

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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Pitruzzella called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

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**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella  
Mr. Jacobs (arrived 7:58 p.m.)  
Mr. De Vincenzo  
Mr. Spiro

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

Absent: Mrs. Uhl

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**III. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

**Board Announcements**

- Tour of Facilities – the Board of Ed conducted the annual tour of facilities prior to the opening of school on September 1st. Thanks to Phil Scala, Director of Facilities, the maintenance department, and custodial staff all buildings were in good condition, clean, and ready to welcome students on the first day of school.
- Education Foundation Aim for the Stars – September 22, 2011 – a fundraiser for a planetarium at TZHS, which will be used by students K-12, will be held at Casa Mia Manor House from 7-11 p.m.
- Zee Nite V will be held on September 17, 2011

**Superintendent's Report**

**Roofing Project – Status Report**

Erik Wilson, architect from KG&D Architects, updated the board members on the status of the roof project. Mr. Wilson stated that the bids for the project were below budget adding that the roofs were mostly complete and ready for the opening of school with the exception of some minor trim work. Mr. Wilson stated that due to the lower budget additional work has been approved by the Board (e.g. new ramp at the entrance to WOS).

**Project Graduation**

Nicole Glazer and Marybeth Carley of the co-chairs of Project Graduation Committee presented a slide show with highlights from this year's Project Gradation. This year was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Project Graduation and was attended by 81% of the graduating seniors. Mrs. Glazer and Mrs. Carley thanked the board for their support and presented the board members with souvenirs. Mrs. Glazer and Mrs. Carley thanked board member Steve Spiro for helping to get the first Project Graduation started. The board in turn thanked them for their efforts. All agreed Project Graduation is a worthwhile event to help keep students safe while celebrating their graduation thanks in part to the volunteers who help make it a success.

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**2011-2012 School Opening Status – Principals**

**ECP** – Ms. Jeannine Carr, Coordinator

- Students are off to a great start
- Charlie Caaps program is being added to the ECP program by WOS Psychologist Ms. O'Donnell
- Meet the Teacher Night – September 14<sup>th</sup>

**WOS** – Mrs. Nora Polansky, Principal; Ms. Jeannine Carr, Assistant Principal

- Opening day was a success
- Faculty meeting was held to review the district's goals
- PTA sponsored a welcome back breakfast for the staff
- New laptop carts arrived
- Foundations (Enhancing Literacy), *Habits of Mind* (Respectful Learning Environment), and Moodle University (21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning) are some of the programs the teachers will be using this year in alignment with the District's goals
- Teachers will continue to work IDE Consultants as part of staff development
- Meet the Teacher Nights – September 12<sup>th</sup> (Kindergarten) & September 14<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

**TZE** – Dr. Bill Lee, Principal; Ms. Sheila Beglin, Assistant Principal

- Opening day for the staff, September 1 & 2, included reviewing the district's goals
- Every Student, Everyday – TZE's new theme and pledge to the students this year
- Opening day for students included assemblies welcoming students
- Summer curriculum work included IDE training
- ELA – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers worked together on writing rubrics
- Math – practice problems to align with common core standards
- Meet the Teacher Nights (Rescheduled) – September 13<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) & September 19<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

**CLE** – Dr. Brian Culot, Principal; Mrs. Karen Ramirez, Assistant Principal

- Morning meeting is a success and will be continued this year
- OLWEUS Anti-bullying program will continue and be included in the morning meetings
- Code of Conduct was reviewed at opening day assemblies
- New laptop carts were added and have already been utilized
- Teachers worked on ELA and Math curriculum to ensure they align with the common core standards
- Seventeen teachers participated in IDE training this summer
- Meet the Teacher Nights – September 26<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> grade) & September 27<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**SOMS** – Mrs. Karen Tesik, Principal; Mr. Richard Neidhart, Assistant Principal

- Opening day went smoothly welcoming 853 students to SOMS
- Opening day included grade level assemblies
- New Explore Courses include – Investigations and Mandarin Chinese (as part of the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) grant
- Character Education was added to 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum
- Clubs are up and running with the addition of a Debate Club
- Every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student will receive Character Education

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- Sixth grade welcome party – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Meet the Teacher Nights – September 21<sup>st</sup> (6<sup>TH</sup> grade) & September 22<sup>nd</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**TZHS** – Mrs. Jennifer Amos; Principal; Mrs. Sheila Silverman & Mrs. Juliet Gevargis, Assistant Principals

- School year off to a good start
- Opening day for staff included discussing creative and critical thinking for all students
- Two-hour delay on opening day for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> provides a good transition for incoming freshmen providing them with a tour of the building and time in the classroom with their teachers
- New courses include Chinese II.
- Foreign Language Lab is up and running
- Virtual High School – 17 different courses are now being offered
- High school seniors this spring will be able to apply for colleges on-line
- Dr. Michael Fowlin, Psychologist and speaker, will present an assembly on October 12<sup>th</sup> regarding anti-bullying
- Staff development included Moodle University and 17 teachers participated in IDE training over the summer
- Meet the Teacher Night – September 20<sup>th</sup>

Collectively the principals thanked the Facilities Department, maintenance, custodial, and clerical staff for helping to make opening day a success at all the buildings.

