

**REGULAR MEETING, SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Pitruzzella
Mr. De Vincenzo
Mr. Spiro
Mrs. Uhl

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

Absent: Leon Jacobs

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.

IV. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by Mr. Spiro

Seconded by Mrs. Uhl

RESOLVED that the Board of Education convene to a public meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

V. INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

Board Announcements

- Mrs. Pitruzzella, on behalf of the Board, wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Caroline Russo named TZ 2nd Journal News Scholar Athlete of the Week
- Senior basketball player Pat Peterson became third boy in TZHS history to score 1000th in a game vs. Albertus Magnus
- Coach George Gaine became a member of RC "Century Club" compiling his 100th varsity coaching victory on December 21st
- TZ Girls Varsity BB team is currently ranked #5 in New York State
- WOS Covered Cupboard project exceeded last year – 321 cupboards were collected helping the Meals on Wheels Program. This is the tenth year of the project.

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- TZHS Leos collected 2600 lbs. of food, valued at \$5200 and delivered it to People to People.
- TZHS Leos joined with Blauvelt Lions and members of the Immaculate Conception Church in Stony Point on a Midnight Run to New York City bringing hot food, sack lunches, clothing and gifts to the homeless.
- TZHS students studying Italian, using Skype, video-conferenced with students in Washington Heights. The discussion was how Italians typically celebrate the holidays.
- TZHS Senior Portfolio Gallery English 12R & 12H will be held in the auditorium lobby on January 13th
- RCBA will meet on January 12th

River Rowing Club

River Rowing Association President, Ivan Rudolph-Shabinski, presented pins to five TZHS students honored as part of the Fall 2011 NYSSRA Scholar/Athlete Teams. Those students honored were: Elizabeth (Lizzi) Ginsberg, 10th grade; Irena Tampakis, 11th grade; Jaclyn Wecht, 10th grade; Isabel Barrie, 11th grade; and Amelia (Mia) Connell, 12th grade.

Superintendent's Report

- **Budget Process** – Dr. Mitchell stated that formal preparation of the 2012-2013 school budget began in November, explaining that this year will be particularly challenging due to the tax cap. At this point, the district has not received from the State any information on the formula that will be used. Dr. Mitchell also stated that school boards across the state no longer have budgetary discretion due to the tax cap. The district needs to find \$2 million to close the tax cap gap.

- **Transportation Report – Dr. Richard Ahola –**

2011 Status & Options 2012-2013

Dr. Richard Ahola, from the Pupil Transportation Institute, had been hired as a consultant to do a study of the district's transportation. Dr. Ahola's report covered mileage limits, ridership review, and child safety zones. The report suggested the following transportation eligibility policies: students in grades K-1 remains at 0.0; students in grades 6-12, living more than 1½ miles from school will receive transportation; and students in grades 2-5 living more than 1.0 miles from school will also be eligible for transportation. Child Safety Zones, which allows districts to transport students for distances less than voter approved limits, will be reviewed and if needed, established based on State guidelines. The district would realize a saving of over \$400,000 annually by adopting the recommendations indicated in the report. Changes to the present transportation limits will need voter approval. The full transportation report is posted on the District's website.

Following Dr. Ahola's report, Dr. Mitchell explained to the Board that because the recommendations outlined in the report will need voter approval and because the 2012-2013 budget is being prepared now, there is no way of knowing if the recommended limits will be approved. In addition, Dr. Mitchell feels it is important to educate the community on the proposed budget and the tax cap now. With this

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in mind, it is his recommendation that the community be given time to understand the recommended changes to transportation limits and that a separate vote take place in November.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

- A group of parents submitted letters and expressed to the Board their concern that Advanced Chemistry is not offered in the high school. They feel the Regents course does not prepare students for AP Chemistry. Dr. Mitchell indicated that this was being worked on and a recommendation will be forthcoming.
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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

BOARD DISCUSSION

April 5, 2012, Board of Education Meeting

The Board discussed moving the April 5, 2012, Board Meeting to Tuesday, April 4, 2012, due to the holiday.

Motion by Mrs. Uhl, seconded by Mr. Spiro to move the Board April 5th Board Meeting to April 4, 2012.

Motion to accept carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Spiro _____ Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo _____

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-9 Professional Personnel, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

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RESOLVED: that Schedule 11/12, H-9 Committee on Special Education, be approved as attached (*see blue schedule*).

RESOLVED: that Schedule 11/12, H-8 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 15, 2011.

