

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**January 19, 2010
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>	Neil Johanning	<u>Present</u>
David Kiehle	<u>Present</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Present</u>

Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **enter** executive session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:34 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 5, 2010, be approved.

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

- Informed board members that the mother-in-law of former board member, Vern Fonda, had passed away and a sympathy card was sent to the family on behalf of the Board of Education and South Colonie staff members.

Ms. Jaquish:

- Attended the Capital Area School Boards Association (CAPSBA) dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 13.

Mr. Motto:

- Attended the Capital Area School Boards Association (CAPSBA) dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 13.

Mr. Gordon:

- Attended the fund raising dinner sponsored by the students who will be participating in the foreign travel to Europe in April.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended the Sand Creek Variety Show
- Attended three basketball games – Frosh, JV & Varsity – and noted that the system of holding all three games in succession on the same day/night is a great idea to encourage attendance and community participation in the sport.
- Attended the Colonie-Shaker Hockey game

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the Capital Area School Boards Association (CAPSBA) dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 13.

- 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 Update**

Dave Pace, Chairperson of the District Residency Committee, presented an update on residency and registration process.

C. **Board Committee Reports**

The Information Systems Committees has met since the last board meeting and a written and oral report was presented to all board members.

6. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

A. **Committee on Special Education**

1. Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. **In-Service Courses**

1. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course "Computer Graphics for Teachers – TEC 915" (#09-10-50), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will begin in January 2010 and the contact person is Andrea Bourgeois (Lisha Kill).
2. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course "PowerPoint Presentations – TEC 922" (#09-10-51), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will begin in January 2010 and the contact person is Andrea Bourgeois (Lisha Kill).
3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course "Microsoft Publisher – TEC 924" (#09-10-52), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will begin in January 2010 and the contact person is Andrea Bourgeois (Lisha Kill).
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course "Virtual Field Trips – TEC 940" (#09-10-53), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will begin in January 2010 and the contact person is Andrea Bourgeois (Lisha Kill).
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course "All Things Google – TEC 915" (#09-10-54), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will begin in January 2010 and the contact person is Andrea Bourgeois (Lisha Kill).

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “What’s new in Children’s Literature from 2009 and How to Use It in Your Classroom” (SD#2009-10-48), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 24, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Library at Shaker Road Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to a total of 30 K-6 classroom and special education teachers and reading specialists. Lisa Marinucci (Shaker Road) is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Introduction to Movement in the Classroom” (SD#2009-10-49), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held Wednesday, January 13, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saratoga. Sekani Carroll (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Chair Yoga for All Learners” (SD#2009-10-50), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saratoga. Sekani Carroll (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
4. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Using Yoga to Promote Character Education” (SD#2009-10-51), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held Wednesday, January 27, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saratoga. Sekani Carroll (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
5. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Lively Literacy” (SD#2009-10-52), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saratoga. Sekani Carroll (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
6. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Geometry: Representation and Mathematical Reasoning” (SD#2009-10-53), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools. The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saddlewood Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to K-2 classroom and special education teachers. Gregory Bearup (High School) is the contact person.
7. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Geometry: Representation and Mathematical Reasoning” (SD#2009-10-54), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools. The workshop will be held Monday, March 1, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saddlewood Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to Grades 3-4 classroom and special education teachers. Gregory Bearup (High School) is the contact person.

8. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Algebraic Thinking: Math Reasoning and Communication” (SD#2009-10-55), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools. The workshop will be held Monday, March 22, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Shaker Road Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to Grades 3-4 classroom and special education teachers. Gregory Bearup (High School) is the contact person.
9. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Measurement: Communication and Connection” (SD#2009-10-56), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools. The workshop will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Shaker Road Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to K-4 classroom and special education teachers. Gregory Bearup (High School) is the contact person.
10. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “What’s new in Children’s Literature from 2009 and How to Use It in Your Classroom” (SD#2009-10-57), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Library at Veeder Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to a total of 30 K-6 classroom and special education teachers and reading specialists. Claudia Crandall (Veeder) is the contact person.
11. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “2010 Capital District SRP Conference” (SD#2009-10-58), sponsored by NYSUT. The workshop will be held March 20 and 21, 2010, three hours per day, at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown, NY. Enrollment is limited to Teaching Assistants. Christine Zostant (CCHS) is the contact person.
12. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Yoga for Physical Education” (SD#2009-10-59), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Saratoga Springs CSD. Ann Marie Rawlin (Roessleville) is the contact person.

