

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**December 15, 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. Casey at 7:00 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>Excused</u>

Also present: Superintendent Jonathan Buhner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Beverly Miller, and District Clerk Joyce Gay.

Motion by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), to enter **Executive Session** to discuss pending litigation issues at 7:02 p.m..

Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (8-0), to adjourn Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on December 1, 2009, be approved.

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

- Attended the Sand Creek fall drama production in early December and congratulated the students and staff on a fantastic performance.
- Noted that all Board members have been invited to attend the Lisha Kill Spelling Bee to be held on December 17.
- Stuff the Bus Report: South Colonie staff, including Superintendent Buhner, rode the train to Plattsburgh on Sunday, December 6, to distribute coats and toys to needy families. A final report on the toy collection for Stuff the Bus will be available at the next board meeting.

Mr. Motto:

- Attended the Boys basketball game

Mr. Dunn:

- Attended the Sand Creek fall drama production in early December

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended the Sand Creek fall drama production in early December
- Visited classrooms at the High School to observe instruction using the Smart Board
- Attended the Curriculum Review Board meeting

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the Sand Creek fall drama production in early December
- Attended the BOCES Regional Technology Awareness Day

A **Developmental Achievement** citation was presented to **Mr. Motto** who earned 40 points at developmental events and trainings conducted by the New York State School Boards Association.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Board Committee Reports**

The Policy Committee and Strategic Planning Committee have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons reported on the meetings and made recommendations to the full Board on issues.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

1. Appointment as Parent Advocate on CSE/CPSE:
 - Kim Stey, 16 Martingale Drive, Albany NY 12205
2. 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 hours course “Cultural Proficiency – INS 811” (#09-10-46), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held Saturday, February 20, and Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at NYSUT Headquarters, Latham NY. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.
2. Four (4.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 60-contact hour course “Programming and Logic I – CISS 110” (#09-10-47), sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College. The course will be held on Wednesdays during the Spring semester from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. each day. Joel Scism (CCHS) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Web Page Design and Management – CMPT 118” (#09-10-48), sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College. The course will be held on Wednesdays during the Spring semester from 6:00 to 8:50 p.m. each day. Joel Scism (CCHS) is the contact person.

4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Multimedia and Graphic Design for the Web – CMPT 119” (#09-10-49), sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College. The course will be held on online during the Spring semester. Joel Scism (CCHS) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “AIS in Secondary English: Analysis and Intensive Structure” (SD#2009-10-41), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Keri Martinez (Forest Park) is the contact person.
2. Nine (9) contact hours of credit for participation in “Regents Readiness – AIS for ELA Testing – High School Level Part 2” (SD#2009-10-42), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on April 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, 2010, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Keri Martinez (Forest Park) is the contact person.
3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Capture Time and Space: Past Present 18th Century Spain: Luis Melendez” (SD#2009-10-43), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts. Concetta Smith (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.
4. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “And the Winners Are...” (SD#2009-10-44), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Westmere Elementary School in Guilderland. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.
5. Twelve (12) contact hours of credit for participation in “Literacy Lessons/Writing, Learning, Technology Integration/Assessing Student Writing (SD#2009-10-45), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 6, 13, and April 24, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day at Sand Creek Middle School. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.
6. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “What Electrical Engineering Can Do For You” (SD#2009-10-46), sponsored by UMass Amherst. The workshop will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at UMass Amherst. James Brown (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

D. Donations

1. Jane Litwin has donated the following items:
 - Cello: Ulrich 270, SN#100971 – Value = \$1,600.00
 - Trumpet: King Tempo, 34004, SN#AK284TR – Value = \$800.00
 - Wire Music Stands (2) – Value = \$12.50 each
 - Lesson Books (2) – Value = \$5.00 each

E. Contracts

1. Contract with Northeast Associates in Rehabilitation, LLC, 1721 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12205, for services to South Colonie Schools to provide staff (Job Coaches) to work at employment sites with students during the school day. Job Coaches will be responsible for providing orientation to work tasks, developing and implementing strategies for completion of work tasks, monitoring student behavior, and generally assisting students in being competent workers. Rate to be billed is \$31.00 per hour with a maximum amount of \$24,300 per contract year. The contract year will be October 15, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

F. Transportation Contracts

1. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, 3206 Route 81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Merrillac Shelter to Sand Creek Middle School at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. Transportation will begin on Monday, November 23, 2009, and end December 22, 2009. Total cost of the contract is \$1,200.00.
2. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, 3206 Route 81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Merrillac Shelter to Forest Park Elementary School at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. Transportation will begin on Monday, November 23, 2009, and end December 22, 2009. Total cost of the contract is \$1,200.00.