**2011-2012 Board of Education Planning – District Goals/Priorities**

Dr. Mitchell and the Board reviewed the Governance Team/Board of Education goals. He stated the goals show there is a solid foundation as a district. He went on to say the challenge will be to keep providing the same programs that are currently in place adding that multi-year planning is important, particularly in the area of financial planning. Dr. Mitchell explained that the new tax cap which the most restrictive tax cap in the country. A board member stated it is very important to educate the community about the tax cap and its implications and the many unfunded mandates.

**Board Retreat** – the Board discussed some dates for a Board Retreat (October 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 -4:30 p.m. October 15<sup>th</sup> was tentatively scheduled.

**Transportation – Overview**

Dr. Mitchell gave a brief overview of transportation changes and concerns raised as a result of these changes. Dr. Mitchell explained SED Law states that students in K-8 living more than 2 miles and students in grades 9-12 living more than 3 miles from school must be provided transportation. Any changes to these distances must be voter approved. South Orangetown Central School District voters approved universal busing for K-8 students and 1.5 miles for 9-12 unless in an approved Child Safety Zone.

Board member Guy De Vincenzo is chair of the town's Traffic Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations on signage, police enforcement, etc. Mr. De Vincenzo will work with the Traffic Advisory Committee to seek a recommendation to the town requesting appropriate signage and other options.

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TZHS

2011-2012 BOE  
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**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

- Two parents expressed their concern to the Board regarding their children's bus pickup and drop off.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

**V. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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- Concussion Awareness Committee – Mrs. Uhl, Board Liaison, met with Mr. Liam Frawley, Director of Athletics and Physical Education. The goal of the committee will be to discuss district practices and procedures regarding concussions. This will be helpful information for staff, students, and parents.
- September 19 – Rockland BOCES will present David Little from the New York State School Boards Association who will speak about the New York State tax cap.
- Transportation Study – an RFP was issued for a transportation study. Three proposals were received and interviews to select the consultant will be arranged. The board liaison on the interview committee will be Mr. Spiro with Mr. De Vincenzo as the alternate.
- Board Policies – the new on-line version of the Board Policy manual is ready and will be available shortly.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Spiro

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-3 Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

**Schedule 11/12, P-3, Professional Personnel**

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 11/12, C-2 Civil Service Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

**Schedule 11/12, C-2, Civil Service Personnel**

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 11/12, H-2 Committee on Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

**Schedule 11/12, H-2, Committee on Special Education**

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**RESOLVED:** that Schedule 11/12, HP-2 Committee on Preschool Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

**Schedule 11/12, HP-2, Committee on Preschool Special Education**

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**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education accept the minutes of August 25, 2011.

**Acceptance of August 25, 2011, Minutes**

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**Resolution Accepting Universal Pre-K Site Agreement – Palisades Schoolhouse**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the President and Superintendent of Schools to execute an agreement with Palisades Schoolhouse as site providers for the Universal Pre-K program. The agreements are in effect September 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

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Resolution  
Accepting Universal  
Pre-K Site  
Agreement –  
Palisades  
Schoolhouse

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**Resolution to Accept Financial Reports – July 2011**

**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 July 2011

Schedule 2011-2012 T- JUL	Treasurer Reports
Schedule 2011-2012 BT- JUL	Budget Transfers
Schedule 2011-2012 FR- JUL 1	General Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2011-2012 FR- JUL 2	School Lunch Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2011-2012 FR- JUL 3	Special Aid Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2011-2012 FR- JUL 4	Capital Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2011-2012 FR- JUL 5	Debt Service Fund Financial Reports
Schedule 2011-2012 W- JUL 1	General Fund Warrants
Schedule 2011-2012 W- JUL 2	School Lunch Fund Warrants
Schedule 2011-2012 W- JUL 3	Special Aid Fund Warrants
Schedule 2011-2012 W- JUL 4	Capital Fund Warrants
Schedule 2011-2012 W- JUL 5	Trust Fund Warrants

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Resolution to  
Accept Financial  
Reports – July 2011

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**Resolution to Accept Claims Auditor Report – July 2011**

**RESOLVED**: that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the Claims Auditor Reports for the month of July 2011 (see appended reports). Be it also noted that copies of the reports were also being provided to the Audit Committee.

