



**South Colonie Central Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES

**July 10, 2007
District Office**

**Immediately Following
Organizational Meeting**



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

M I N U T E S

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the South Colonie Central Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Mr. Ryan.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Vernon Fonda	<u>Excused</u>	Paul Gordon	<u>Present</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Excused</u>
Neil Johanning	<u>Present</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Superintendent Michael J. Marcelle, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Anthony DeBlois, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Beverly Miller, District Clerk Joyce Gay.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Ryan led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the meeting on **June 28, 2007**, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Ryan

- Congratulated everyone on the excellent graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2007. The program was outstanding and the conduct of the students was exemplary. It was noted that the overflow room was almost full although there was no information on the number of people that used it. Other board members also commented on the enjoyable evening honoring our students.
- Noted that some conferences are available to board members this summer and those interested in attending should notify the superintendent’s office to make reservations.
- Received a letter from a parent thanking the Sand Creek staff on their excellent performance with the students in that school.

Mr. Gordon

- Noted that several of our high school students have traveled to Japan as student ambassadors in the People-to-People Program. His grandson is among those students involved in this two-week project.

B. Board Committee Reports

The Audit Finance Committee met since the last board meeting and an update was provided.

5. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

A. **Committee on Special Education**

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. **In-Service Courses**

1. One and one-half (1.5) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 23-hour course “How the Brain Learns Part 2: Continuing the Discussion on Translating Brain Research” (#07-08-03), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course will be held July 6-8, 2007 at Minnowbrook Conference Center, Blue Mt. Lake, NY.

C. **Use of School Bus**

1. Use of two (2) school buses by the Fuller Road Fire Department Inc. for transportation to the Volunteer Firefighters Convention on Saturday, July 21, 2007. Pick-up will be at the Fuller Road station, 1342 Central Avenue at 10:00 a.m. for transport to the line-up area near the South Schodack Fire Department with return back to the station when the parade is complete. Drivers’ wages and mileage fees will be paid in accordance with the district fee/rate schedule.

D. **Railroad Crossings, Back-Up and Turn-Around Points**

RAILROAD CROSSINGS

South Colonie buses will cross railroad tracks on Fuller Road at Railroad Avenue, on Lincoln Avenue at Fox Run Estates, Morris Road and Cordell Road. All crossings are guarded crossings.

BACK-UP AND TURN-AROUND POINTS

Fox Run Estates off Lincoln Avenue
Karner Road at railroad tracks
Morris Road at Roadway Trucking
Hunting Road at The Surcingle
Sunset Boulevard at Linda Drive
Consaul Road at Town golf course
Sand Creek Road at Colonie Community Reformed Church
Sand Creek Road at National Grid power station
Oakmont Street at Robin’s Nest

E. **Bid Awards – Food Service Department**

1. **Milk and Dairy Milk Products**

Award from August 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 to low bidder meeting specifications:

Midland Farms, Inc., 375 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204

2. **Walk-In Freezer**

Award to low bidder meeting specifications:
 Saratoga Restaurant Equipment Sales \$41,873.00
 (For Sand Creek Middle School Cafeteria)

F. **Transportation Contracts**

Award transportation contracts for private and parochial schools for the 2007-08 school year to lowest responsible bidder:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>ANNUAL COST</u>	<u>COST PER MILE</u>
<i>Chalet Services</i>		
<i>3206 Rt #81, Surprise NY 12176</i>		
#5 Crossroads Center	\$18,250.00	\$3.30
#6 Draper/Mohonasen	\$18,590.00	\$3.30
Cost of aide if needed: \$77.00 per diem		
<i>Star & Strand Transportation</i>		
<i>415 Fulton Street, Troy NY 12180</i>		
#13 Maywood School	\$17,640.00	\$3.50
Cost of aide if needed: \$75.00 per diem		
<i>Folmsbee Transportation</i>		
<i>1 Industry Drive, Waterford NY 12188</i>		
#14 Niskayuna High School	\$16,900.00	\$2.25
Cost of aide if needed: \$78.50 per diem		

G. **Contracts**

1. A preliminary contract with the Board of Cooperative Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties for the 2007-08 school year totaling \$992,689.37.
2. Amended contracts with the Board of Cooperative Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties for the 2006-07 school year totaling \$2,670,610.91.

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

6. **PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated July 10, 2007, be approved.

7. **PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated July 10, 2007, be approved.

8. **POLICIES**

Policy 5300 – Student Code of Conduct

Motion made by Mr. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above policy be adopted.

9. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mr. Marcelle acknowledged the following administrators present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources Dave Seaver

10. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. Regular Board of Education meeting, August 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m., D.O.
2. Special Board of Education meeting, August 30, 2007, 6:00 p.m., D.O.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **enter** closed session to discuss personnel matters at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** closed session at 8:09 p.m.

