

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES
October 4, 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 regular meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Motto at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Excused</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Excused</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Shelle Jaquish	<u>Present</u>	David Kiehle	<u>Present</u>	Neil Johanning	<u>Present</u>
Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Present</u>	Edward Sim	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Superintendent Jonathan Buhner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning Sherri Fisher, District Clerk Joyce Gay.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Motto led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Sim, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the meeting on **September 20, 2011**, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS**A. Correspondence/Board Activities****Mr. Johanning:**

- Attended *Creeksfest* activities at Sand Creek Middle School
- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on Monday, October 3.
- Attended the PTSA meeting at Colonie Central High School

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended *Creeksfest* activities at Sand Creek Middle School
- Participated in the building inspections with the Facilities Committee

Mr. Sim:

- Attended *Creeksfest* activities at Sand Creek Middle School

Mr. Ryan:

- Attended the Anti-Bullying assembly at Veeder Elementary School
- Participated in the building inspections with the Facilities Committee
- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on Monday, October 3.

Ms. Jaquish:

- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on Monday, October 3.

Mr. Motto:

- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on Monday, October 3.
- Thanked the entire school community for the contributions that have been received for the flood victims in Schoharie County.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Audit Report**

Paul Cuda and Terry Giloolley from Cusak & Company reported on the 2010-11 audit results.

B. Board Committee Reports

The Communications and Policy Committees have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons gave oral and written reports of each meeting.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. Re-Appropriation of 2011-12 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2011-12 budget in the amount of \$500.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$91,177,500.00. Information is on the attached sheet.

C. In-Service Courses

1. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact hour course "Study Group of New Books for Middle and High School Students" (#11-12-29), sponsored by Capital Region BOCES School Support Services. The course will be held on October 3, November 7, December 5, 2011, January 9, February 6, March 5, and April 2, 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. each session at Lisha Kill Middle School. Scott Hodge (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

D. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in "STANYS Siena Conference" (#2011-12-08), sponsored by Science Teachers of New York State. The workshop will be held on October 14, 2011, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Siena College. Stephanie Crisci (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. Nine (9) contact hours of credit for participation in "NYSUT School Related Professionals Leadership Conference" (#2011-12-09), sponsored by NYSUT. The workshop will be held October 21 to 23, 2011 at the Hilton Hotel in Saratoga Springs. Chris Zostant (CCHS) is the contact person.

E. Student Trips

1. Group: CCHS Studio Draw & Paint Students (40 each day)
Destination: Clark Museum
Date: April 4, 2012 and April 5, 2012
Responsible: Christine Festin
Transportation: School Bus
Cost: Individuals
2. Group: CCHS Art Students (10)
Destination: Olympics of the Visual Arts (Fashion), Saratoga City Center
Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Responsible: Christine Festin, Christina Mathieu
Transportation: School Bus
Cost: Individuals

F. Transportation Contracts

1. Transportation contracts for private and parochial schools for the 2011-12 school year awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, **Chalet Services, 3206 Rt #81, Surprise, NY 12176**, as follows:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>Cost Per Diem</u>	<u>Cost Per Mile</u>
#8 CCHS to SUNY Albany	\$83.00	\$2.75
#12 Bishop McGinn (afternoon only)	\$41.00	\$2.75

G. Contracts

1. A contract with Wildwood Programs, Inc., to provide educational services for the 2011-12 school year for South Colonie students enrolled in the contractor's school. Tuition shall be \$43,088.00 per student for the school year component pending STAC SED approval.

H. Use of School Bus

1. Use of three (3) school buses by Colonie Central High School for transportation of senior citizens to participate in the annual complimentary ziti dinner and theater show at the high school on Thursday, November 17, 2011, as follows:
 - Bus #1: Bishop Broderick Apartments – pick up at 4:45 p.m.
Village of Colonie Hall – pick up at 5:00 p.m.
 - Bus #2: Beltrone Center – pick up at 5:00 p.m.
 - Bus #3: Towers of Colonie – pick up at 5:00 p.m. (Bldg. #2)
Drivers' wages and mileage fees will be waived.

I. Tax Refunds

1. An application RP-556 for Corrected Taxes for the 2011 tax roll on property owned by Julia A. O'Brien and located at 4201 Consaul Road, Niskayuna, NY 12304 (Tax Map #60.20-2-3). Due to a processing error, the subject parcel received the Basic STAR exemption rather than the Enhanced STAR exemption. Director recommends that this clerical error, which is defined in the RPTL Section 550-2C be corrected, that the Enhanced STAR exemption of \$60,100 be processed and the tax liability due be re-calculated resulting in a corrected tax bill in the amount of \$2,925.75. Director further recommends that the difference in value due to the change from the Basic to the Enhanced STAR exemption in the amount of \$495.00 be submitted to the State of New York for reimbursement.

J. Declare as Surplus

1. One (1) Year 1963 Everett Studio Upright Piano, Serial #145245, no longer in use due to age and over-all condition.
2. One (1) Year 1967 Kimball Studio Upright Piano, Serial #711005, no longer in use due to age and over-all condition.
3. One 1995 Ford E350 18 passenger School Bus, VIN#1FDJE373SHA77768, current mileage of 149,395. Vehicle has been taken out of service.

K. Donation

1. Donation of \$500.00 from Capital Region Orthopaedics, 1367 Washington Ave., Suite 200, Albany, NY 12206, in support of the South Colonie Central Schools Athletic Department.

L. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – August 2011**M. Internal Claims Auditor's Quarterly Report – July 1 to September 30, 2011**

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johannig, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Johannig, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated October 4, 2011, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Sim, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated October 4, 2011, be approved.

