

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MEETING MINUTES

**March 17, 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 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Present</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Present</u>	Neil Johannig	<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. Johannig, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:42 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Ryan led in the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Johannig, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 3, 2009, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS**A. President's Spotlight****USS Slater Project – Destroyer Escort Historical Museum (DEHM)**

Students: *Chris Nash, Alex Palmer, Paul Hilston, Joe Tassarotti, Greg Kehrer, Adam Schneider*

Faculty members: *Barry Witte, Chris Hanley*

Students and faculty members were presented with the *2008 Russell Booth Award* of the Historic Naval Ships Association.

B. Correspondence/Board Activities**Mr. Ryan:**

- Reported that the building walk-thrus have been completed.
- Attended the CAPSBA Legislative Breakfast held on March 11.
- Recognized CCHS Freshman Kyle Plante who won the 300 Meter Dash and set a new New York State and United States' freshman record.

- Noted that board members have received an invitation to the Internet Safety workshop hosted by Sand Creek Middle School to be presented by Representatives of the NYS Attorney General on Monday, March 23.

Mr. Domenici:

- Attended the Capital Region BOCES board meeting on Monday, March 16, and several other intensive work sessions which have been conducted dealing with the BOCES budget.
- Noted that he was involved twelve years ago in bringing the USS Slater to Albany for educational purposes and it has been successful in meeting those goals.

Mr. Gordon:

- Gave additional details of the final building walk-thrus.

Mr. Dunn:

- Attended the CAPSBA Legislative Breakfast on March 11.
- Participated in the building walk-thrus held during the past two months.

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the CAPSBA Legislative Breakfast on March 11.
- Attended the NYS PTA Legislative Education Conference held February 28-March 1
- Reminded board members of the Northeast Regional PTA Brunch on March 28.

C. Requests to Speak

A request to speak was submitted by Cody Bellair, a South Colonie ninth grade student at Tech Valley High School. Cody read a letter explaining his positive learning experiences at TVHS and also requested that the Board and Superintendent re-think the budget cut which would eliminate the tuition paid on his behalf to attend in future years. His grandmother, Donna Seaburg, read a similar letter of request from Cody's mother, Terri Bellair. Ms. Bellair could not attend the meeting because of work and asked Ms. Seaburg to read the letter for her.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Budget Discussion

Superintendent Buhner introduced Mrs. Miller who presented the first draft of the 2009-2010 budget and gave an overview of the revenue projections.

B. Board Committee Reports

The *Audit-Finance Committee* (3/3) and *Information Systems Committee* (3/10) have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons reported on the meetings,

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. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “4 E’s of Energy” (SD#2008-09-79), sponsored by NYSERDA. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Schenectady Museum. James Brown (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
2. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “Energy Trilogy” (SD#2008-09-80), sponsored by NYSERDA. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Schenectady Museum. James Brown (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

C. Transportation Contracts

1. A negotiated contract with Chalet Services, 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise NY 12176, for afternoon transportation only from Roessville to a shelter in Albany at a cost of \$30.00 per diem. The transportation will begin on February 9, 2009, and end on June 25, 2009. The total cost of the negotiated contract shall be \$2,580.00.

D. Bid Awards**Professional Auditing Services**

Recommend Cusack & Company, Latham, NY 12110, be awarded a contract for External Auditing Services for a term of five years – July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

E. Change Orders

1. **WJV Mechanical Inc.**, 296 Morris Road, Schenectady, NY 12303:

#8-8 Increase \$7,236.00

During the field verification process of the construction process at Forest Park, it was found that the water level was too high to install the sump pump per the original contract documents. Temperature of the water from the boilers requires all piping to be galvanized to prevent bursting of couplings.

F. Agreements

Agreement with Dieter Funicello to provide video production services to the South Colonie Central School District for a minimum of 108 days during the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$372.00 per diem. Additional days are not to exceed twenty (20) days.

