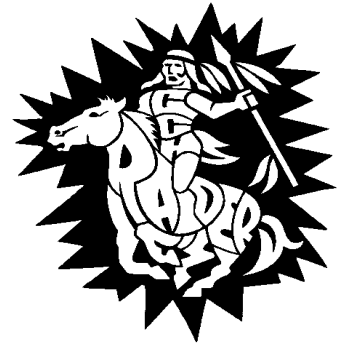


SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES



May 26, 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 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>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Excused</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 Buhner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Beverly Miller.

Motion by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, 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. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:50 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Ryan led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Casey, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on May 5, 2009, and the special meeting on May 19, 2009, be approved.

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

- Thanked voters for passage of the 2009-10 budget and congratulated Mr. Kiehle on his election to the Board of Education.
- Attended Awards Night at the high school on May 21st and congratulated the students who were awarded a total of \$1.5 million in scholarships this year.
- Two of our drivers will receive the AAA Hudson Valley School Bus Driver Recognition Award on June 2nd. Kathy Ogborn was nominated for her work regarding "Stuff the Bus" and Sue Malewicz was nominated for the excellent job she did in taking charge, remaining calm, and keeping her students calm in the aftermath of the accident she was involved in last year when an elderly man hit the side of the bus.

Mr. Gordon:

- Attended the student concert at Lisha Kill
- Attended Awards Night on May 21st,

Mr. Motto:

- Attended the CAPSBA Annual Dinner Meeting on May 21 at which one of our students, Jessica Sherry, was nominated to receive the Student Volunteer Community Service Award. This award recognizes one student from each component school district in tribute and appreciation for their many hours of volunteer community service.

Mr. Casey:

- Attended Awards Night on May 21st

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended Awards Night on May 21st
- Attended CCHS PTSA meeting
- Attended PTA Council meeting for installation of 2009-10 officers on May 18th
- Noted that the newly organized SEPTA group (Special Ed PTA) will hold the first meeting next week

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

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Summer School Plans/ Summer Building Use**

Mr. Buhner and Mrs. Miller presented a brief update on the use of District buildings for various summer programs.

B. End-of-Year Calendar

Mr. Buhner reviewed the calendar for the last weeks of school in June.

C. Math/Science Program Update

Greg Bearup, Supervisor of Math & Science, presented an update on the programs of Math and Science departments.

D. Board Committee Reports

The Facilities and Transportation Committee, Graduation Committee, and Policy Committee have met since the last Board meeting. Committee chairpersons gave oral summary reports of the meetings.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

A. Committee on Preschool and Special Education

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets

B. In-Service Courses

1. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact-hour course “Dudley Observatory Rising Star Internship Program” (#08-09-32), sponsored by Dudley Observatory. The course will be held from April 13 to June 9, 2009, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Dudley Observatory in Schenectady, NY. Stephanie Copeland (LK) is the contact person.
2. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact-hour course, “SRP Summer Instructor Training” (#09-10-05). The course is sponsored by NYSUT and will be held on June 28, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m., June 29, 30, & July 1, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and July 2, 2009, from 8 am to 12 pm. Enrollment is limited to ELT Instructors. Christine Zostant (CCHS) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact-hour course “Internet: Connected Classroom – TEC 908” (#09-10-06), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. Start date for the course is May 2009. Debora Schwank (FP) is the contact person .
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact-hour course “Computers in the Classroom – TEC 938” (#09-10-07), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. Start date for the course is May 2009. Debora Schwank (FP) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact-hour course “Technology Use Planning – TEC 911” (#09-10-08), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. Start date for the course is May 2009. Debora Schwank (FP) is the contact person .
6. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact-hour course “Virtual Field Trips – TEC 940” (#09-10-09), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. Start date for the course is May 2009. Debora Schwank (FP) is the contact person .
7. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact-hour course “OpenOffice.org for Teachers – TEC 955” (#09-10-11), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. Start date for the course is May 2009. Debora Schwank (FP) is the contact person.
8. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact-hour course “What’s New in Children’s Literature” (#09-10-11), sponsored by Bureau of Education and Research, Chapman University College. Start date for the on-line course is May 2009. Lisa Marinucci (Shaker Road) is the contact person.

C. Student Trips

1. Group: Veeder Grade 3 Students (170)
Destination: Adirondack Museum, Blue Mountain Lake, NY
Date: May 27, 2009
Responsible: Grade 3 Teachers
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals

2. Group: Lisha Kill Grade 8 Students (150)
Destination: Washington, D.C.
Date: March 29-April 1, 2010
Responsible: Kellie Gaffney, Brook Bourgeois, Eric Obermayer
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals, Fund Raising

D. Use of School Bus

1. Use of one (1) school bus by the NYS BOCES Business Officials on Thursday, May 7, 2009, to transport officials from the Desmond Hotel to the Western Turnpike Golf Course at 5:15 p.m. Driver's wages and mileage fees will be paid in accordance with the district fee/rate schedule.

