

SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES



April 22, 2008
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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Casey at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Motion by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:12 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on April 8, 2008, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Johanning:

Attended the Annual Meeting at Capital Region BOCES on April 9.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. English Language Arts Program Update

Timothy Backus, supervisor of ELA, Reading, Library Media & Social Studies, presented an update on the ELA district-wide program.

B. Board Committee Reports

Mr. Marcelle reported on the Accountability & Board Operations Committee meeting (on behalf of Chairperson Robert Domenici) held on April 8. Board members who are liaison to district-wide committees also reported at this time.

6. 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. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in "Using Data in Instruction" (SD#2007-08-74), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held Monday, May 5, 2008, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie High School and enrollment is limited to second-year teachers who are on a probationary track appointment. Jack Adams is the contact person.

C. Contracts

1. A contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to eight (8) South Colonie resident students attending Schenectady Christian Academy for 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$650.45 per student. The total cost for this contract shall be \$5,203.60.
2. A contract with the Guilderland Central School District to provide Health and Welfare Services to eight (8) South Colonie resident students attending Christ the King School for 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$548.70 per student. The total cost of this contract shall be \$4,389.60.

D. Tax Refund

1. Refund of 2007 school taxes paid by Albany County for Twelve Oaks Development Corp, located at 1630 Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie, in the amount of \$10,936.22. The property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a Supreme Court decision (Index #4550-05) and is made without interest.

E. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – March 2008

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 22, 2008, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 22, 2008, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

National Physical Education & Sports Week – May 5-9, 2008

National School Nurse Day – May 7, 2008

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – May 2008

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above Resolutions be approved.

10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Execution of the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Colonie and the South Colonie Central School District which reduces to written format the longstanding, informal agreement between the parties regarding the reimbursement of certain expenses related to tax certiorari proceedings commenced against the Town in which the school district becomes a party.

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above Memo of Understanding be approved.

11. ADOPTION OF 2008-09 BUDGET

The 2008-09 budget was developed through a series of work sessions from February to April. The budget totals \$88,275,200.

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the 2008-09 Budget in the amount of \$88,275,200 be adopted.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Marcelle acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources Dave Seaver, IT Supervisor Jack Adams, Lisha Kill Principal Joe Guardino, Roessleville Principal Suzanne Moore, CALC Administrator Randy Rench, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, and Tim Backus

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Public Hearing on Recommended Budget – May 6, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – Saddlewood
- Regular Board Meeting: May 6, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. – District Office
- Budget Vote & Board Election: May 20, 2008 – 11 am to 9 pm – Elementary Schools
- Regular Board Meeting: May 27, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Joyce Gay, District Clerk

05/12/2008

A. Resignation

Name: Kristen M. Bettis
Position: English teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2008
Reason: Moving out of the area

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Michelle Krawiecki
Position: Special Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: April 21, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008

2. Name: Gina Redmond
Position: Special Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: April 21, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008

C. Long Term Replacement

1. Name: Barbara Amirault
Address: 38 Sandalwood Lane, Scotia, NY 12302
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: April 21, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule III, Step 1 prorated
Education: B.S. from SUNY Buffalo; M.S. from Bowie State University
Certification: Permanent in Special Education

2. Name: Jennifer Crowder
Address: 5 Arnold Avenue, Latham, NY 12110
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: April 21, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2008
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose; M.S. from the University of Phoenix
Certification: Provisional in Special Education

D. Long Term Substitute

Name: Karen Nelis-O'Brien

Address: 5 Lisa Court, Albany, NY 12205

Type: Long Term Substitute

Teaching Area: English

Building: Colonie Central High School

Effective Date: April 8, 2008

Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1, pro-rated

Education: B.S. from Long Island University; M.S. from the College of St. Rose

Certification: Provisional in English 7-12

E. Substitute Teachers

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

F. Increase of Appointment

Increase of appointment for the 2007-08 school year:

Name: Thomas Kachadurian

Teaching Area: English

Building: Colonie Central High School

Increase: .20

Effective Date: March 11, 2008 to June 30, 2008

G. Co-Curricular

Colonie Central High School

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

1.0 Musical: Music Director - Spring

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

Productions - Spring:

Musical: Production Director

Musical: Music Director

Musical: Music Director

Michael Mensching

Peter Cannistraci

Carol Ann Weeks

A. Resignation:

1. Name: John Karatzou
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SW)
Effective: April 21, 2008
Reason: Personal reasons

B. Appointments

1. Name: David Mahany
Address: 43 Wedgewood Drive. Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: April 14, 2008
Salary: Not paid during training
2. Reappointments as emergency conditional for compliance with NYS Education Law:

Lisa Babin	Rudi Gerstenberger	Linda Rotchford
Drema Barber	Holly McCormack	Roberta Schermerhorn
Kristen Barrell	Sieglinde McDonagh	Linda L. Sperber
Robert Burdick	Linda Murray	Kimberly Stevens
Kristina Coffey	Ellen Oliver	Douglas Tribble, Jr.
Deborah Colagiovanni	Mark D. Pennock	Kele VanLare
Patricia Crider	Joan Qualtere	
Laura Ebel	Margaret Romand	

C. Change of Appointment

1. Name: Susan Lanahan
Address: 20 Tanglewood Road, Albany, New York 12205
Position Change: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Salary: \$10.99 per hour
Effective: April 4, 2008
Current Location: Veeder Elementary
Probationary Period: April 4, 2008 to December 5, 2008