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April 5, 2012, Meeting Change of Date

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Schedule 11/12, P-9, Professional Personnel

Schedule 11/12, H-9, Committee on Special Education

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

Acceptance of December 15, 2011, Minutes

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Approval of Electric Bid

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WHEREAS in accordance with the Board Resolution dated June 30, 2011, authorizing the Deputy Superintendent to accept the cooperative bid (Rockland and Orange County School Districts) for the purchase of electricity;

AND WHEREAS Rockland County BOCES issued electricity bids for the Rockland and Orange County School Districts Energy Consortium on November 29, 2011;

AND WHEREAS on December 12, 2011, Rockland BOCES received five qualified bids from suppliers: Direct Energy, Hess Corp., Hudson Energy Services, NextEra, and Suez Energy. Prices were extremely competitive for the 12 month periods of June 2012 through June 2013, and June 2013 through June 2014. Direct Energy was the lowest bidder. The bid prices for term 1 (June 2012 – June 2013) are 26% below the current year's contract price for O&R SC2 accounts and 21% lower for term 2 (June 2013 – June 2014);

FURTHERMORE the weighted average price for the 24-month term of O&R SC-2 Accounts is \$0.05522/kWh per Rockland County Consortium bid.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the low bid for the supply of electricity for the period June 2012 through June 2014 from Direct Energy in accordance with the recommendation of EPEX, the cooperative's energy consultant, since the bid is well below the ceiling price bid for electricity of 9.7¢ per kWh approved at the June 30, 2011 Board of Education meeting. Direct Energy is being selected in accordance with the bid specifications and requirements of the Electric Supply – Cooperative Bid issued on November 29, 2011 by Rockland County BOCES.

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Acceptance of Tax Certiorari Settlements

Acceptance of Tax
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Settlements

WHEREAS the owner of 523 Route 303, Orangeburg, Section 70.19-1-42 has brought tax certiorari proceedings for the 2009 through 2011 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:

2009 - From \$703,800 to \$650,000, decrease of \$53,800
2010 - From \$703,800 to \$650,000, decrease of \$53,800
2011 - From \$703,800 to \$641,400, decrease of \$62,400

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2. The District Treasurer be authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$8,373.21, 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 2011-2012 budget in order to pay the tax certiorari refund in the amount of \$8,373.21 as follows:

Appropriated Reserve - Tax Certiorari – A/C #A511		\$8,373.21
Appropriations	A/C #A960	\$8,373.21
Refund on Real Property	A1964.400-10-0000	\$8,373.21

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Correction to the 2008-2009 Tax Roll

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WHEREAS the County of Rockland has informed the District that a Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR petition) has been settled to the owner of property number 74.11-2-31. An application has been filed to correct the tax amount of \$167,000 on the 2008-2009 tax roll to \$150,300. The County reviewed the application and supports the property owners' request for a refund of \$549.30.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District authorizes the Deputy Superintendent to issue a refund for property number 74.11-2-31 in the amount of \$549.30 from account A1001Real Property Tax.

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Corrections to the 2011-2012 Tax Roll

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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
69.15-2-13	200,000.00	189,600.00	1.17	359.28	360.45
74.10-1-25	200,400.00	193,900.00	0.73	224.55	225.28
75.46-2-46	275,000.00	241,300.00	3.80	1,164.24	1,168.04
75.56-1-4302	346,600.00	338,300.00	0.93	286.74	287.67
75.56-1-1/5522	353,000.00	344,300.00	0.98	300.55	301.53
75.70-1-8					

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	175,000.00	165,900.00	1.02	314.37	315.39
74.13-3-89	244,100.00	232,700.00	1.29	393.83	395.12
74.14-1-7	200,000.00	189,600.00	1.17	359.28	360.45
74.14-1-12	210,500.00	200,400.00	1.14	348.92	350.06
74.14-2-34	179,700.00	175,400.00	0.48	148.55	149.03
74.14-3-67	197,300.00	190,500.00	0.76	234.92	235.68
74.16-1-12	203,600.00	193,900.00	1.09	335.10	336.19
74.17-2-35	232,000.00	222,000.00	1.13	345.46	346.59
74.17-2-38	229,200.00	222,000.00	0.81	248.73	249.54
74.17-2-45	208,900.00	198,200.00	1.20	369.65	370.85
74.18-2-38	208,000.00	196,000.00	1.35	414.56	415.91
74.17-4-2	254,500.00	219,800.00	3.91	1,198.79	1,202.70
65.17-1-20	331,200.00	303,000.00	3.18	974.23	977.41
TOTAL			26.14	8,021.75	8,047.89

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Accept Update to Initial Risk Assessment

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the South Orangetown Central School District accept the attached Update to the Initial Risk Assessment prepared and furnished by our Internal Auditors, Nugent & Haeussler, P.C., in accordance with their engagement letter and as required by Chapter 263 of the Laws of 2005, with each Board of Education and Audit Committee member receiving a copy of the report.

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Establishment of Tappan Zee High School Club – Youth Against Cancer (YAC)

WHEREAS Tappan Zee High School students have shown interest in the YAC club; and

WHEREAS the YAC advisor is volunteering her service and no additional funding is necessary, and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that effective 2011–2012 school year, the charter of the YAC Club is approved and the club is added to the Tappan Zee High School’s offerings.

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Establishment of Tappan Zee High School Club – Solar Car Club

Establishment
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Car Club

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

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.

