

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES
September 8, 2009
District Office
7:30 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. Casey at 7:30 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>	David Kiehle	<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, and District Clerk Joyce Gay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **enter** closed session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **adjourn** closed session at 7:51 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the minutes of the meeting on **August 27, 2009**, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS**A. President's Spotlight**

The Board presented Mr. Ryan with a beautiful plaque & gavel honoring him for the seven years that he served as the President of the Board of Education (1998-2001 and 2005-2009). Mr. Casey expressed, on behalf of the entire Board as well as personally, his appreciation for Mr. Ryan's dedication and hard work for South Colonie students and entire South Colonie community.

B. Correspondence/Board Activities

Energy Manager Jim Brown presented *Energy Star* plaques and certificates to the Board of Education for Roessleville, Saddlewood, and Sand Creek Schools for 2009.

Mr. Buhner:

- Noted that Colonie Central High School has been removed from the "School In Need of Improvement" List and congratulated the high school principals and staff members for their hard work to achieve this goal.
- Indicated that hand sanitizers have been installed in all classrooms in all buildings and staff and students have been advised of protocols regarding the H1N1 flu.

Mr. Casey:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.
- Attended a few of the JV girls volleyball and soccer games.

Mr. Dunn:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.

Mr. Gordon:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.

Mr. Domenici:

- Has been involved in several BOCES committee planning sessions.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.

Mr. Motto:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.
- Attended the girls volleyball game.

Mr. Ryan:

- Attended Academic Recognition Night at Colonie High School.
- Visited a few of the buildings to check on the repairs and cleaning and was pleased with the progress of getting everything ready for school opening.
- Noted that one of the first items the Facilities Committee needs to address is the updating of some of the athletic fields to bring them up to the standards of the other fields.

C. **No Requests** to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. District Goals / Visions**

The 2008-09 Goals/Visions Annual Report was presented to the Board of Education. Mr. Buhner also reviewed the 2009-10 School District Goals/Visions and recommended this document for adoption by the Board under Item #10.

B. Board Committee Reports

Mr. Gordon, Transportation Committee Chair, reviewed the report of the August 10th meeting.

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. In-Service Courses

1. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course, "9th Annual Summer Reading Institute" (#09-10-29), to be held July 14, 15 & 16, 2009, at Capital Region BOCES.

2. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course, "12th Annual Summer Writing Institute" (#09-10-30) to be held August 4, 5 & 6, 2009 at Capital Region BOCES.

C. Transportation Contracts

1. Award transportation contracts for private and parochial schools for the 2009-10 school year to lowest responsible bidders:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>ANNUAL COST</u>	<u>COST PER MILE</u>
<i>Chalet Services, Inc.</i>		
<i>3206 Rt #81, Surprise NY 12176</i>		
#3 Emma Willard	\$17,640.00	\$3.43
#8 Parsons Family Center	\$26,640.00	\$3.25
<i>Durham School Services</i>		
<i>830 South Pearl St., Albany NY 12202</i>		
#2 Brighter Choice Charter School	\$15,837.50	\$3.01
<i>Folmsbee Transportation</i>		
<i>1 Industry Drive, Waterford NY 12188</i>		
#1 Bethlehem HS - BOCES	\$16,190.00	\$2.65
#6 Woodland Hills Montessori	\$16,190.00	\$2.65
#12 St. Catherine's School	\$14,980.00	\$2.65
#16 Tech Valley High School	\$16,190.00	\$2.65
<i>Northland Transportation, Inc.</i>		
<i>54 Freeman's Bridge Rd., Scotia 12302</i>		
#9 *Rotterdam Academy I & II	\$18,643.00	\$2.50
#11 *Scotia-Glenville HS	\$17,919.00	\$2.50

*Prices include cost of required aide

2. Award extension of transportation contracts for the 2009-10 school year. The State-approved CPI rate is 0.0%; therefore, the contract price will remain the same as the 2008-09 contract price:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>ANNUAL COST</u>	<u>COST PER MILE</u>
<i>Chalet Services, Inc.</i>		
<i>3206 Rt #81, Surprise NY 12176</i>		
#5E Crossroads for Children	\$18,980.00	\$3.43
<i>Durham School Services</i>		
<i>830 South Pearl St., Albany NY 12202</i>		
#10E BOCES-Steinmetz Career Ctr	\$8,745.46	\$1.85
#7E Langan Center	\$30,700.80	\$1.85
#14E Mohonasen High School	\$21,700.00	\$3.25
#14E Required Aide - \$75.00 per diem		
<i>Folmsbee Transportation</i>		
<i>1 Industry Drive, Waterford NY 12188</i>		
#4E CDPC Pathways - BOCES	\$17,621.82	\$2.89
#28E Center for the Disabled*	\$26,969.00	\$3.00
*Cost includes required aide		
<i>Star & Strand Transportation</i>		
<i>415 Fulton Street, Troy NY 12180</i>		
#13E Maywood-BOCES w/Aide	\$18,345.60	\$3.64

