

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES
January 23, 2008
District Office
5:30 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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the South Colonie Central Schools Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Ryan at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Vernon Fonda	<u>Absent</u>	Paul Gordon	<u>Present</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Arr at 5:34 pm</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, and 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. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 2008, and the special meeting on January 7, 2008, be approved.

Ms. Jaquish arrived at 5:34 p.m.

4. 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 (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-hour course "Italian Immersion" (#07-08-08). The course is sponsored by SUNY New Paltz Language Immersion Institute and will be held on the SUNY New Paltz campus on February 8-10, 2008. Mary Goetz is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in "Greek and Roman Art" (#2007-08-63), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Jeanne Bush and Connie Smith (Lisha Kill) are the contact persons.

D. Student Trips

Group: Lisha Kill Opera Club (8)
 Destination: New York City (Metropolitan Opera, Natural History Museum)
 Date: February 2, 2008
 Responsible: Karen MacWatters, Stephanie Copeland
 Transportation: Chartered Bus
 Cost: Funded entirely by Siena College Opera Club

E. Bid Awards**Art Supplies – Spring / Summer 2008**

Recommend awards to the low bidder as per specifications as follows:

Commercial Art Supply, Syracuse, NY: 11 items	\$ 804.93
Dick Blick Company, Galesburg, IL: 37 items	\$1,153.27
Kurtz Bros., Clearfield, PA: 13 items:	\$ 567.25
Metco Supply Inc., Leechburg, PA: 1 item	\$ 17.40
Nasco, Fort Atkinson, WI: 15 items	\$ 537.17
National Art & School Supplies, Rahway, NJ: 14 items	\$ 568.20
Pyramid School Products, Tampa, FL: 34 items	\$1,540.43
Quill, Lincolnshire, IL: 1 item	\$ 17.37
Sax Arts & Crafts, New Berlin, WI: 45 items	\$2,095.60
Standard Stationery Supply Co., Wheeling, IL: 7 items	\$ 112.64
Triarco Arts & Crafts, Plymouth, MN: 3 items	\$ 332.14
W.B. Mason, Albany, NY: 29 items	<u>\$2,006.96</u>
Total for all recommended awards:	<u>\$9,753.36</u>

F. Change Orders

1. **Crisafulli Brothers Plumbing & Heating**, 520 Livingston Avenue, Albany NY 12206:

<u>CO No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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4-12	<u>Increase \$6,556.00</u>
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Change outside air intake in high school wrestling gym for each new ventilator. Due to existing conditions, the air intakes would not fit in the sidewall as originally specified.

2. **Bunkoff General Contractors, Inc.**, 790 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham NY 12110:

<u>CO No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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2-50	<u>Decrease \$1,500.00</u>
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To compensate for roofing conditions covered up during construction at Forest Park.

G. Contracts

A contract with North Greenbush Central School District to provide health and welfare services for the 2007-08 school year to seven (7) South Colonie resident students attending LaSalle Institute located in the North Greenbush Central School District. The total cost of this contract shall be \$1,385.86.

H. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2007 school taxes, payable to Albany 40 Associates LLC, c/o Kevin M. Clyne, Esq., Herman, Katz, Cangemi & Clyne, 400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 206, Garden City NY 11530, in the amount of \$3,386.12 for property located in the Town of Colonie, Section 53.10, Block 4, Lot 5.1. Property was improperly assessed and refund is made in compliance with a December 31, 2007, Supreme Court decision. Refund is made without interest.

2. Refund of 2006-07 and 2007-08 property taxes for the following properties:

20 Corporate Woods Blvd.	54.3-1-40.2	2006-07	\$ 85,693.46
		2007-08	\$110,971.13
7 Southwoods Blvd.	54.3-1-40.11	2006-07	\$ 61,510.65
		2007-08	\$ 78,244.57
8 Southwoods Blvd.	54.3-1-40.12	2006-07	\$ 61,510.65
		2007-08	<u>\$ 78,244.57</u>
Grand Total			<u>\$476,175.02</u>

Refund, made payable to Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel P.C., attorneys for the Petitioner, will be made in two installments of \$238,087.51; the first installment due by March 3, 2008, and second installment due by January 3, 2009. The property was improperly assessed. The refund is in compliance with a December 27, 2007, Supreme Court decision and is made without interest.

I. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports – December 2007

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

5. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 23, 2008, be approved.

6. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 23, 2008, be approved.

7. RESOLUTIONS

African-American History Month – February 2008
National School Counseling Week – February 4-8, 2008

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

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Superintendent Interviews: Thursday & Friday, January 24 & 25, 2008
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, January 28, 29, & 31, 2008
- Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Also includes Budget discussion on Support Services

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Richard M. Stack, 53 Nicholas Drive, Albany NY 12205, addressed the Board regarding a situation at Sand Creek and his concern for the safety and welfare of the students.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss the Superintendent Search process at 5:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 8:54 p.m.

11. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
1/24/08

A. Retirement

Acceptance of the following retirement from the District:

Name: Joan Labombard

Position: Elementary Education Teacher

Building: Roessleville Elementary School

Effective Date: July 1, 2008

B. Leave of Absence

Acceptance of the following leave of absences:

1. Name: Kelly Coppola
Position: Science teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 26, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
2. Name: Lisa Corcoran
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: January 26, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
3. Name: Kathryn Botta-Raso
Position: Social Studies teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 26, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008

C. Long Term Replacement

Approval of the following long-term replacement appointments:

1. Name: Amanda Knaggs
Address: 610 Sanders Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Science
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 26, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1 prorated
Education: B.A. from Syracuse University; M.A. from Union College
Certification: Initial in Biology 7-12

2. Name: Jennifer Buyce
Address: 91 Spring Road, Scotia, NY 12302
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: January 26, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 3
Education: B.S. and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

3. Name: Corinne McDermott
Address: 105 Heritage Road #12, Guilderland, NY 12084
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Social Studies
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 26, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2
Education: B.A. and M.A. from Sacred Heart University
Certification: Initial in Social Studies 7-12

D. Long Term Substitute

Approval of the following long-term substitute appointments:

1. Name: Christina Nicastro
Address: 18 Kendale Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: January 17, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

2. Name: Jessica Mullens
Address: 43 Grant Hill Court, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Shaker Road Elementary School
Effective Date: January 17, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.A. from Siena; M.A. 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. Book Club Instruction

Creation of the following Book Club instructor position for the 2007-2008 school year:

1.0 Book Club instructor

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

Roessleville Elementary School

Donna Thompson

G. Co-Curricular

Lisha Kill Middle School

Creation of the following additional co-curricular position for the 2007-2008 school year:

1.0 Season II Weight Training

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

Intramural: Season II Weight Training Katie Martin

Approval of the following revisions:

General Activity (Literary Magazine Club):

Julie Hecht effective September 1, 2007 to February 1, 2008	.25
Chistina Mikus effective February 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008	.33
John Meurs effective February 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008	.33
Jessica LaFex effective February 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008	.33

A. Leave of Absence

Approval of the following support staff unpaid leave of absence:

Name: Stella Kwong Lee

Position: School Monitor (SR)

Effective: January 15, 2008 thru February 22, 2008

Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

Approval of the following support staff appointments:

1. Name: Mark Schepisi
Address: 7A VanDyke Road, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Automotive Mechanic (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: January 22, 2008
Salary: Schedule M, Step 2 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: January 22, 2008 to July 22, 2008
2. Name: Michael Link
Address: 51 Fuller Terrace, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary School Bus Driver
Effective: January 22, 2008
Salary: \$14.10 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 5.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: January 22, 2008 to September 22, 2008
3. Name: Richard Small
Address: 1929 Tamarac Road, Johnsonville, New York 12094
Position: Probationary School Bus Driver
Effective: January 28, 2008
Salary: \$14.10 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 6.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: January 28, 2008 to September 28, 2008
4. Name: John Krug IV
Address: 36 Miles Lane, East Berne, New York 12059
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: January 7, 2008
Salary: \$13.25 per hour

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5. Name: Dominick Esposito
Address: 1248 Chrysler Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303
Position: Probationary Custodial Worker
Effective: February 1, 2008
Salary: Schedule H, Step 2 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day (3:30-Midnight; Tues-Sat)
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Probationary Period: February 1, 2008 to August 1, 2008

 6. Name: Joseph A. Topino
Address: 22A Forest Avenue, Albany, New York 12208
Position: Probationary Custodial Worker
Effective: February 1, 2008
Salary: Schedule H, Step 2 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day (3:30-Midnight; Tues-Sat)
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Probationary Period: February 1, 2008 to August 1, 2008

 7. Name: Rachel Barber
Address: 11 Morone Place, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Keyboard Specialist Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: January 24, 2008
Salary: \$9.25 per hour

 8. Name: Lisa Mosca
Address: 3 Brinker Drive South, Rensselaer, New York 12144
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: January 16, 2008 to June 30, 2008
Salary: \$9.71 per hour
Hours: 6.5 hours per day (8.00am-3.00pm)
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Probationary Period: January 16, 2008 to September 16, 2008

 9. Name: Kimberly Stevens
Address: 15 Pine Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: January 24, 2008
Salary: \$8.50 per hour

 10. Name: Pamela Stefanelli
Address: 41 Maria Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: School Nurse Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: January 24, 2008
Salary: \$16.00 per hour

 11. Name: Brenda C. Yung

Address: 72 Hackett Avenue, Albany, New York 12205

Position: School Nurse Substitute (Emergency Conditional)

Effective: January 23, 2008

Salary: \$16.00 per hour

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

Kristen Barrell	Dawn Newcomb	Linda Rotchford
Kristina Coffey	Steven O'Connor	Maribeth Shanley
Patricia Crider	Ellen Oliver	Linda L. Sperber
Michael Darrow	Lana Otty	Ronald Surdam
Dawn Decker	Mark Panunzio	Douglas Tribble, Jr.
Lucille Duffy	Aileen Peabody	Diane Viglucci
Laura Ebel	Mark D. Pennock	Tracy Waddell
Gail Eckert	Anthony Priore	Barbara Wickert
Christina Haas	Christine Priore	Louise Zautner
Robin Mangini	Joan Qualtere	Michael Zovistoski
Sieglinde McDonagh	Paige Ristau	
Linda Murray	Margaret Romand	

C. Change of Hours

Approval of the following support staff change of hours effective January 21, 2008:

Richard Gavigan	School Bus Driver	5.0 hours per day to 6.0 hours per day	BG
Louis Viger	School Bus Driver	5.0 hours per day to 6.0 hours per day	BG