11. **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
08/13/2007

A. Resignation

Acceptance of the following resignation from the District:

1. Name: Kurt Borchardt
Position: Technology Teacher
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 2, 2007
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
2. Name: Peter DeMarco
Position: Teaching Assistant
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2007
Reason: Accepted another position in the District

B. Appointments

Acceptance of the following appointments:

1. Name: Jacqueline Rowen
Address: 2178 Grand Blvd., Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Industrial Arts
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2010
Salary: Schedule II, Step 1
Education: B.S. from SUNY Maritime College and M.A. from Union College
Certification Status: Pending Initial in Technology
2. Name: William F. Luke III
Address: 902 24th Street, Apt. 2, Watervliet, NY 12189
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending of Probationary Period: August 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2
Education: B.A. from SUNY Oswego and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

3. Name: Jennifer Keller
Address: 2 Witte Road, Albany, NY 12203
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending of Probationary Period: August 30, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Pending Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
4. Name: Samantha M. Gonyeau
Address: 541 Lower Allen Street, Hudson Falls, NY 12839
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending of Probationary Period: August 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose and M.A. from California State University
Certification Status: Permanent in Elementary Education PreK-6
5. Name: Sekani Carroll
Address: 17B Old Hickory Drive, Apt 1B, Albany, NY 12204
Type: 3 Year Probationary with two years credit toward tenure
Tenure Area: School Psychologist
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending of Probationary Period: August 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule III, Step 13
Education: B.A. and M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Provisional in School Psychologist
6. Name: Cailin Rench
Address: 5 Limerick Court, Latham, NY 12110
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2010
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract
Certification Status: Pending Teaching Assistant Level 1

7. Name: Bonnie Bellas
Address: 401 Stanford Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2010
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant Level 1
8. Name: Karen Fleshman
Address: 29 Loralee Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Type: 3 Year Probationary with one year credit toward tenure
Tenure Area: Special Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending of Probationary Period: August 30, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 3
Education: B.S. and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Students with Disabilities Grade 1-6

C. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

Approval of the following temporary part-time appointments:

Name: Patricia McCarthy
Address: 3520 Rt. 20, Nassau, NY 12123
Type: Temporary Part-time (.80)
Teaching Area: Foreign Language
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 4, pro-rated
Education: B.A. from SUNY Potsdam; M.A. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Permanent in Spanish 7-12

D. Long Term Replacement

Approval of the following long term replacement appointments:

1. Name: Peter DeMarco
Address: 6 Gould Drive, Schenectady, NY 12304
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2007
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.A. from Marist College
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education 1-6 and Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6
2. Name: Courtney Tedesco
Address: 24 Altamont Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2007
Ending Date: January 25, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2
Education: B.A. from Nazareth College and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Provisional in Elementary Education PreK-6
3. Name: Linda Armitage
Address: 3 Nelson Avenue, Latham, NY 12110
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2007
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule III, Step 6
Education: B.S. from SUNY at Albany; M.S. from Russell Sage
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education PreK-6
4. Name: Krista Stannard
Address: 11 Elaine Court, Latham, NY 12110
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from SUNY Plattsburgh
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education 1-6 and Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6

E. Subject Coordinators for the 2007-2008 School Year

Approval of the following subject coordinators for the 2007-2008 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

District Wide

College Programs	Raymond Molloy
Mentor Program (Elementary)	Christine Dooley
Mentor Program (Secondary)	Thomasa Nielsen
SAT/PSAT	Roberta Raymond

F. Co-Curricular and InterscholasticCo-CurricularSand Creek Middle School

Appointment of the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation for the 2007-08 school year:

Art Club	Carol Pinkans (7/8)
Band	Terri Korb
General Activity (Germinators)	Helen Dohn
General Activity (Peer Mediation Advisor)	Daniel DeMarco
General Activity (Talent Show)	Kathryn Skanes
International Club	Helen Dohn
Intramurals:	
Season I Girls Basketball (5-6)	Karen Bonitatibus
Season I Flag Football (5-6)	Greg Lanni
Season I Flag Football (5-6)	Lisa Pollicino
Season I Weight Training (7-8)	Carmine Taglione
Season II Boys Wrestling (5-8)	Andrew Monin
Season II Boys Basketball (5-6)	Scott Hodge
Season II Weight Training (7-8)	Carmine Taglione
Season III Coed Volleyball (5-6)	Daniel DeMarco
Season III Coed Volleyball (5-6)	Lisa Forezzi
Season III Coed Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Jose Santos
Season III Coed Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Lisa McGee
Season III Weight Training (7-8)	Carmine Taglione
Season IV Weight Training (7-8)	Carmine Taglione
Season IV Girls Softball	Karen Bonitatibus
Season V Weight Training (7-8)	Carmine Taglione
Orchestra	Michelle Williams
Peer Leader Club	Daniel DeMarco
Photography Club	Crystal Hilton
Radio Club	Jane Albanese

