

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



REGULAR MEETING

**February 1, 2011
District Office**

7:00 p.m.



CoRe VaLueS

We Believe:

- * That all children can learn
- * In educating the whole child so he/she can meet the District's Standards
- * In focusing on student achievement
- * In providing a comprehensive and enriched curriculum for all students reflecting the needs and available resources of the community
- * That the combined commitment of the Board of Education, staff, parents, students, and community is the key to educational success

Mission Statement

Preparing World Class Citizens for the 21st Century through school and community partnerships while addressing the diverse needs of all students

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education will be called to order by Mr. Casey.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	_____	Robert Domenici	_____	Richard Dunn	_____
Paul Gordon	_____	Shelle Jaquish	_____	Neil Johanning	_____
David Kiehle	_____	Leonard Motto	_____	James T. Ryan	_____

Also present: Superintendent Jonathan Buhner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Beverly Miller, and District Clerk Joyce Gay.

It is anticipated that the Board may enter Executive Session at this time.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons. Time: _____.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to **adjourn** executive session. Time: _____.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey will lead the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the minutes of the regular meetings on December 21, 2010, and January 4, 2011, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS**A. Correspondence/Board Activities**

B. Requests to speak on agenda or non-agenda items should be made on the forms available at the door and should be given to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. This information will be passed on to the meeting chairperson so that sufficient time will be allotted. Persons wishing to address the Board on agenda topics will be provided time when the agenda topic is discussed. Time is provided during the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** section of the agenda for discussion of **non-agenda topics**.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Enrollment Projections**

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus will provide a report on actual enrollments and projected enrollments for District schools.

B. Board Committee Reports

The Information Systems, Strategic Planning, Transportation, and Facilities Committees have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairperson will report on the meetings, make recommendations to the full Board, and/or seek clarification on issues. Board members who are liaison to district-wide committees will also report at this time.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

1. Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. In-Service Courses

1. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course "Writer's Workshop Study Group – Grade 1" (#10-11-42), sponsored by South Colonie. Classes will be held February 1 (Forest Park), March 1 (Saddlewood), March 22 (Shaker Road), April 5 (Roessleville), and April 26, 2011 (Veeder), from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. each day. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course "Writer's Workshop Study Group – Grade 3-6" (#10-11-43), sponsored by South Colonie. Classes will be held in the Saddlewood Library on February 7, March 7, March 28, April 4, and April 25, 2011, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. each day. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in "Differentiated Instruction" (SD#2010-11-36), sponsored by South Colonie. Enrollment is limited to Probationary Teachers and Teaching Assistants with tenure dates in 2011 and 2012. The workshop will be held on Monday, February 7, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Tim Backus is the contact person.

D. Student Trips

1. Group: Colonie High School Wind Ensemble/Symphonic Band (100)
Destination: Music in the Parks Band Festival, Jackson NJ
Date: May 21, 2011
Responsible: Lon Walker, Joel Miller
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals, Fund Raising

E. Health and Welfare Contracts

Contracts with the following school districts to provide health services for their children who attend An Nur Islamic School, Christian Brothers Academy, Hebrew Academy, and Our Savior's Lutheran School located in the South Colonie District at a rate of \$603.20 per student.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNTS</u>
Albany City Schools	130	\$78,416.00
Amsterdam Central Schools	6	3,619.20
Averill Park City School	2	1,206.40
Ballston Spa Central Schools	8	4,825.60
Berne-Knox Westerlo Central	5	3,016.00
Bethlehem Central Schools	37	22,318.40
Brittonkill Central Schools	4	2,412.80
Broadalbin-Perth Central Schools	3	1,809.60
Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake Central	4	2,412.80
Cairo-Durham Central Schools	6	3,619.20
Cohoes City School District	6	3,619.20
Coxsackie-Athens Central Schools	1	603.20
Duanesburg Central Schools	2	1,206.40
East Greenbush Central Schools	11	6,635.20
Green Island Central Schools	3	1,809.60
Greenville Central Schools	3	1,809.60
Greenwich Central Schools	1	603.20
Guilderland Central Schools	63	38,001.60
Hoosick Valley Central Schools	1	603.20
Hunter Tannersville Central Schools	1	603.20
Lansingburgh Central Schools	5	3,016.00
Lawrence Central Schools	3	1,809.60
Menands Union Free School	7	4,222.40
Niskayuna Central Schools	30	18,096.00
North Colonie Central Schools	62	37,398.40
Ravena Coeymans Central Schools	16	9,651.20
Rensselaer City Schools	4	2,412.80
Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central Schools	8	4,825.60
Saratoga Springs Central Schools	26	15,863.20
Schalmont Central Schools	16	9,651.20
Schenectady City Schools	58	34,985.60
Schodack Central Schools	1	603.20
Schuylerville Central Schools	4	2,412.80
Scotia-Glenville Central Schools	5	3,016.00
Shenendehowa Central Schools	67	40,414.40
South Glens Falls Central Schools	2	1,206.40
St. Johnsville Central Schools	1	603.20
Stillwater Central Schools	3	1,809.60
Troy City Schools	27	16,286.40
Voorheesville Central Schools	13	7,841.60
Waterford Halfmoon Central Schools	1	603.20
Watervliet City Schools	5	3,016.00
Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central Schools	2	1,206.40
Totals	663	\$399,921.60

F. Contracts

1. Contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District for the 2010-11 school year to provide Health and Welfare Services to six (6) South Colonie resident students attending Schenectady Christian Academy at a cost of \$688.93 per student. The total cost for this contract shall be \$4,133.58.

G. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2010-11 taxes made payable to Donald Zee, P.C. as attorneys for the petitioner, Tab Associates, Inc., 1 Winners Circle, Suite 140, Albany, NY 12205, in the amount of \$2,405.01. Property is located at 24 Aviation Road (Tax Map #42.2-6-12) and was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a January 4, 2011, Supreme Court decision and is made without interest.

H. Bid Awards**1. Athletic Department Supplies: Spring/Summer 2010-11**

Awards to low bidders meeting specifications as follows:

10-S Tennis Supply, Pompano Beach FL, 1 item totaling:	\$ 74.85
AAE, Royersford PA, 3 items totaling:	\$1,024.00
Anaconda Sports, Clifton Park NY, 4 items totaling:	\$1,988.10
Cannon Sports, Inc., Burbank CA, 6 items totaling:	\$ 127.17
Gregg United Sports, Boca Raton FL, 1 item totaling:	\$ 165.00
M-F Athletic, Cranston RI, 1 item totaling:	\$ 75.00
Morley, Inc., Amsterdam NY, 14 items totaling:	\$3,502.98
Passon's Sports, Jenkintown PA, 7 items totaling:	\$ 205.79
Pyramid School Products, Tampa FL, 3 items totaling:	\$ 342.90
S & S Worldwide, Colchester CT, 2 items totaling:	\$ 55.04
Scholastic Sports Sale, Ltd., Manlius NY, 30 items totaling:	<u>\$3,422.86</u>
Total for all recommended awards:	\$10,983.69

2. Art Supplies – Spring/Summer 2010-11

Award to the low bidders meeting specifications:

Commercial Art Supply, Syracuse, NY; 17 items:	\$ 451.26
Dick Blick Co., Galesburg, IL; 6 items:	\$ 212.82
Nasco, Fort Atkinson, WI; 1 items:	\$ 64.00
Pyramid School Products, Tampa, FL; 60 items:	\$ 2,317.43
Quill, Lincolnshire, IL; 3 items:	\$ 47.92
S & S Worldwide, Colchester, CT; 1 items:	\$ 14.90
School Specialty Inc., Mount Joy, PA; 27 items:	<u>\$ 1,100.80</u>
Total for all recommended awards:	\$ 4,209.13

I. Donations

1. Donation of the following items by Gold's Gym, PO Box 5789, Albany, NY:

Paramount Deltoid PL 3400, Paramount Roman Chair, Paramount Bicep PL 2300, Paramount Vertical Butterfly PL 3100, Precision Series Dip Station, and Roman Chair. Total value of donation: \$3,500.00.

J. Use of School Buses

1. Use of two (2) school buses by the Town of Colonie Youth Services Division, 1653 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12205 on Friday, February 25, 2011, for transportation to Steamer 10 Theater in Albany, departing from above address at 12:15 p.m. and returning at approximately 2:15 p.m. Drivers' wages and mileage fees will be in accordance with the District's fee and rate schedule.
2. Use of up to three (3) school buses by the New York State United Teachers for transportation to the Lobby Day with the New York State Legislature on Friday, February 4, 2011. Pick up will be at the Desmond Hotel or the NYSUT building at 11:15 a.m. and return to each location by 1:30 p.m.

K. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – December 2010

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 18, 2011, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 18, 2011, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

African-American History Month – February 2011

National School Counseling Week – February 7-11, 2011

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated resolutions be approved.

10. POLICIES**2nd Reading & Approval:****Policy 8421 – Use of District Vehicles**

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above policy be approved.

11. MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

South Colonie Schools District desires to enter into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the following school districts – *Averill Park CSD, Ballston Spa CSD, Bethlehem CSD, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake CSD, East Greenbush CSD, Guilderland CSD, Mohonasen CSD, Niskayuna CSD, North Colonie CSD, Saratoga Springs City Schools, and Shenendehowa CSD* – for the Purchase of Services for the Reconditioning of Interscholastic Football Equipment. The terms of the Agreement be July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. .

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Agreement be approved

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Note: The Board will entertain comments from the public on any issue with a time limit of three (3) minutes per person and a maximum of 15 minutes per issue.

