA units reviewed and would prefer two full day superintendent conference days as opposed to half-days

TZHS PTSA

- Scholarship and Project Graduation committees are up and running

SOCES PTA

- Focus has been on new report card and parent handbook
- Gift Wrap Fundraiser - \$5800 raised
- Comedy Fun Night – tickets are on sale
- Human Board Game will be held at TZE on December 16th
- Cottage Lane DARE Graduation was held on December 13th

21st Century Goal Planning & Building Data Summary – WOS

Mrs. Nora Polansky, Principal, and Jeannine Carr, Assistant Principal, presented to the board insight into the work taking place at William O. Schaefer and gave examples of how the district goal of preparing students for the 21st Century is being implemented. Also included in the presentation was the staff development provided through consultant Kathy Mason and IDE. Teachers in Professional Learning Communities meet once a week which helps teachers work on communication to improve achievement of students.

Mrs. Polansky and Mrs. Carr reviewed the types of data collected, e.g., hard – (writing rubrics, language screening, pre-assessments, post-assessments) and soft (anecdotal notes, teacher observations).

Family Resource Center Review

Mrs. Margaret Umbrino, Coordinator of the Family Resource Center, presented the Board with an update on the Family Resource Center.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTARY – None

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

PTA President's Report

21st Century Goal Planning & Building Data Summary – WOS

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Board Discussion/Action Items

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BOARD DISCUSSION

Committee Reports

Transportation – Steve Spiro

The board will receive the draft report in the weekly packet. Dr. Ahola will be presenting at the January 5, 2012, Board Meeting.

Policy – Annmarie Uhl

The committee met on December 12th and reviewed a new updated Bullying Policy. Recommendations will be submitted to the board.

Concussion Management – Annmarie Uhl

The committee will meet after the New Year. A policy and regulations are being developed.

District Project Team – Lonnie Jacobs

Punch list items are being completed for the roof project but all roofs are intact and weather tight.

Audit Committee – Lonnie Jacobs

Committee met and reviewed the Internal Risk Assessment Report.

Wellness – Rosemary Pitruzzella

Allergy subcommittee was formally recognized and will discuss ways to educate district about food and other types of allergies.

Curriculum Council will meet in January.

Board Retreats – the Board will hold a retreat on January 18th and January 30th.

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 11/12, P-8 Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 11/12, C-7 Civil Service Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 11/12, H-8 Committee on Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

BOARD DISCUSSION

Committee Reports

Transportation

Policy

Concussion Management

District Project Team

Audit Committee

Wellness

Curriculum Council

Board Retreats

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Schedule 11/12, P-8, Professional Personnel

Schedule 11/12, C-7, Civil Service Personnel

Schedule 11/12, H-8, Committee on Special Education

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 11/12, H-7 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 December 1, 2011.

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Corrections to the 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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.

Tax Map	Original Assessment	Adjusted Assessment	Library Tax Refund	School Tax Refund	Total Refund
70.10-3-22	200,000.00	168,100.00	3.60	1,102.05	1,105.65
70.17-1-31	194,400.00	178,800.00	1.76	538.93	540.69
77.15-3-55	189,000.00	183,100.00	0.66	203.82	204.48
77.20-2-9	228,300.00	212,200.00	1.81	556.21	558.02
80.05-1-33	455,000.00	430,900.00	2.72	832.58	835.30
80.06-1-11	433,900.00	409,400.00	2.76	846.40	849.16
70.10-1-74.17	330,700.00	318,400.00	1.38	424.92	426.31
70.09-3-2.1	420,300.00	398,600.00	2.45	749.67	752.12
69.16-3-21	281,400.00	261,600.00	2.23	684.03	686.26
TOTAL			19.37	5,938.61	5,957.98

Request made by Mr. Spiro to table Establishment of TZHS Solar Car Club pending documentation of process for accepting donations.