Robotics Club	Donald Mohr	.50
Robotics Club	Mark Sheffer	.50
School Store	Gretchen Courcelle	.50
School Store	Karen Stewart	.50
School Yearbook	Sarah Sherman	
Ski Club	Carol Pinkans	
Small Performing Group (Fall)	DeLynn Wickham	
Small Performing Group (Spring)	DeLynn Wickham	
Student Council	Katherina Pawloff	.50
Student Council	Jessica Hines	.50
Technology Club	Donald Mohr	
Variety Show Coordinator	Katherina Pawloff	
K-8 Technology Fair Coordinator	James Brown	.50
K-8 Technology Fair Coordinator	Justin Ryan	.50

G. Summer School Appointment

Approval of the following summer school appointments, per the Board of Education Policy 9290. Each person is certified and understands that the appointment is contingent upon sufficient enrollment for the 2007 summer school program:

Grades 9-12 Summer School Program – Session Amounts to be Determined

Thomas Holb	Health	
Patricia McCarthy (August 3 to August 17)	Foreign Language	

Grades 7/8 Summer School Program – Session Amounts to be Determined

Tami Sherry – Teaching Assistant	Foreign Language	
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Elementary Grades 5/6 Summer School Program

William Luke	5/6 Teacher	.50
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H. Homework Club Instruction

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation for the 2007-2008 school year:

Veeder Elementary School

Rachael Rogers	.33
Kimberly Cohen	.33
Michael Perrott	.33

I. Creation of Position

Creation of the following Department Chairperson:

- (1) Special Education PreK-6 Department Chairperson

A. Abolish Positions

Abolish the following support staff positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

- (1) 0.46 (3.0 hour) Food Service Helper (FP)
- (1) 0.54 (3.5 hour) Food Service Helper (FP)
- (1) 0.54 (3.5 hours) Food Service Helper (SR)

B. Creation of Positions

Creation of the following support staff positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

- (1) 0.95 (6.25 hour) Food Service Helper (FP)
- (1) 0.22 (1.50 hour) Food Service Helper (SR)
- (1) 0.33 (2.25 hour) Food Service Helper (SR)

- (1) 12 Month Temporary Senior Keyboard Specialist – Pupil Services @Forest Park
(As per the I.D.E.A. federal grant 611 from 9/1/07 to 8/31/08)

C. Resignations:

Approval of the following support staff resignation:

Name: Bonnie Bellas
Position: School Monitor (LK)
Effective: August 31, 2007
Reason: Accepted another position within the District

D. Rescind Summer School Appointments

Rescind the following summer school transportation staff appointment:

Summer School Transportation Program

Robert Willey School Bus Driver

E. Appointments

Approval of the following support staff appointments:

- 1. Name: Charles U. Barber, Sr.
Address: 8 Carnevale Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: July 11, 2007
Salary: \$9.50 per hour

2. Name: Charles U. Barber, Sr.
Address: 8 Carnevale Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Part-Time Custodial Worker
Effective: September 1, 2007
Salary: \$13.59 per hour
Hours: 2.0 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008

3. Reappointments as emergency conditional for compliance with NYS Education Law:

Brian Boni	D. Roberta Haith	Joan Qualtere
Mary Grace Bruno	Regina Igle-Brown	Kaila Ricciardi
Claudia Burnham	Diane Leva	Steven D. Rifenburg
Patrick Claffey	Jason K. Libertucci	Henrietta "Rita" Roberti
Sandra Clark	Tammy A. Lindsay	Patricia Robilotto
Patricia Crider	Ellen McCormack	Heather Marie Ross
Darcie Donohue	Stephen Mohr	Nicholas R. Rossi
Maribeth Dooley	Linda Murray	Lori Safford
Joseph W. Dunn	Dawn Newcomb	Ruth Ann Sawicki
Colleen M. Farina	Aeriele Noll	Colleen K. Schwarz
Melissa Ferrucci	Maureen O'Riordan	Linda L. Sperber
Jennifer Fisher	Lana Otty	Ronald Surdam
Paul Gerstenberger	Aileen Peabody	Joseph Topino
Milton Greenfield, Jr.	Mark D. Pennock	Kiamesha J. Wright
Beverly Hacker	Maria Persons	