3. A cooperative transportation contract between the Shenendehowa Central School District and South Colonie Central School District for transportation to the Rome School for the Deaf on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons from the South Colonie transfer spot at Colonie Center at a cost of \$13,262.77. Transportation will begin on September 9, 2009, and end on June 28, 2010.

D. Use of School Buses

1. Use of two (2) school buses by Twin River Boy Scouts Council, Inc. to transport Scouts and Leaders to the Quadricentennial Camporee on September 25-27, 2009. Pick up from the OGS parking lots at Exit 4S of I-787 south about one half mile north on the bikeway to the camping area south of the Patroon Island Bridge. The shuttle schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 25, 2009 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, September 26, 2009 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, 2009 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Driver's wages and mileage fees will be in accordance with the District's fee and rate schedule.

E. Contracts

1. A contract with Wildwood Programs (Learning Disabilities Association of the Capital Region) to provide educational services for six (6) South Colonie resident students for the school year 2009-2010 at an interim rate of \$42,817.00 per student.
2. A *revised* contract renewal between South Colonie Central Schools and Capital EAP for services from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 as follows: \$20.00 (twenty dollars) annually for each employee, approximately 989 (nine hundred eighty-nine) employees and an annual maintenance charge of \$250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars) to be invoiced quarterly.

F. Bid Awards - FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Awards to low bidders meeting specifications from August 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, as follows:

1. **Baked Goods, Bread & Rolls**
New Mt. Pleasant Bakery, 941 Crane Street, Schenectady, NY 12303.
Item 10145
2. **Canned, Frozen Foods & Grocery Items, Meats, Cheeses & Snacks**
Quandt's Foodservice, P.O. Box 700, Amsterdam, NY 12010.
Items 14445
US Food Services, 755 Pierce Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065.
Item 14435

G. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports – July 2009

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated September 8, 2009, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Johannig, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated September 8, 2009, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

Native American Day – September 25, 2009

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Johannig, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above resolutions be approved.

10. 2009-10 GOALS / VISIONS

Motion made by Mr. Johannig, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the 2009-10 School District Goals/Visions be adopted as presented.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following staff members present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, and Roessleville Principal Marybeth Tedisco.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- September 21, 2009 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- September 22, 2009 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- September 22, 2009 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – **CCHS Library** includes Tenured Teacher Reception @ 6:30 pm
- September 23, 2009 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- October 6, 2009 – Audit/Finance Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johannig, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. **Appointment**

1. Name: Gala R. Kmack
Address: 715 Wasantha Way, Slingerlands, NY 12159
Type: 2 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Building: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II Step 9
Education: B.S. from SUNY Plattsburgh; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

2. Name: Paige Tyksinski
Address: 830 Creek Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159
Type: 2 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Reading
Building: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule II Step 10
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Permanent in Reading

3. Name: Colleen Dillon
Address: 4066 Albany Street, Schenectady NY 12304
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2012
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract
Certification: Level 1 Teaching Assistant

4. Name: Mark Pennock
Address: 18 Hay Path, Watervliet, NY 12189
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Colonie Central high School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2012
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract
Certification: Level 1 Teaching Assistant

B. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Linda McConnelee
Address: 20 Kimberly Street, Albany, NY 12205
Type: Temporary Part-time (.90)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education – Academic Intervention Services
Building: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Schedule II, Step 3, pro-rated
Education: B.S. and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Professional in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

2. Name: Courtney DiNovo
Address: 210 McCullough Place, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Type: Temporary Part-time (.50)
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Our Saviors Lutheran School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Schedule II, Step 5, pro-rated
Education: B.S. and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

C. Long Term Replacements

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: August 31, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Schedule II, Step 8
Education: B.S. from St. Bonaventure University and M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

2. Name: Susan Weiss
Address: 5560 Gardner Road, Altamont, NY 12009
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education – Academic Intervention Services
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 3
Education: B.A. from the College of St. Rose; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

3. Name: Kristen Karbowski
Address: 2 Mountain View Apt. 10, Latham, NY 12110
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
Ending Date: January 3, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2 pro-rated
Education: B.A. from Siena College; M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education N-6