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Resolution to  
Accept Claims  
Auditor Report –  
July 2011

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**Establish Title Grant Budgets for 2011-2012**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education establishes the 2011-2012 Title Grant budgets for September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 to be recorded in the Special Aid Fund as stated below:

<i>Title I: Improving Basic Programs/Prevention and Intervention</i>	
Estimated Revenue – A/C# F510	245,005
Federal Aid – Title I – A/C# F9912	245,005
Appropriations – A/C# F960	245,005

Establish Title Grant  
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F2110.150-00-9912 Instructional Salaries	157,666
F2110.151-00-9912 Tutors – McCloskey	6,726
F2110.152-00-9912 Learning Institutes	18,602
F2110.450-00-9912 Supplies	8,583
F2110.451-00-9912 Supplies- HS	960
F9020.800-00-9912 Teacher Retirement	20,331
F9030.800-00-9912 Social Security	13,999
F9060.800-00-9912 Health Insurance	18,138

*Title II A – Teacher & Principal Recruitment & Training*

Estimated Revenue – A/C# F510	58,791
Federal Aid – Title IIA – A/C# F1212	58,791

Appropriations – A/C# F960	58,791
F2110.151-00-1212 Instructional Salaries	5,250
F2110.152-00-1212 Instructional Salaries	18,974
F2110.400-00-1212 Contractual	30,000
F2110.450-00-1212 Supplies	19
F9020.800-00-1712 Teacher Retirement	2,693
F9030.800-00-1712 Social Security	1,855

*Title III – Limited English Proficiency (LEP)*

Estimated Revenue – A/C# F510	11,273
Federal Aid – Title III – A/C# F1712	11,273

Appropriations – A/C# F960	11,273
F2110.156-00-1712 Instructional Salaries	9,463
F9020.800-00-1712 Teacher Retirement	1,051
F9030.800-00-1712 Social Security	724
F9060.800-00-1712 Health	35

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**Establish Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) Grant Budget for 2011-2012**

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**WHEREAS** in July 2009, the South Orangetown Central School District was awarded a three year, \$783,087 grant from the United States Department of Education for a Foreign Language Assistance Program. The grant will enable the students to learn Chinese, Korean, Russian and Japanese. The funding will permit the District to hire capable teachers to instruct students not only in the languages, but the rich history of their cultures. The focus for 2011-2012 will be Chinese and Russian. The grant will be accounted for in the District’s Special Aid Fund.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education establishes the 2011-2012 Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) Grant Budget for September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012 in the amount of \$261,029 as follows:

Estimated Revenues – A/C# F510	261,029.00
Federal Aid – A/C# F4289FLAP	261,029.00
Appropriations – A/C# F960	261,029.00
F2110.15x-Y3-FLAP Instructional Salaries	103,793.00
F2110.16x-Y3-FLAP Non-instructional Salaries	13,500.00

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F2110.400-Y3-FLAP Contractual	24,500.00
F2110.401-Y3-FLAP Contractual Training	21,000.00
F2110.450-Y3-FLAP Supplies	32,900.00
F2110.460-Y3-FLAP Travel and Conference	16,850.00
F2110.988-Y3-FLAP Indirect Costs	7,433.00
F9010.800-Y3-FLAP Employee's Retirement	1,080.00
F9020.800-Y3-FLAP Teacher's Retirement	6,425.00
F9030.800-Y3-FLAP FICA	8,973.00
F9060.800-Y3-FLAP Health Insurance	24,575.00

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**Acceptance of Donation – Carr-Hughes Productions**

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Hughes  
Productions

**RESOLVED** that the South Orangetown Central School District Board of Education accepts, with gratitude, a donation of \$500 from Carr-Hughes Productions to be used for the Tappan Zee High School television studio to be deposited in the District's trust fund #T97.08, TZHS-TV Production.

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

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**B. New Business**

New Business

*Board Liaisons to Committees:*

Curriculum Council – Mrs. Pitruzzella; alternate Mrs. Uhl  
District Project Team – Mr. Jacobs  
Finance Council – Mr. Jacobs  
Policy Subcommittee – Mrs. Pitruzzella and Mrs. Uhl  
Professional Development – Mrs. Uhl; alternate Mrs. Pitruzzella  
Technology – Mr. Spiro  
Transportation – Mr. Spiro; alternate Mr. De Vincenzo  
Wellness – Mrs. Pitruzzella

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Spiro \_\_\_\_\_                      Seconded by Mr. Jacobs \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLVED:** the meeting is adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

10:05 P.M.