B. New Business

New Business

- Rockland County School Boards Association – will hold a shared session on January 9, 2012.
 - Rockland County School Boards Association – meeting scheduled for January 12, 2012
 - Policy subcommittee – Meeting scheduled for January 17, 2012
 - Board Retreats – January 18 and January 30 – 6 p.m.
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Uhl

Seconded by Mr. De Vincenzo

RESOLVED: the meeting is adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Campanella
District Clerk

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Certificated Personnel

I TENURE

It is recommended that the Board of Education grant tenure to the following teacher effective 2/1/12:

- **Denise Caunitz**, Elementary Education

II RECALL

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the recall of the following teacher to a position in the following tenure area:

- **Colleen O'Connor**, 1.0 FTE special education tenure area leave replacement position (replacing M. Aaron) effective 1/30/12 - 6/30/12 at CLE

III 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	Stipend
Marisa Adler	Solar Car Club Advisor	Volunteer
Nicholas DeSantis	Solar Car Club Advisor	Volunteer
James Keelty	Solar Car Club Advisor	Volunteer

It is recommended that the Board of Education rescind the action of the BOE meeting of 8/25/11 for the appointment of the following:

- **Danelle Greene**, rescind appointment as SOMS – Spring Musical Choral Director

IV CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

- **Patricia Alfonso**, Country Line Dancing, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 6 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$20 per class, not to exceed \$120
- **Stewart Caesar**, Social Security Income & Planning, 2 hours per day, for 2 days, beginning 3/27/12, at no charge to the District
- **Patricia Castelli**, Italian Conversation & Culture Classes, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$50 per class, not to exceed \$400
- **Cristina Crowe**, Italian Conversation & Culture Classes, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$50 per class, not to exceed \$400
- **Laura DiMaio**, Mat Core Workout, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/5/12, at a rate of \$35 per class, not to exceed \$280
- **Laura DiMaio**, Slimmersize, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/5/12, at a rate of \$35 per class, not to exceed \$280
- **Laura DiMaio**, Cardio into Mat, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/7/12, at a rate of \$35 per class, not to exceed \$280
- **Laura DiMaio**, Mat Core Workout, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 5 weeks, beginning 5/7/12, at a rate of \$35 per class, not to exceed \$175
- **Laura DiMaio**, Slimmersize, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 5 weeks, beginning 5/7/12, at a rate of \$35 per class, not to exceed \$175

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IV CONTINUING EDUCATION (continued)

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

- **Laura DiMaio**, Cardio into Mat, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 5 weeks, beginning 5/9/12, at a rate of \$35 per class, not to exceed \$175
- **Eileen Fiorentino**, SAT Review - Session I, 1 ½ hours per day, 1 day per week 8 weeks, beginning 1/12/12, at a rate of \$160 per class, not to exceed \$1,280
- **Eileen Fiorentino**, SAT Review - Session II, 1 ½ hours per day, 1 day per week 8 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$160 per class, not to exceed \$1,280
- **Carmela Gralow**, Zumba, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/6/12, at a rate of \$55 per class, not to exceed \$440
- **Carmela Gralow**, Zumba Gold, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/6/12, at a rate of \$55 per class, not to exceed \$440
- **Dr. David Klayman**, Stretching Your Way to Better Health, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 1 week, beginning 3/14/12, at no charge to the District
- **Dr. David Klayman**, Balancing Hormones Naturally, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 1 week, beginning 4/11/12, at no charge to the District
- **Dr. David Klayman**, Nutritional Cleansing & Weight Loss, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 1 week, beginning 4/25/12, at no charge to the District
- **Dr. David Klayman**, Arthritis, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 1 week, beginning 5/9/12, at no charge to the District
- **Ann Kosior**, SAT Review - Session I, 1 ½ hours per day, 1 day per week 8 weeks, beginning 1/12/12, at a rate of \$160 per class, not to exceed \$1,280
- **Ann Kosior**, SAT Review - Session II, 1 ½ hours per day, 1 day per week 8 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$160 per class, not to exceed \$1,280
- **Anthony Lauriano**, Genealogy, 2 hours per day, 1 day per week for 5 weeks, beginning 4/3/12, at a rate of \$40 per class, not to exceed \$200
- **Patrice Leys**, Volleyball, 2 hours per day, 1 day per week for 5 weeks, beginning 1/11/12, at a rate of \$40 per class, not to exceed \$200
- **Patrice Leys**, Volleyball, 2 hours per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 2/29/12, at a rate of \$40 per class, not to exceed \$320
- **Yim Ma**, Yoga, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 10 weeks, beginning 3/7/12, at no cost to the District
- **Laura Neuendorf**, Graphic Design – Continuing Education Spring 2012 brochure, not to exceed \$350
- **Anthony Pantliano**, Digital Photography, 1 ½ hours per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$16 per class, not to exceed \$128
- **Eleanor Salmon**, CPR, 3 hours per day, 1 day per week for 1 week, beginning 3/20/12, at a rate of \$50 per class, not to exceed \$50
- **Robert Stern**, Long Term Care, 1 ½ hours per day, 1 day per week for 1 week, beginning 4/18/12, at no charge to the District
- **Maria Stillo**, Italian Conversation & Culture Classes, 1 hour per day, 1 day per week for 8 weeks, beginning 3/8/12, at a rate of \$50 per class, not to exceed \$400