4. Name: Christine Kiernan
Address: 22 Nee Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2009
Ending Date: January 3, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1
Education: B.A. and M.Ed. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Pending Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

D. **Substitute Teachers**

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

E. **Cafeteria Supervision for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Colonie Central High School

James Vardaro

Rescind: Brigham McCutcheon

A. Resignations

1. Name: Colleen Dillon
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SW)
Effective: September 1, 2009
Reason: Accepted another position in the District
2. Name: Catherine Manley
Position: Permanent School Monitor (VR)
Effective: September 16, 2009
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
3. Name: Mark Pennock
Position: Temporary School Monitor (HS)
Effective: August 30, 2009
Reason: Accepted another position in the District
4. Name: Linda Rotchford
Position: Permanent School Monitor (VR)
Effective: September 1, 2009
Reason: Accepted another position in the District

B. Retirement

1. Name: Donald Bryda
Position: Permanent School Bus Driver (BG)
REVISED Effective Date: October 30, 2009

C. Appointments

1. Name: Rudi Gerstenberger
Address: 2 Kenmore Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: September 7, 2009
Salary: Not paid during training
2. Name: Wayne Dragon, Sr.
Address: 18 Norbrick Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: October 25, 2009
Salary: \$13.75 per hour
3. Name: Diane Darling
Address: 32 Reber Street, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: September 8, 2009
Salary: \$9.35 per hour

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4. Name: Sharon Fowler
Address: 132 Frederick Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: September 8, 2009
Salary: \$9.35 per hour

 5. Name: Lois A. Schultz
Address: 91 Lowell Street, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: September 8, 2009
Salary: \$9.35 per hour

 6. Name: Victoria Ambrosio
Address: 12 Toronado Drive, Latham, New York 12110
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: September 9, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

 7. Name: Trisha Apple
Address: 4 Woodland Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: September 16, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Salary: \$10.20 per hour (Teamsters contract not settled)
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 16, 2009 to March 16, 2010

 8. Name: Lucia Ieraci
Address: 1 Van Tassel Court, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009
Salary: \$10.20 per hour (Teamsters contract not settled)
Hours: 2.5 hours per day
Current Location: Shaker Road Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

 9. Name: Diane A. Leva
Address: 683 Pearse Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Salary: \$10.20 per hour (Teamsters contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

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10. Name: Lisa Nichols
Address: 18 Midway Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 8, 2009
Salary: \$10.20 per hour (Teamsters contract not settled)
Hours: 2.5 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 8, 2009 to March 8, 2010
11. Name: Susan Peek
Address: 12 Rolling Hills Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: September 8, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 per hour
12. Name: Anthony D. Priore
Address: 5 Front Avenue, Albany, New York 12203
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Salary: \$10.20 per hour (Teamsters contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010
13. Name: Linda Rotchford
Address: 53 Fox Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: September 2, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Salary: \$10.20 per hour (Teamsters contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
14. Reappointments as emergency conditional for compliance with NYS Education Law:
Gina Hilson Caitlin O'Brien Jeanne VanPatten

D. Change of Appointments

1. Name: Louis P. Gabriel, Jr.
Address: 26 Cordell Road, Schenectady, New York 12304
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009
Salary: \$10.91 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.75 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

2. Name: Kathleen T. Moro
Address: 5 Winslow Drive, Schenectady, New York 12309
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009
Salary: \$10.63 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

3. Name: Susan Reed
Address: 8 Venus Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009
Salary: \$10.63 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

4. Name: Martha J. Vadney
Address: 23 Maple Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009
Salary: \$10.63 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

5. Name: Kathleen Tockmakis
Address: 12 Tokay Lane, Niskayuna, New York 12309
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 1, 2009
Salary: \$10.63 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

E. Change of Duties

1. Name: Michael J. O'Neil
Address: 337 Closson Road, Scotia, New York 12302
Position: Assistant Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
Effective: September 9, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Proposed Stipend: As per attached confidential sheet

2. Name: John Yetto
Address: 892 6th Avenue, Troy, New York 12182
Position: Custodial Supervisor
Effective: September 9, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Proposed Stipend: As per attached confidential sheet

3. Name: John Napierski
Address: 10 Jeffery Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Civil Service Title to be determined
Effective: September 9, 2009 to June 30, 2010
Proposed Salary: As per attached confidential sheet

F. Change of Hours

Approval of the following support staff temporary change of hours effective September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

Sara DonVito School Monitor 3.5 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day SC