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**14. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- February 8, 2011 – Budget Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPICS: Support Services, Insurance, Debt Service, Interfund Transfers, Continuing Education, Interscholastic Athletics
- February 9, 2011 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- February 10, 2011 – Budget Meeting/Open Discussion – Veeder School – 7:00 p.m.
- February 15, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- February 16, 2011 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- March 1, 2011 – Graduation Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 1, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPICS: Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
- March 3, 2011 – Budget Meeting/Open Discussion – Shaker Road School – 7:00 p.m.
- March 8, 2011 – Budget Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPICS: Fringe Benefits and Instructional Program – Enrollment Projections, Instructional Staffing, Support Staffing, Textbooks, Curriculum Development, Staff Development, Library & Media Technology, Building Budgets, Summer School, CALC, and Information Technology.

- March 15, 2011 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPIC: Presentation of 1st draft of Budget

15. ADJOURN

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the regular meeting be adjourned. Time: _____

JWB/jg
1/28/11

A. Creation of Position

Effective January 2011 to June 30, 2011:

.75 Temporary Part-Time Teaching Assistant

B. Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Nicholas Murphy
Position: Teaching Assistant
Type: Personal Leave
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: January 18, 2011
Ending Date: May 8, 2011

2. Name: Gregory Sulz
Position: Teaching Assistant
Type: Personal Leave
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: January 10, 2011
Ending Date: January 30, 2011

C. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Allyson Connors
Address: 19 Fuller Terrace, Albany, NY 12208
Type: Temporary Part-Time (.80)
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Forest Park/Shaker Road Elementary Schools
Effective Date: January 10, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule I, Step 1(pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from College of Saint Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

D. Long-Term Substitutes

1. Name: Darcie Donahue
Address: 1 Mary Hadge Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Early Childhood Education
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: January 4, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 3
Education: B.A. from SUNY Oneonta, M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Initial in Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2)

2. Name: Diane Neuber
Address: 20 Nottingham Way South, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Biology
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: December 20, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 3
Education: B.S. from Hartwick College, M.S. from Sage Graduate School
Certification: Initial in Biology 7-12
3. Name: Amanda Ralston
Address: 1001 Louis Road, Schenectady, NY 12303
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Childhood Education
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: January 4, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 3
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta, M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Pending Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

E. Substitute Teachers

Approval of substitute teachers on the attached list for regular, conditional or emergency conditional appointments.

F. Tenure Extension

Extension of the probationary period for Kimberly DonVito from August 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

G. Tenure Revision

Revision of the probationary period for Paige Tyksinski from August 30, 2013 to August 30, 2012.

H. Co-Curricular – 2010-11 School Year

Sand Creek Middle School

Rescind the appointment of the following previously approved position:
 Small Performing Group (Spring) Musical Producer Ruth Brady

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:

Small Performing Group (Spring) Musical Producer	Ruth Brady	.5
Small Performing Group (Spring) Musical Producer	Raymond Szczerba	.5

A. Retirement

1. Name: Frank A. Lawyer, III
Position: Bus Driver
Effective: October 24, 2010

B. Appointments

1. Name: James Motta
Address: 26 Pheasant Ridge Road, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: Probationary Part-Time Bus Driver
Effective: January 18, 2011
Salary: \$16.30 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 5.0 hour per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: January 18, 2011 to September 20, 2011
2. Name: Stephen Brown
Address: 216 Meadowlark Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12010
Position: Custodial Working Foreperson
Effective: January 11, 2011
Salary: \$1,325.00 stipend (pro-rated)
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School
3. Name: Susan Lanahan
Address: 20 Tanglewood Road, Colonie, NY 12205
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: January 19, 2011
Salary: \$10.25 per hour
4. Name: Kaila Ricciardi
Address: 12 Wilson Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: January 3, 2011 to June 30, 2011
Salary: \$10.61 per hour per Teamster Contract
Hours: 4 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
5. Name: Kevin McGee
Address: 7 Venus Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: January 19, 2011
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
6. Name: Maria Belyea
Address: 79 Maple Avenue, Voorheesville, NY 12185
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: January 19, 2011
Salary: \$17.00 per hour

7. Name: Christine Guidarelli
Address: 399 Consaul Road, Colonie, NY 12304
Position: Probationary Part-Time Keyboard Specialist
Effective: February 7, 2011
Salary: \$15.77 per hour, per UPSEU contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: District Office
Probationary Period: February 7, 2011 – August 8, 2011

C. Change of Appointments

1. Name: Lisa Mosca
Address: 3 Brinker Drive South, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Position: Temporary School Monitor
REVISED Effective Date: January 31, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Salary: \$11.30 per hour, per Teamster Contract
Hours: 6 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
2. Name: Kathryn O'Brien
Address: 44 Braintree Street, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor
REVISED Effective Date: January 31, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Salary: \$10.61 per hour, per Teamsters contract
Hours: 6.0 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School

D. Memorandum of Agreement

Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO and the South Colonie Central School District dated January 5, 2011 for the current contract expiring June 30, 2013.