

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES
November 18, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the South Colonie Central Schools Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Ryan at 7:02 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>Excused</u>
Neil Johanning	<u>Present</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Present</u>

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

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Ryan led in the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on November 4, 2008, and the special meeting on November 8, 2008, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. President's Spotlight: *Jim Brown, 2008 Toyota International Teacher Program*

B. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Ryan:

- Noted that a letter was received from Traffic Safety Education Program Director William Van Alstyne, Albany County Department of Public Works, thanking Peter Tunny and the South Colonie Transportation Department for their participation in the 24th Annual Traffic Safety Awareness Weekend held at the Crossgates Mall on September 20 & 21.
- Indicated that the High School sign has been posting the web address of the school district.
- Advised other Board members who are interested in attending the Soccer Awards Banquet on December 7 to call the Superintendent's Office for reservations.

Mr. Casey:

- Gave an up-to-date report on the "Stuff the Bus" campaign taking place within the District.

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the CAPSBA Saturday Workshop which was held on November 8, 2008.
- Reminded Board members that the High School PTSA Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the MUG.

C. **No Requests** to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Energy Management Program Annual Update**

Jim Brown, Energy Manager, provided an update on the program, including actual cost savings for the year.

B. Safe Schools Update

Dave Seaver, Safe Schools Committee Chairperson, presented an update on committee activities.

C. Board Committee Reports

The Facilities and Transportation Committee met on November 5, and Chairperson Paul Gordon gave a report on the 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. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “The Puerto Rican Student in Context” (SD#2008-09-54), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Tuesdays, December 2 and 9, 2008, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Terri Korb (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
2. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “Natural Learning Opportunities for Young Learners” (SD#2008-09-55), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Thursdays, May 7 and 14, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Pine Bush Elementary School in Guilderland CSD. Mary Rosetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.

3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Smart Board Training – Level I” (SD#2008-09-56), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill. Jack Adams is the contact person.

C. Contracts

1. A contract with the Lansingburgh Central School District for the 2008-09 school year to provide health and welfare services to sixteen (16) South Colonie resident students attending Catholic Central High School located in the Lansingburgh Central School District. The total cost of this contract shall be \$6,995.84.
2. A contract between The Center for Disability Services, Inc., 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany NY and South Colonie Central School District to provide educational services for South Colonie resident students with disabilities who, because of unusual types of disabilities or combinations of disabilities, cannot be instructed within the school district. Tuition shall be \$3,874.30 per month, except that a partial month resulting from a new enrollment or discharge shall be paid on a pro-rated basis of \$968.57 per week. The agreement shall be in effect for the 2008-09 school year.

D. Transportation Contracts

1. A second 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt. #81 Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation to Bishop Gibbons School for a student who requires a small vehicle due to a back surgery. Transportation will begin on November 17, 2008, and end on December 16, 2008, at a cost of \$80.00 per diem. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,520.00
2. Approval of a 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt #81 Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation to LaSalle Institute, Western Avenue, Albany NY. Transportation will begin on November 12, 2008, and end on December 11, 2008, at a cost of \$90.00 per diem. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,800.00.

E. Change Orders

1. **Jupiter Environmental Services, Inc.**, 17 Warehouse Row, Albany NY 12205:
#5-3 **Increase \$2,300.00**
Plumbing work at Forest Park.
2. **Zandri Construction Corporation**, 98 Niver St., Cohoes NY 12047:
#6-6 **Increase \$6,071.00**
Masonry repairs at Shaker Road
#6-7 **Increase \$10,898.00**
Replacement of miscellaneous damaged tiles at Saddlewood.
#6-8 **Increase \$9,359.00**
Replacement of miscellaneous damaged tiles at Shaker Road

3. **WeatherGuard Roofing Co.**, 2880 Curry Road, Schenectady NY 12303:
#7-4 **Increase \$9,281.00**
Gymsum replacement with metal deck at Shaker Road
4. **WJV Mechanical, Inc.**, 296 Morris Road, Schenectady NY 12303:
#8-5 **Increase \$855.00**
To relocate a failed Maxitrol gas regulator at Sand Creek.

F. Bid Awards

1. Approval of the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Cooperative Bid results for Bid #RFB-1375-08, computers, software, technology, engineering equipment and supplies (attached list).