E. Charter Bus Service

Designation of the following charter bus service contractors to provide service on an as-needed basis for the 2009-10 school year:

Brown Coach
Upstate Transit of Saratoga, LLC

F. Transportation Contract

1. A negotiated contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Route 81, Surprise, New York 12176, for transportation to BOCES Questar III, Rensselaer NY. Transportation will begin May 18, 2009, and end June 26, 2009, at a cost of \$130.00 per diem. The total cost of the negotiated contract shall be \$3,640.00.

G. Bid Award – Food Service Department**Serving Line Equipment and Installation**

Colonie Central High School (Main Kitchen) \$53,895.00

Awarded to low bidder meeting specifications:

Saratoga Restaurant Equipment, 720 Wilton-Gansevoort Rd, Gansevoort NY 12831

H. Health and Welfare Services

A contract with the Schenectady City School District for the 2008-09 school year to provide health and welfare services to thirty-six (36) South Colonie resident students attending the Brown School and Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons in the Schenectady City School District. The rate per student is \$488.18. The total cost of this contract shall be \$17,574.48.

I. Bid Awards – Buildings & Grounds

Award to low bidder meeting specifications

Trash Removal and Recyclable Materials:

County Waste & Recycling, Clifton Park NY

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Johanning, 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. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 26, 2009, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 26, 2009, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

Retirement Resolution

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Casey, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above resolution be approved.

10. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE RESULTS

Proposition: 2009-10 Budget Resolution – **APPROVED**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
MACHINE TOTALS:	1435	660
ABSENTEE BALLOTS:	60	32
TOTALS	1495	692

Board Vacancy – 5-Year Term: Seat of James T. Ryan

	<u>James T. Ryan</u>
MACHINE TOTAL	1529
ABSENTEE BALLOTS	111
TOTAL VOTES	1640

Write-In Votes:

Theodore Thompson	1
Dalai Lama	1

Board Vacancy – 5-Year Term: Seat of Vernon Fonda

	<u>Theodore Thompson</u>	<u>David Kiehle</u>	<u>George Penn</u>
MACHINE TOTAL	540	818	383
ABSENTEE BALLOTS	34	31	23
TOTAL VOTES	574	849	406

Write-In Votes:

Daniel Gremmler	1
George Penn	1

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above stated Certification be approved.

11. POLICIES

1st Reading (New Policies):

Policy 4528 – Information Systems Disaster Recovery Plan

Policy 8136 – Emergency Notification System

One Reading & Approval:

Policy 5311 – Student Rights and Responsibilities

Policy 5280 – Interscholastic Athletics

Policy 9313 – Support Staff: Substitute & Occasional Employment

Reviewed by Policy Committee:

Policy 5210 – Student Organizations

Policy 5310 – Student Discipline

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above actions on stated policies be approved.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Supervisor Greg Bearup, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Director of Human Resources David Seaver, Judy McDonald (monitor at Sand Creek), Jennifer Keller (teacher at Sand Creek), and newly elected Board of Education member David Kiehle.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – CCHS Library
- Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- 2009 Graduation: Friday, June 26, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. – Empire State Plaza
- End-of-Year Board Meeting: June 30, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation at 9:21 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 10:06 p.m.

15. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. Resignations

1. Name: John Ashley
Position: Teaching Assistant
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: May 27, 2009
Reason: Personal
2. Name: Nicholas Yatrakis
Position: Mathematics Teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Reason: Personal
3. Name: Jared Bongo
Position: Social Studies/Physical Education Teacher
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Building: Colonie Central High School
Reason: Personal
4. Name: Mary Sandoval
Position: Foreign Language Teacher
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Reason: Personal
5. Name: Sheila Ramirez
Position: Foreign Language Teacher
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Building: Colonie Central High School
Reason: Personal

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Karen Baumeister
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010

2. Name: Tracy Roberts
Position: Social Studies teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
3. Name: Renee Parisi
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
4. Name: Jenine Silen
Position: Foreign Language teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
5. Name: Tara Martin
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: June 8, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009

C. **Long Term Replacement**

1. Name: Lynne Miles
Address: 20 Sheffield Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: June 8, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 8, pro-rated
Education: B.A. St. Bonaventure University; M.S. The College of St. Rose
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

D. Long Term Substitute

1. Name: Nancy Montuori
Address: 692 Pearse Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: May 18, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 5
Education: B.S. from SUNY Buffalo; M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

2. Name: Chelsea Rowland
Address: 15 Bauer Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: May 26, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.A. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Gr. 1-6); Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6)