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 17, 2009, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 17, 2009, be approved.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Saddlewood Elementary Principal Ernie Casile, Math/Science Supervisor Greg Bearup, South Colonie residents David Kiehle and Ted Thompson. Also, Boy Scouts Dan Ault and Ben Pasqualitti attended the meeting with their mothers as part of a badge requirement.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Budget Meeting – Tuesday, March 24 – 7:00 p.m., District Office
- Policy Committee: Monday, March 30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, March 31 – 7:00 p.m., District Office
(*2nd Draft of the 2009-10 Budget*)
- Accountability & Board Operations Committee: Tuesday, April 21 – 6:00 p.m., D.O.
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – Tuesday, April 21 – 7:00 p.m., District Office

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

04/15/2009

A. **Leave of Absence**

Name: Nicole Meacham
Position: Special Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: YDC
Effective Date: March 19, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009

B. **Substitute Teachers**

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

C. **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 – Spring	Kurt Pfaffenbach	.60
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D. **Interscholastic**

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

Colonie Central High School

Baseball:

Coach Varsity Boys	Kevin Halburian
Asst. Coach Varsity Boys	David Fields
Coach JV Boys	Adam Neubart
Coach 9 th Grade Boys	Gregory Sulz

Lacrosse:

Coach Varsity Boys	Michael Joyce	
Asst. Coach Varsity Boys	Gianleo Duca	
Asst. Coach Varsity Boys	Andrew Monin	
Coach Varsity Girls	Mary Lou Vosburgh	
Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	William Roemer	
Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Alison Wolanin	
Coach JV Boys	Joseph Repko	
Asst. Coach JV Boys	Jason Blind	
Coach JV Girls	Christie Smith	
Asst. Coach JV Girls	Kathleen Villa	.40
Coach 9 th Grade Boys	Michael McCulloch	
Asst. Coach 9 th Grade Boys	Gregory Sherwin	
Asst. Coach 9 th Grade Boys	Mathew Tarullo	

Softball:

Coach Varsity Girls	Christopher Robilotti	
Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Kristin (Castle) Huestis	.95
Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Ronald Lockett	.05
Coach JV Girls	Kevin Jette	
Coach 9 th Grade Girls	Christine Devine	

Tennis:

Coach Boys	Joseph David Conway
Coach JV Boys	Matthew Botta

Track:

Coach Varsity Boys	Thomas Greene	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Michael Palmer	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Frank Meyers	
Asst. Coach Varsity	John Ashley	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Canaan J Harvey	
Coach Varsity Girls	Jennifer Petersen	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jamie Carr	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jason Bissonette	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Ronald J Harvey	.40
Asst. Coach Varsity	Dennis King	.30
Asst. Coach Varsity	Mary Ann Reilly-Johnson	.20
Asst. Coach Varsity	Michael Caccuitto	.10

Lisha Kill Middle School

Baseball:	Coach Boys	Michael Trimarchi	
Lacrosse:	Coach Boys	Nicholas Southworth	
	Asst. Coach Boys	Robert Lemerise	
	Coach Girls	Andrea Bourgeois	
	Asst. Coach Girls	Peter Paquette	
Softball:	Coach Girls	Susan Comito	.80
Track:	Coach	Sherri Long	
	Coach	Brooke Brady	
	Coach	Wendy Carroll	

Sand Creek Middle School

Baseball:	Coach Boys	Jeremy Eggleston	
Lacrosse:	Coach Boys	William Luke	
	Asst. Coach Boys	Thomas Gracon	
	Coach Girls	Susanne Pedone	
	Asst. Coach Girls	Lisa McGee	
Softball:	Coach Girls	Tracey Johnas	
Track:	Coach	Jose Santos	
	Coach	Karen Bonitatibus	

E. **Mentors for Teachers**

Creation of the following mentor for the 2008-2009 school year:

(1) Mentor

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

Teri Fay 0.5

A. Appointments

1. Name: Maureen Gregoire
Address: 13 Briar Ridge, Niskayuna, New York 12309
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: March 5, 2009
Salary: \$16.25 per hour

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

Christine Colagiovanni	Kristine Isaksen	Caitlin O'Brien
Patricia Crider	Candace Morgan	Jeanne VanPatten
Gina Hilson	Judy Nicholson	Layne Woodard