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**SCHEDULE 11/12 P- 3 - Professional Personnel**

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**Certificated Personnel**

**I TENURE**

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant tenure to the following teacher effective 9/21/11:

- **Lori Slackman**, Speech and Hearing Handicapped

**II LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

- **Denise Healy**, 1.0 elementary teacher at TZE
  - On or about 11/28/11 – 1/31/12                      Paid leave concurrent with FMLA
  - On or about 2/1/12 – 3/4/12                              Unpaid leave concurrent with FMLA

**III RECALL**

It is recommended that the Board of Education amend the action of the BOE meeting of 6/30/11 for the recall of the following teacher:

- **Allison Beer**, amend to read .5 FTE education of speech and hearing handicapped children tenure area position at District request

**IV APPOINTMENTS**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year at the contractual rate of pay according to the SOSTA contract:

**Pamela Bartell                                      Catherine Dillon                                      Jessica Kwolek**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following substitute teaching assistants for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$16.51 per hour:

**Linda Barone                                      Angela Brennan                                      Teresa Dunn-Simon**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following tutors for the 2011-2012 school year at the contractual rate of pay according to the EASO contract Article VI, B. \$49.17 per hour on an as needed basis:

**Elayne Armaniaco**

**V EXTRA-PAY ASSIGNMENTS**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b># of Teachers</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Lois Parker-Hennion	DW – Library Media Specialist	2 – 4	\$2,197
Elizabeth Fearen	DW – ESOL	2 – 4	\$2,197
Ellen Kriegel	DW – Speech/Language	2 – 4	\$2,197
Gail Henderson-Rogo	WOS – Special Education	5 – 9	\$2,831
Debra Arouesty	TZE – Special Education	5 – 9	\$2,831
Julia Pocalyko	CLE – Special Education	5 – 9	\$2,831
Eric Goldstein	SOMS – 6A	5 – 9	\$2,831
Luke Freeley	SOMS – 6B	5 – 9	\$2,831

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**Certificated Personnel****V EXTRA-PAY ASSIGNMENTS (continued)**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b># of Teachers</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Suzanne Mantin	SOMS – 6C	5 – 9	\$2,831
Sarah Kukla	SOMS – 7A	10 +	\$3,339
Elizabeth Reilly	SOMS – 7B	5 - 9	\$2,831
Ronald Scherer	SOMS – 8A	10 +	\$3,339
Vincent Piscitelli	SOMS – 8B	5 - 9	\$2,831
Patricia Iannucci	SOMS – Guidance	2 – 4	\$2,197
Peter Jelalian	SOMS – Special Education	10 +	\$3,339
Steven Rogo	SOMS – Special Education – TSP	2 – 4	\$2,197
Vincent Piscitelli	SOMS – Math	10 +	\$3,339
Christopher Rastelli	SOMS – Physical Education	2 – 4	\$2,197
Ronald Scherer	SOMS – Social Studies	10 +	\$3,339
Naomi Morgan	SOMS – Science	10 +	\$3,339
Colleen Henry	SOMS – ELA	10 +	\$3,339
Daniel Sullivan	SOMS – Foreign Language	5 – 9	\$2,831
Beth Dougherty	K – 8 – Art	5 – 9	\$2,831
Janice Tocco	K – 8 – Music	5 – 9	\$2,831
Donna Grasso	TZHS – Art	5 – 9	\$2,831
Denise Dubois	TZHS – COVE	2 – 4	\$2,197
Patricia Castelli	TZHS – Foreign Language	5 – 9	\$2,831
Mark Stanford	TZHS – ELA	10 +	\$3,339
Celia Walker	TZHS – Guidance	5 – 9	\$2,831
Jeanne Benecke	TZHS – Math	10 +	\$3,339
William Hughes	TZHS – Music	2 – 4	\$2,197
James Ardizone	TZHS – Physical Education	5 – 9	\$2,831
Brian Newburger	TZHS – Science	10 +	\$3,339
Scott Silver	TZHS – Social Studies	10 +	\$3,339
Eileen Fiorentino	TZHS – Special Education	10 +	\$3,339

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Danelle Greene	SOMS – Spring Musical Asst. Director	II	\$1,029

It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the action of the BOE meeting of 6/30/11 for the appointment of the following fall coach:

- **James Gerosimo**, rescind appointment as Modified Football Assistant Coach

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following volunteer fall coach for the 2011-2012 school year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Category</b>
James Gerosimo	Modified Football Assistant	Volunteer

Certificated Personnel

VI CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTED SERVICES

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

- **Kathy Mason**, continuation of services as an educational consultant, at the rate of \$1,200 per session, not to exceed \$35,000

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**SCHEDULE 11-12-C2- Classified (Civil Service) Personnel**

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**Classified (Civil Service) Personnel**

**I. 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:

- **Jaquelyn Garrecht, Senior Clerk Typist, effective 9/23/11.**

**II. APPOINTMENTS**

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

- **Nancy O'Sullivan, Senior Account Clerk Typist, Special Education, \$38,125 per year (prorated), effective 9/26/11.**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following substitute teacher's aide for the 2011-2012 school year at the rate of \$13.93 per hour:

- **Eileen Michaelian**