3. Name: Tina Trainor
Address: 18 Rosemary Drive, Schenectady, NY 12304
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: May 12, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.A. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6)

E. Substitute Teachers

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

F. Cafeteria Supervision for the 2009-2010 School Year

Approval of the following cafeteria supervisors for the 2009-2010 school year:

Forest Park Elementary School

Aimee Bain

Maureen Hogan

Heather Kurto

Patricia Vardaro

Roessleville Elementary School

Melissa Hellkamp
 Colleen Leach
 Michael Palmer
 Ann Marie Rawlin

G. **Homework Club Instruction**

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation for the 2009-2010 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Roessleville Elementary School

Barbara O'Neal .25
 Mary Ellen Pachucki .25

H. **After School Computer Assisted Instruction for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation for the 2009-2010 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Roessleville Elementary School

Patricia LoPresti .25
 Maureen Flaherty .25

I. **Book Club Instruction**

Approval of the following instructor for the 2009-2010 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Roessleville Elementary School

Donna Thompson

J. **Project SAVE Anti-Bullying Coordinators**

Approval of the following Anti-Bullying coordinators for the 2008-09 school year:

Forest Park

Michele Blair .33
 Kelli Budney .33
 Katherine Kelly .33

Roessleville

Marybeth Tedisco

Saddlewood

Debbie Gentile .50
 Donna Killiany .50

Shaker Road

Kathleen Brown .50

Veeder

Claudia Crandall .50

Lisha Kill

Dawn Peplowski .50

Roxana Tassie .50

Sand Creek

Susan Cowan .50

Stefanie Harrison .50

K. Excessed Certified Personnel

The following teachers will be placed on the preferred eligibility list for seven years effective June 30, 2009:

1. Five elementary education positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the Elementary Education K-6 tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Lindsay Steenrod
Renee Blot
Jennifer Keller
Samantha Gonyeau
Beth Wyman

2. Three health positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the health tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Kathleen Brown
Debra Varsames
Stacey Sausto

3. One industrial arts position has been excessed. The following teacher will be placed on the industrial arts tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Jacqueline Rowen

4. One science position has been excessed. The following teacher will be placed on the science tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Kelly Ulion

5. Three special education positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the special education tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Barbara Amirault
Tanya DeLaMater
Lisa Prinz

L. **Rescind Abolishment of Position**

Rescind the abolishment of one full-time elementary education position

M. **Co-Curricular**

Sand Creek Middle School

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

1.0 Girls Softball coach

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

Season IV Girls Softball

Heather Fiore

A. Abolish Position

Abolish the following support staff position effective 04/30/09:

- (1) 0.50 (3.5 hour) Part-Time Account Clerk I (DO)

B. Creation of Position

Create the following support staff position for the 2008-09 school year:

- (1) Hourly, Per Diem Part-Time Account Clerk I (DO)

C. Retirement

1. Name: Patricia J. Ricupero
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SR)
Effective: June 25, 2009

D. Resignations

1. Name: Richard Small
Position: Permanent School Bus Driver (BG)
Effective: April 10, 2009
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
2. Name: Jolene LaChance
Position: Permanent School Monitor (HS)
Effective: May 12, 2009
Reason: Personal/medical reasons

E. Appointments

1. Name: Thomas Tuper
Address: 21 Cromer Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Probationary Custodial Worker (HS)
Effective: May 26, 2009
Salary: Schedule G, Step 2 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day (3:30-Midnight; Tues-Sat)
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: May 26, 2009 to November 26, 2009
2. Name: Edward J. Keith
Address: 257 Scotch Ridge Road, Schenectady, New York 12306
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: May 27, 2009
Salary: \$9.75 per hour

3. Name: Ellen Gottschalk
Address: 23 Mountain View Avenue, East Greenbush, New York 12061
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: May 27, 2009
Salary: \$8.75 per hour

4. Reappointments as emergency conditional for compliance with NYS Education Law:
Patricia Crider Candace Morgan Layne Woodard
Gina Hilson Caitlin O'Brien
Nancy Melius Jeanne VanPatten

F. Change of Appointment

1. Name: Maria Smirollo
Address: 13 Dott Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: May 23, 2009
Salary: \$10.91 per hour as per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: May 23, 2009 to February 23, 2010

G. Change of Hours

1. Name: Joyce A. Hilgenberg
Address: 30 Dott Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Effective: May 6, 2009
Salary: \$10.45 per hour as per CSEA Contract
Hours Change: 4.0 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-Main

2. Name: Juliet King
Address: 4 Candlewood Court, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Effective: May 22, 2009
Salary: \$9.76 per hour as per CSEA Contract
Hours: 3.0 hours per day to 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-Main

H. Rescind Retirement

Richard Gilligan School Bus Driver