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Establishment of Tappan Zee High School Club – Solar Car Club – TABLED

WHEREAS Tappan Zee High School students have shown interest in the Solar Car Club; and

WHEREAS the Solar Car Club advisors are volunteering their services and no additional funding is necessary; and

Schedule 11/12, H-7, Committee on Preschool Special Education

Minutes of December 1, 2011

Corrections to the 2011-2012 Tax Roll

Establishment of TZHS Solar Car Club - TABLED

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WHEREAS approval of the charters of this club and the addition of the Solar Car club is being recommended by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that effective the 2011-2012 school year, the charter of the Solar Car Club is approved and the club is added to the Tappan Zee High School's offerings.

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Resolution to Accept the Tappan Zee High School and South Orangetown Middle School Extraclassroom Activities Reports – September 2011

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the reports for quarter ending September 2011 for the Tappan Zee High School and South Orangetown Middle School Extraclassroom Activity Funds (see appended reports).

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Resolution to Accept Student Officers of the Extraclassroom Activities Funds

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the Student Officers for the Tappan Zee High School and South Orangetown Middle School Extraclassroom Activities Funds for 2011-2012 (see appended reports).

Motion to accept Consent Agenda as Amended by Mr. Spiro, Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo.

Motion to accept carried: 4 Yes; 1 Abstain (Mr. Jacobs)

B. New Business – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Uhl _____

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo _____

RESOLVED: the meeting is adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Campanella
District Clerk

Resolution to Accept TZHS & SOMS Extraclassroom Activities Reports – September 2011

Resolutin to Accept Student Officers of the Extraclassroom Activities Funds

New Business – None

ADJOURNMENT

10 P.M.

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ADDENDUM

I. Easement – Western Highway & Orangeburg Road

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

WHEREAS the County of Rockland is acquiring 586 square feet of District-owned property (parcel ID #74.06-3-17), located at Western Highway and Orangeburg Road, in order to complete a public project involving the replacement of the Oak Tree Road Bridge.

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the relevant provisions of The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulations and the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law, the County of Rockland has offered the District, as just compensation, an acquisition fee of \$4,040 in accordance with the highest approved appraisal,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to accept this offer (appended).

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

SCHEDULE 11/12 P- 8 - Professional Personnel

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Certificated Personnel

I LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

- **Rebecca Coatti**, 1.0 elementary teacher at CLE
 - On or about 1/19/12 – 3/21/12 Paid leave concurrent with FMLA
 - On or about 3/22/12 – 4/29/12 Unpaid leave concurrent with FMLA
 - On or about 4/30/12 – 6/30/12 Unpaid leave

II EXTRA-CURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Position	Step	Stipend
Jeanne Benecke	Yearbook Business Manager	III	\$1,949
Patricia Castelli	Leo Club Advisor		Volunteer
Judy Flagg	Youth Against Cancer Advisor		Volunteer
Susan Maher	Reality Check Advisor		Volunteer
Claudia Arietta	Foreign Language Journal Advisor		Volunteer
Nicholas DeSantis	Solar Car Club Advisor		Volunteer
James Keelty	Solar Car Club Advisor		Volunteer

III EXTRA-PAY ASSIGNMENTS

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following for the 2011-2012 school year:

TZHS Learning Institutes

Each teacher works up to 10 hours at \$51.67 per hour, plus 2 hours planning time at \$37.35 per hour:

- **Lisa Jacobs - Algebra**
- **Doreen Braunagel - Trigonometry**
- **Amy Rosenthal – World History**
- **Kristen Sullivan – US History**

SCHEDULE 11-12-C7- Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

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Classified (Civil Service) Personnel

I RESIGNATION

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

- **Margaret D'Agata, Teacher's Aide, TZE, 13 years, 4 months of service, effective 1/2/12 (end of day)**

II APPOINTMENTS

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following for 2011-2012:

- **Maureen Hartnett-Lynch, Registered Nurse Substitute, \$120.00 per day**
- **Michael Jensen, Custodial Worker Substitute, \$15.39 per hour**

III CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS

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:

- **Mary Ann Brennan, Accountant I, Business Office, effective 12/30/11**
- **Kenny Quiles, Maintenance Mechanic I, Facilities, effective 12/30/11**