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated December 15, 2009, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated December 15, 2009, be approved.

9. POLICIES**2nd Reading & Adoption:****Policy 6254** Non-Resident Tuition**1st Reading:****Policy 4340.1** Job Description: Coordinator of Continuing Education**Policy 5314** Corporal Punishment**Policy 8800.1** Job Description: Energy Manager

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above stated Policy 6254 be approved.

10. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

1. Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Confidential Employees and the South Colonie Central School District be approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between South Colonie Teachers Association and the South Colonie Central School District be approved.
3. Motion by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between South Colonie Teachers Association for Teaching Assistants and the South Colonie Central School District be approved.
4. Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO and the South Colonie Central School District be approved.
5. Motion by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) and the South Colonie Central School District be approved.
6. Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the attached Memorandum of Agreement between Teamsters Local 294, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL-CIO and the South Colonie Central School District be approved.

11. RESOLUTION

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), to approve the Agreement between Mosaic Associates Architects, Turner Construction, and the South Colonie Central School District, for repairs to the concrete sidewalks and plaza located at Veeder Elementary School.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCTA President Jeff Dutcher noted that the people in the audience were primarily staff members from Roessleville Elementary School who wanted to show support for the Teaching Assistants and Monitors who are currently working under expired contracts.

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner thanked the staff members for attending the meeting.

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

- December 23, 2009 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- January 5, 2010 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- January 5, 2010 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- January 12, 2010 – Budget Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- **TOPICS:** Transportation, Operations & Maintenance, Secured Youth Detention Facility
- January 13, 2010 – Transportation Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- January 19, 2010 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- January 19, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- January 20, 2010 – Accountability & Bd Operations Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- January 21, 2010 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- January 25, 2010 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office

15. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. Long Term Substitute

1. Name: Donald Schmalberger
Address: 75 Lenox Avenue, Albany, NY 12203
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Science
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: November 12, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 5
Education: B.S. from Oklahoma University
Certification: Permanent in Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Science 7-12

2. Name: Patrick Taormina
Address: 20 Birch Tree Lane, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Social Studies
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: December 14, 2009
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from University of Vermont
Certification: Initial in Social Studies 7-12

B. Substitute Teachers

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

C. After-School Computer Assisted Instruction – 2009-10 School Year

Veeder Elementary School

Michael Perrott from .25 to .50

Rescind: Richard Thompson

A. Appointments

1. Name: Linda Murray
Address: 5861 Veeder Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159
Position: Clerk Typist I-PT (Substitute)
Effective: December 16, 2009
Salary: \$9.75 per hour

2. Name: Beauregard J. Barrows
Address: 42 Lishakill Road, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: December 16, 2009
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

3. Name: Terry Engelhardt
Address: 9 Farnsworth Drive, Apt. 24, Slingerlands, New York 12159
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: December 16, 2009
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

4. Name: Deborah Fountain
Address: 25 Maplewood Avenue, Colonie, New York 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: December 8, 2009
Salary: \$9.35 per hour

5. Name: Thomas J. Marr
Address: 21 Tokay Lane, Schenectady, New York 12309
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 16, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

6. Name: Judith Torello
Address: 515 Sand Creek Road, Albany, New York 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: November 17, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

B. Change of Appointments

1. Name: Nancy Farley
Address: 10 Berkshire Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: December 4, 2009
Salary: \$11.60 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: December 4, 2009 to June 4, 2010

2. Name: Kim Sholtes
Address: 62 Virginia Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: November 27, 2009
Salary: \$11.49 per hour (Teamsters Contract not settled)
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Shaker Road Elementary School
Probationary Period: November 27, 2009 to May 27, 2010