

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MEETING MINUTES

**January 20, 2009
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>Present</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. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:39 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. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 6, 2009, be approved.

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

- Noted that the next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, and will include presentation of another section of the Budget. Also, an Open Discussion on budget issues will be held on Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Veeder Elementary School.
- Indicated that Board members will be reviewing the school bus traffic issue on Peter Drive as presented by several residents at the budget meeting on January 13.
- Announced that the Board has decided to leave the open seat vacant until the Annual Budget Vote and Board Election on May 19, 2009. This is the seat formerly held by Vernon Fonda, who resigned effective December 17, 2008.
- Building walk-thrus have been scheduled for February 23, February 27, March 2, 6 and 9, 2009. Complete schedules will be sent to Board members at the end of the month.
- Board members have received invitations to the Lisha Kill Spelling Bee on January 22 and to Sand Creek's New York History Day on January 23. Also, the Pre-K classes at Saddlewood have invited Board members to their Cabin Fever Party on January 29.

Mr. Motto:

Attended a boys basketball game and was pleased to see such good attendance.

Mr. Johanning:

Attended "A Broadway Cabaret" production by Sand Creek's *Cast & Crew*
Noted that the high school PTSA Potluck Dinner was well attended.

- B. **No Requests** to speak.

5. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**

A. **Enrollment Projections**

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus provided a report on actual enrollments and projected enrollments for District schools.

B. **Residency Committee**

David Pace, chairperson of the District Residency Committee, presented an update on the progress and functioning of this committee.

C. **Board Committee Reports**

Mr. Gordon, chair of the Facilities & Transportation Committee reported on the last meeting of the Committee held on January 13, 2009.

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. **Bid Awards**

Art Supplies – Spring / Summer 2008-09

Awards to the low bidders per specifications:

Commercial Art Supply, Syracuse, NY: 17 items	\$ 478.07
Dick Blick Company, Galesburg, IL: 3 items	\$ 243.48
Kurtz Bros., Clearfield, PA: 1 item:	\$ 551.23
National Art & School Supplies, Rahway, NJ: 14 items	\$ 40.08
Pyramid School Products, Tampa, FL: 54 items	\$2,051.65
S & S Worldwide, Colchester, CT: 3 items	\$ 6.66
Sax Arts & Crafts, New Berlin, WI: 66 items	\$2,696.09
Triarco Arts & Crafts, Plymouth, MN: 7 items	\$ 612.26
W.B. Mason, Albany, NY: 3 items	\$ 71.37
Total for all recommended awards:	\$6,750.89

C. **Bids – Food Service Department**

Award effective February 1 to June 30, 2009, to low bidder meeting specifications:

Wolfe's Pizza, P. O. Box 360, Duaneburg NY 12056: Item 51000A

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

7. 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 January 20, 2009, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 6, 2009, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

African-American History Month – February 2009

National School Counseling Week – February 2-6, 2009

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above resolutions be approved.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Administrator David Pace, and South Colonie residents, David Kiehle and Jeff Zelka.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

Please note that the next **REGULAR** Board of Education meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 10**, at 7:00 p.m.

- Policy Committee: Monday, January 26 – 6:00 p.m., District Office
- Information Systems Committee: Friday, January 30 – 7:30 a.m., Wolf Road Diner
- Strategic Planning: Tuesday, February 3 – 7:30 a.m., Wolf Road Diner
- Regular Board Meeting including Budget Topics: Tuesday, February 10 – 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Open Discussion: Thursday, February 12 – 7:00 p.m. at Veeder School

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0) that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

A. Retirement

1. Name: Carmine Taglione
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
2. Name: Margaret J. Walsh
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Carmen Boardman
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Shaker Road Elementary School
Effective Date: January 30, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009
2. Name: Teresa Dutcher
Position: English teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2008
Revised Ending Date: January 23, 2009

C. Appointments

Name: Kelly Ulion
Address: 2568 Western Avenue Apt. 4-09, Altamont, NY 12009
Type: 3 Year Probationary with two and a half years credit
Tenure Area: Science
Building: Central Avenue Learning Center
Effective Date: January 30, 2009
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2009
Salary: Schedule II, Step 3
Education: B.A. from SUNY Binghamton; M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Initial in General Science 5-9; Biology 5-12; Social Studies 5-12

D. Long Term Replacement

Name: Laura Slagen

Address: 55A Longwood Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Type: Long Term Replacement

Teaching Area: Elementary Education

Building: Shaker Road Elementary School

Effective Date: January 30, 2009

Ending Date: June 30, 2009

Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2, pro-rated

Education: B.S. from SUNY Plattsburgh

Certification: Initial in Childhood Education 1-6; Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6

E. Substitute Teachers

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

F. Increase of Appointment

Name: Amanda Knaggs

Teaching Area: Science

Building: Colonie Central High School

Increase: .05

Revised Effective Date: September 1, 2008 to April 9, 2009

G. 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

Producer

Edward Meagher

Technical Director (Set construction)

Thomas Feeney

Director

Edward Meagher

Conductor

Peter Cannistraci

Choreographer

Cheryl Leahey

Electrical/Lighting

Thomas Feeney

Sand Creek Middle School

Creation of the following additional co-curricular position for the 2008-09 school year:

1.0 Small Performing Group Music Director (Spring) – 20 points

Small Performing Group Music Director

Nanette Eddy

Lisha Kill Middle School
Season III Coed Volleyball

Danielle Gushlaw

H. **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:

Shaker Road Elementary School
Lisa Marinucci .25
John Moak .25

I. **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:

Veeder Elementary School
Christina Latter .1666
Michael Perrott .1666
Richard Thompson .1666

A. Retirement

1. Name: Daniel Ramundo, Jr.
Position: Automotive Mechanic (BG)
Effective: July 1, 2009

B. Appointments

Reappointments as emergency conditional for compliance with NYS Education Law:

Christine Colagiovanni	Gina Hilson	Kathryn O'Brien
Patricia Crider	Michelle Holtslander	Diane Parower
Evan Crisafulli	Kristine Isaksen	Mark D. Pennock
Linda Davis	Holly McCormack	David Powalyk
Margaret Desmond	Lisa Meurs	Joan Qualtere
Zachary Despart	Candace Morgan	Dawn Thomas
Rose Ellen Flint	Judy Nicholson	Jeanne VanPatten
Eileen Germaine	Caitlin O'Brien	Layne Woodard

C. Change of Appointments

1. Name: Josephine Mastrocinque
Address: 72 Shinnecock Hills Drive, Albany, New York 12205
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: January 18, 2009
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Probationary Period: January 18, 2009 to September 18, 2009
2. Name: Michele Nusbaum
Address: 63 North Lansing Road, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position Change: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Hours: 6.0 hours per day
Salary: \$10.91 per hour as per Teamsters Contract
Effective: January 18, 2009
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: January 18, 2009 to September 18, 2009
3. Name: Eric Monteiro
Address: 2 Kings Court, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position Change: Custodial Worker Substitute to Occasional Worker
Effective: December 3, 2008
Salary: \$8.75 per hour

D. Salary Adjustments

Approval of the following support staff salary adjustments:

1. Name: Carol Hart
Address: 13 Deer Run Drive, Ballston Spa, New York 12020
Position: Dispatcher
Salary Change: As per attached confidential sheet
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Effective: July 1, 2008
Current Location: Bus Garage

2. Name: Peter Tunny
Address: 198 Shaker Ridge Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309
Position: Transportation Director
Salary Change: As per attached confidential sheet
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Effective: July 1, 2008
Current Location: Bus Garage