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, 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. Casey, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 18, 2008, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 18, 2008, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

Human Rights Day (December 10)

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

10. POLICIES

One Reading & Adoption:

Policy 1120 – *School District Records*

Policy 1120-E – *Application for Public Access to Records*

Policy 1120-R – *School District Records Regulations*

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Casey, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above policies be approved.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources Dave Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Karen MacWatters (SCTA), and Energy Manager Jim Brown

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Policy Committee: Monday, November 24, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, December 2, 7:00 p.m., District Office
- Audit-Finance Committee: Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m., District Office
- Regular Board of Education Meeting, December 16, 7:00 p.m., District Office
- Information Systems Committee: Thursday, December 18, 7:30 a.m., Wolf Rd Diner

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
01/27/2009

A. **Tenure Appointment**

Tenure appointment to the following personnel, having satisfactorily completed the appropriate probationary period, effective on the date indicated.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Tenure Area</i>	<i>Tenure Date</i>
Joann Fields	Remedial Reading	12/07/08

B. **Resignation**

- Name: Matthew Widmann
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: December 4, 2008
Reason: Moving out of the area
- Name: Lee J. Spiro
Position: Science (Physics) teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: November 1, 2008
Reason: Personnel

C. **Leave of Absence**

Name: Beth Panucci
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: December 1, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2009

D. **Long Term Replacement**

Name: Christina Latter
Address: 249 Starr Road, Ravena, NY 12143
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: December 1, 2008
Ending Date: June 30, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta
Certification: Initial in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) and
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. **Subject Coordinator for the 2008-09 School Year**

Approval of the following revision for subject coordinator for the 2008-09 school year:

Colonie Central High School

Mathematics Sandy Comi September 1, 2008 ending November 6, 2008

G. **Cafeteria Supervision for the 2008-09 School Year**

Approval of the following revisions of cafeteria supervisors for the 2008-09 school year:

Colonie Central High School

Matthew Stein (PE) from 1.0 to 0.50

Michael Joyce (PE) 0.50

H. **Co-Curricular**Colonie Central High School

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation for the 2008-2009 school year:

Athletic Trainer – Winter Kurt Pfaffenbach .60

Intramurals: Season I Weight Training Andy Monin

I. **Interscholastic**Colonie Central High School

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation for the 2008-09 school year:

Basketball:

Coach Varsity Boys	Douglas Kilmer
Asst. & Scouting Varsity Boys	James Boland
Coach JV Boys	Matthew Botta
Coach 9 th Grade Boys	Stephen Doran
Coach Varsity Girls	Heather Fiore
Asst. & Scouting Varsity Girls	Tanya DeLaMater
Coach JV Girls	Renee Blot
Coach 9 th Grade Girls	Gregory Sulz

Bowling:

Coach Boys	Daniel Ahl
Coach Girls	Owen Grugan

Cheerleading:

Winter Season Varsity	Linda Kennedy	.80
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Winter Season Varsity	Emily White	.20
Winter Season JV	Jennifer Schubert	
Winter Season 9 th Grade	Melissa Vecchio	
Indoor Track:		
Coach Varsity Boys	Michael Palmer	
Coach Varsity Girls	Frank Myers	
Asst. Coach Varsity	John Ashley	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jamie Carr	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jennifer Petersen	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Canaan Harvey	.80
Asst. Coach Varsity	Ronald Harvey	.80
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jason Bissonette	.70
Asst. Coach Varsity	Thomas Greene	.70
Asst. Coach Varsity	Dennis King	.70
Asst. Coach Varsity	Michael Caccuitto	.30
Asst. Coach Varsity	Louis DiNuzzo	.30
Asst. Coach Varsity	Mary-Ann Reilly Johnson	.20
Asst. Coach Varsity	Brooke Brady	.10
Asst. Coach Varsity	Sherri Long	.10
Asst. Coach Varsity	Gretchen Oliver	.10
Wrestling:		
Coach Varsity Boys	Matthew Stein	
Asst. Coach Varsity Boys	Andy Monin	
Asst. Coach Varsity Boys	Matthew Stenglein	.50
Asst. Coach Varsity Boys	Matthew Tarullo	.50
Coach JV Boys	Jeremy Eggleston	
Asst. Coach JV Boys	Matthew Stuart	

