

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**December 16, 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Excused</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Excused</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>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. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Casey, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Ryan led in the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on December 2, 2008, be approved.

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

- Reminded board members of the invitation to attend “Winter Wonderland” on Friday, December 19, in Mrs. Leach’s Kindergarten class at Roessleville.
- Noted that Mr. Buhner has sent sympathy notes on behalf of the Board and staff to employees who have experienced a loss in their immediate family (husband, wife, mother, father, child).
- Announced that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has recognized South Colonie Central School District for demonstrating leadership in improving its average energy performance rating organization-wide, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through superior energy management. The District has been awarded Energy Star Leader “20% Improvement in 2008” and “Top Performer in 2008” certificates for these achievements.

Mr. Gordon:

- Attended the Sand Creek musical production “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” on December 5th.

Mr. Casey:

- Reported that over 12,000 toys were donated in the “Stuff the Bus” project this year. This exceeds the 10,000 donated in 2008.

Mr. Johannig:

- Attended the Sand Creek musical production “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” on December 5th.
- Attended the high school concert on December 15th.
- Attended the Soccer Banquet on December 7th.
- Attended the Colonie Town Band concert last week.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Social Studies Program Update**

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus presented an update on the K-12 Social Studies Program. The following teachers also presented updates on the work they have done in specific areas of the program:

Cooperstown Partnership & Harvest of History (K-4)

Lisa DeStaso-Jones (Saddlewood) and Jennifer Nugent (Saddlewood)

Teaching American History Grant (5-8)

David Conway (Lisha Kill) and Shaunna Reinisch (Sand Creek)

Civics Mosaic (9-12)

Erin Lasky (High School) and Kim Littell (High School)

B. Board Committee Reports

The Facilities & Transportation Committee has met since the last board meeting. Mr. Johannig, liaison to the Curriculum Review Board, also reported on the recent meeting of the committee.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

1. Appointment as Parent Advocate on CSE/CPSE:
Gina L. Hilson, 7 Mayflower Drive, Colonie NY 12205

B. Transportation Contracts

1. A 30-day emergency contract with Center for Disability Services, Inc. for transportation to the Langan Center at a cost of \$125.00 per diem. Transportation begins on November 17, 2008, and ends on December 16, 2008. The total cost of the contract shall be \$2,375.00.
2. Award the following routes to the lowest responsible bidder:

ROUTE

*Chalet Services, Inc,
3206 Rt. 81, Surprise NY 12176*

#26 Bishop Gibbons

#27 LaSalle Institute

Cost Per Diem

\$125.00

\$80.00

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>Cost Per Diem</u>
<i>Folmsbee Transportation</i>	
<i>1 Industry Drive, Waterford NY 12188</i>	
#28 Langan Center	\$149.00
	(includes cost of Aide)
#29 Vanderheyden Hall	\$118.00

C. Student Trips

Group: Sand Creek 8th Grade Band (60)
 Destination: Six Flags New England (Music competition)
 Date: June 2009
 Responsible: Terri Korb
 Transportation: School Bus (2)
 Cost: Individuals (approx. \$40)

D. Refund of Taxes

Refund of 2008-09 taxes in the amount of \$5,123.81 for property located at 1430 Central Avenue #42.13-3-5.2, made payable to Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne LLP, attorneys for the petitioner Target #1268. The property was improperly assessed and the refund is issued in compliance with a October 31, 2008 Supreme Court decision. Refund is made without interest.

E. Surplus Items

Declare the following items as surplus:

1. Sony Mavica digital camera, Tag #5192. This item is outdated.
2. EMCO 1/4 ounce plastic injection molders: Tag #0458, 0461, 0442, 0460, 0459, 0462 – not repairable.

F. Contracts

1. Agreement between Vanderheyden, P. O. Box 219, Wynantskill NY 12198, and South Colonie Central Schools, to provide educational services for a South Colonie resident student from December 5, 2008, to June 25, 2009 at the interim rate of \$610.825 per week. Educational services shall include any proportion or combination of classroom work, individual remedial and development tutoring, specialized reading and language instruction, physical education, arts and crafts, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated December 16, 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 December 16, 2008, be approved.

9. RESOLUTION: BUS PURCHASES

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the qualified voters of South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, held on **October 23, 2008**, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to purchase school buses, at a maximum estimated cost of **\$634,000**, and providing for the levy of a tax therefore to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize such purpose and to provide for the financing thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the purchase of school buses for South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, which is hereby authorized.