9. 2010-11 AUDIT REPORT

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the 2010-11 external audit reports, as presented by Cusack & Co., be accepted by the Board of Education.

10. NYSSBA APPOINTMENTS

The 2011 Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association will be held Saturday, October 29, 2011, in Buffalo New York as part of the annual convention. Each school board is required to elect a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting.

Delegate: Leonard Motto
Alternate: James T. Ryan

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Sim, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above delegates be approved.

Mr. Domenici arrived at 7:29 p.m.

11. RESOLUTIONS

National School Lunch Week – October 10-14
School Bus Safety Week – October 17-21
America's Safe Schools Week – October 16-22
National Health Education Week – October 16-22

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above resolutions be approved.

12. POLICIES**1st Reading:**

Policy 8110: Buildings & Grounds Inspection

One Reading & Approval:

Policy 1140: Use of Students in Public Information Programs
Policy 9290: Supplemental Compensation Rates

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above policy revisions be approved.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Lori Brooks, Teaching Assistant, thanked the Superintendent and the Board of Education for the efforts of the District in providing assistance to the people in Schoharie County who have suffered losses from the recent flooding. She commented that she is from that area of the state and appreciates all that has been done to help them get through this devastating experience.

14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, District Treasurer Anjelieeque Martinez, SCAA Representative Randy Rench, and SCTA Representatives Jim Duffy, Lori Brooks, Catharine Olsen.

15. FUTURE DATES/MEETINGS

- October 5, 2011 – Building Inspections: 7:30 a.m. at DO →Saddlewood →Bus Garage
- October 7, 2011 – Staff Development Day – No School / Staff Only
- October 10, 2011 – Columbus Day Observed – No School / Office Closed
- October 12, 2011 – Accountability & Board Operations Committee – 7:30 a.m. – D.O.
- October 12, 2011 – Transportation Vote – All Elementary Bldgs. – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- October 17, 2011 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- October 18, 2011 – Strategic Planning Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- October 18, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- October 24, 2011 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- November 1, 2011 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- November 8, 2011 – Academic Achievement Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- November 9, 2011 – Transportation Committee – 7:30 a.m. District Office
- November 11, 2011 – Veterans’ Day Observed – No School / Office Closed
- November 15, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

17. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Sim, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m..

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
10/14/2011

A. Creation of Position

Creation of the following temporary part-time position for the 2011-12 school year:

.4 ESL Teacher

B. Substitute Teachers

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

C. Co-Curricular – 2011-12 School Year

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

Colonie Central High School

Human Relations Organization	Kate Raso	.5
Human Relations Organization	Nina Rosen	.5

Lisha Kill Middle School

Intramurals:

Season III – Boys Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Mike Trimarchi
Season IV – Weight Training (7-8)	Todd Sitterly
School Yearbook	Anne Grab

Lisha Kill Middle School

Rescind the following previously approved position:

Intramurals:

Season II – Weight Training (7-8)	Eric Obermeyer
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Appoint the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:

Intramurals:

Season II – Weight Training (7-8)	Susan Comito	effective 9/1/11 to 9/19/11
Season II – Weight Training (7-8)	Calvin Pitts	effective 9/20/11 to 6/30/12

D. Interscholastics for Fall – 2011-12 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved positions:

Colonie Central High School

Coach Junior Varsity Boys Soccer	Marc Mostransky
Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Boys Soccer	Darko Sedlar
Coach 9 th Grade Boys Soccer	Aaron Hutchins

Lisha Kill Middle School

Coach Girls Soccer

Brooke Brady

Coach Girls Volleyball

Darcie Donahue

Sand Creek Middle School

Coach Boys Soccer

Robert Lemerise .5

Coach Boys Soccer

Gregory Sulz .5

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Colonie Central High School

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Marc Mostransky

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Robert Lemerise .5

Coach 9th Grade Boys Soccer

Gregory Sulz .5

Lisha Kill Middle School

Coach Girls Soccer

Wendy Kelley .5

Coach Girls Soccer

Katie Martin .5

Coach Girls Volleyball

Richard Thompson

Sand Creek Middle School

Coach Boys Soccer

Joseph Coleman

E. Superintendent's Contract

An extension of the contract with Jonathan W. Buhner, Superintendent to July 31, 2014.

A. Appointments

1. Name: Daniel Ramundo
Address: 424 Olean Street, Schenectady, NY 12306
Position: Temporary School Bus Driver
Effective: September 21, 2011 to June 30, 2012
Salary: \$16.91 per hour
Hours: 4.5 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage

2. Name: Catherine Blanchard
Address: 33 Delafield Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Temporary School Bus Diver
Effective: September 22, 2011 to June 30, 2012
Salary: \$16.91 per hour
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage

3. Name: Charles Porter
Address: 36 Waterman Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Temporary School Bus Driver
Effective: September 23, 2011 to June 30, 2012
Salary: \$16.91 per hour
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage

4. Name: Susan Flanigan
Address: 25 North lake Avenue, Troy, NY 12180
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: October 5, 2011
Salary: \$17.50 per hour

5. Name: Theresa Blaauboer
Address: 9 Woodland Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Probationary Part-time Keyboard Specialist
Effective: October 5, 2011
Salary: \$12.30 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 3 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
Probationary Period: October 5, 2011 to April 4, 2012

6. Name: Trisha Brown
Address: 17 Windsor Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary Part-time Food Service Helper
Effective: October 5, 2011
Salary: \$10.82 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 3 hours per day
Current Location: Sand Creek Elementary School
Probationary Period: October 5, 2011 to April 4, 2012