Lisha Kill Middle School

Approval of the following previously approved appointments at the rate of compensation for the 2008-2009 school year:

Boys Basketball	Darko Sedlar
Girls Basketball	Andrea Bourgeois
Wrestling	Joseph Repko

Sand Creek Middle School

Approval of the following previously approved appointments at the rate of compensation for the 2008-2009 school year:

Boys Basketball	Gregory Lanni
Girls Basketball	Kevin Jette
Wrestling	Jared Bongo

A. Retirement:

Name: Virginia Martino
Position: Permanent School Monitor (HS)
Effective: November 15, 2008

B. Appointments

1. Name: Daniel Fahrenkopf
Address: 1526 Third Street, Rensselaer, New York 12144
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: November 3, 2008
Salary: \$13.50 per hour
2. Name: Suzanne Tizzone
Address: 6 Hillside Avenue, Colonie, New York 12205
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: November 5, 2008
Salary: \$13.50 per hour
3. Name: John Walsh
Address: 15 East Ford Drive, Latham, New York 12110
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: October 21, 2008
Salary: \$13.50 per hour
4. Name: Christine Colagiovanni
Address: 44A Quarry Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper
Effective: November 3, 2008
Salary: \$9.76 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-West Wing
Probationary Period: November 3, 2008 to May 4, 2009
5. Name: Deborah M. Sterge
Address: 12 Aldershoot Road, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper
Effective: November 3, 2008
Salary: \$9.76 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 3.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-West Wing
Probationary Period: November 3, 2008 to May 4, 2009

6. Name: Linda Davis
Address: 5 Marriner Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$9.10 per hour
7. Name: Gina L. Hilson
Address: 7 Mayflower Drive, Colonie, New York 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$9.10 per hour
8. Name: Judy A. Nicholson
Address: 59 Miracle Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$9.10 per hour
9. Name: Dawn Thomas
Address: 18 Ferrara Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$9.10 per hour
10. Name: Diane Parower
Address: 36 Eberle Road, Latham, New York 12110
Position: Part-Time Keyboard Specialist (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 17, 2008
Salary: \$11.10 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 3.0 hours per day (9/1/08-6/30/09); 4.0 hours per day (7/1/09-8/31/09)
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-Counseling Office
Probationary Period: November 17, 2008 to May 17, 2009
11. Name: Margaret Desmond
Address: 35 Lynn Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$8.75 per hour
12. Name: Kathryn O'Brien
Address: 44 Braintree Street, Albany, New York 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$8.75 per hour

13. Name: Jeanne VanPatten
Address: 1611 12th Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189
Position: School Monitor Substitute (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 19, 2008
Salary: \$8.75 per hour
14. Name: Lisa M. Meurs
Address: 170A Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, New York 12110
Position: Temporary Senior Keyboard Specialist (Emergency Conditional)
Effective: November 17, 2008 to August 31, 2009
Salary: Schedule D, Step 2, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 7.5 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary – Pupil Services
Probationary Period: November 17, 2008 to May 17, 2009
15. Reappointments as emergency conditional for compliance with NYS Education Law:
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|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Kathleen Ault | Eileen Germaine | Debra Messier-Nagengast |
| Jen Lan Boyer | Keri Gionet | Ellen Oliver |
| Patti Clark | Andrew Hawthorne | Mark D. Pennock |
| Kristina Coffey | Michelle Holtslander | Joan Qualtere |
| Christine Colagiovanni | Joan Hudecek | Catherine Shastany |
| Terrance Cosgrove | Darcie Labine | Pamela Shatraw |
| Patricia Crider | Michelle Lane | Debbie Sterge |
| Kristen Daley | Nina Lawrence | Thomas Tuper |
| Daniel Fahrenkopf | Laura Louis | Kele VanLare |
| Kimberly Ferracane | Holly McCormack | |
| Rose Ellen Flint | Kaitlyn Meehan | |

C. Change of Appointment

Name: Colleen M. Dillon
Address: 4066 Albany Street, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position Change: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Salary: \$10.91 per hour as per Teamsters Contract
Effective: November 2, 2008
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Probationary Period: November 2, 2008 to May 3, 2009