Section 2. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is **\$634,000**, and the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of **\$634,000** bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Such bonds are to be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, and the faith and credit of said South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, are hereby pledged for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in full in the Albany Times Union and The Daily Gazette, which are hereby designated as the official newspapers of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk in substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows: Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0):

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

10. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the resignation of Board of Education member Vernon Fonda be accepted effective December 17, 2008.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board members thanked Mr. Fonda for 15 years of outstanding service with the South Colonie Board of Education, commended him for his dedication and commitment to the South Colonie students and community, and wished him well in future endeavors.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Director of Pupil Services Hal Sauter.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Information Systems Committee: Thursday, December 18, 7:30 a.m., Wolf Road Diner
- Strategic Planning Committee: Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 a.m., Wolf Road Diner

14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
01/27/2009

A. Resignation

Name: Angelica Roddy
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: January 5, 2009
Reason: Accepted as position in another District

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Jennifer Szpila
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: January 30, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009
2. Name: Diane Reilly
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: January 30, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009

C. Change of Appointment

Name: Gregory Sulz
Address: 2 Hay Path, Watervliet, NY 12189
Type: Temporary Part-time .90 to 1.0 - 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: December 6, 2008
End of Probationary Period: December 5, 2011
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

D. Long Term Replacement

1. Name: Karen Board
Address: 39 Long Creek Drive, Burnt Hills, NY 12027
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: January 30, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 8
Education: B.S. from SUNY Geneseo and M.S. from SUNY New Paltz
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education N - Grades 1-6

2. Name: Michelle Buonanno
Address: 11 Cypress Point, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: January 30, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2
Education: B.S. from SUNY Geneseo; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: 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. Co-Curricular

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

Colonie Central High School

Intramurals: Season IV Weight Training	John Preston
Mock Trail Advisor	Kim Littell

Lisha Kill Middle School

Intramurals: Season III Coed Volleyball	Concetta Smith
Season III Girls Indoor Soccer	Katie Martin
Season III Boys Indoor Soccer	Michael Trimarchi

G. Homework Club Instruction

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation from January 20, 2009 to April 23, 2009 per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Roessleville Elementary School

Barbara O'Neal	.25
Mary Ellen Pachucki	.25

Saddlewood Elementary School

Barbara Danahy	.25
Karen Fleshman	.25

H. After-School Computer Assisted Instruction for the 2008-09 School Year

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation from January 20, 2009 to April 23, 2009 per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Roessleville Elementary School

Patricia LoPresti .25

Maureen Flaherty .25

Saddlewood Elementary School

Jennifer Nugent .25

Stephanie Cobart .25

I. Cafeteria Supervision for the 2008-09 School Year

Approval of the following revisions of cafeteria supervisors:

Colonie Central High School

Nina Rosen

Andrew Monin – Rescind

J. Study Hall Supervision for the 2008-09 School Year*Sand Creek Middle School*

Corinne McDermott

Gretchen Oliver

A. Appointments

1. Name: Dawn Thomas
Address: 18 Ferrara Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 17, 2008
Salary: \$8.75 per hour

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

Kathleen Ault	Keri Gionet	Lisa Meurs
Jen Lan Boyer	Andrew Hawthorne	Judy Nicholson
Patti Clark	Gina Hilson	Kathryn O'Brien
Christine Colagiovanni	Michelle Holtslander	Diane Parower
Patricia Crider	Joan Hudecek	Mark D. Pennock
Kristen Daley	Darcie Labine	Joan Qualtere
Linda Davis	Michelle Lane	Catherine Shastany
Margaret Desmond	Nina Lawrence	Debbie Sterge
Daniel Fahrenkopf	Laura Louis	Dawn Thomas
Kimberly Ferracane	Holly McCormack	Thomas Tuper
Rose Ellen Flint	Kaitlyn Meehan	Debra Messier-Nagengast
Eileen Germaine	Jeanne VanPatten	

B. Change of Hours

1. Name: Andrew Hawthorne
Address: 45 Reber Street, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Hours Change: 7.0 hours per day to 6.25 hours per day
Effective: November 17, 2008
Current Location: Colonie Central High School

2. Name: Michael McLaughlin
Address: 12 Vandenburg Lane, Latham, New York 12110
Position: Permanent School Monitor
Hours Change: 8.0 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day
Effective: November 17, 2008
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School

C. Personal Care Assistants

Approval of the following personal care assistants (IEP Driven) for the 2008-09 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Barbara Bard	.33	SC
Kimberly DonVito	.33	SC
Sarah DonVito	.33	SC

D. Notification

Notification with regret of the death on December 6, 2008, of Mrs. Beverly Micare, a School Monitor at Colonie Central High School. Mrs. Micare was an employee of the District for over four years.