D. Change Orders

1. **Mid-State Industries, Ltd.**, 1105 Catalyn St., Schenectady NY 12303-1836:
#GC-01 **Decrease \$710.00**
Unused construction allowance

E. Bid Awards

1. **Food Service Department** – Award to the low bidder meeting specifications:

PIZZA: Effective February 1 to June 30, 2010
Wolfe’s Pizza, P. O. Box 360, Duanesburg, NY 12056
Item #56000

2. **Art Supplies – Spring/Summer 2009-10**

Award to the low bidder meeting specifications:

Commercial Art Supply, Syracuse, NY; 10 items:	\$ 559.03
Kurtz Bros., Clearfield, PA; 9 items:	\$ 393.47
Nasco, Fort Atkinson, WI; 17 items:	\$ 517.97
National Art & School Supplies, Rahway, NJ; 5 items:	\$ 447.48
Pyramid School Products, Tampa, FL; 65 items:	\$ 2,655.29
Quill, Lincolnshire, IL; 2 items:	\$ 36.76
S & S Worldwide, Colchester, CT; 5 items:	\$ 68.20
School Specialty Inc., Mount Joy, PA; 11 items:	\$ 374.69
Triarco Arts & Crafts, Plymouth, MN; 5 items:	\$ 53.66
W.B. Mason, Albany, NY; 31 items:	\$ 785.64
Total for all recommended awards:	\$ 5,892.19

3. **Athletic Supplies – Spring/Summer 2009-10**

Revise original bid award (approved on January 5, 2010):

Morley, Inc., Amsterdam, NY; 15 items	\$4,281.34
Scholastic Sports Sale, Manlius NY; 25 items	\$2,565.32

F. Transportation Contracts

1. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Schuyler Inn, Menands NY to Shaker Road Elementary School starting on January 11, 2010, and ending on February 9, 2010, at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,260.00

G. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2009-10 property taxes made payable to Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C. as attorneys for the petitioners, Mark A. and Jodie L. Freedman:
 - 1400 Central Avenue Tax Map ID #42.17-3-3 \$5,741.59
 - 5 Nolan Avenue Tax Map ID #42.17-3-4 \$1,420.70

These properties were improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a December 28, 2009, Supreme Court decision and is made without interest.

2. Refund of 2009-10 property taxes made payable to Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C. as attorneys for the petitioner, 2054 Central Avenue, LLC:
 - 2054 Central Avenue Tax Map ID # 17-13-1-17 \$2,281.69

H. Health and Welfare Contracts

Contracts with the following school districts to provide health services for their children who attend An Nur Islamic School, Christian Brothers Academy, Hebrew Academy, and Our Savior's Lutheran School located in the South Colonie District at a rate of \$572.62 per student.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNTS</u>
Albany City Schools	134	\$76,731.08
Amsterdam Central Schools	4	2,290.48
Averill Park City School	2	1,145.24
Ballston Spa Central Schools	10	5,726.20
Berne-Knox Westerlo Central	6	3,435.72
Bethlehem Central Schools	37	21,186.94
Brittonkill Central Schools	5	2,863.10
Broadalbin-Perth Central Schools	1	572.62
Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake Central	6	3,435.72
Cairo-Durham Central Schools	5	2,863.10
Cohoes City School District	8	4,580.96
Coxsackie-Athens Central Schools	1	572.62
Dolgeville Central Schools	2	1,145.24
Duanesburgh Central Schools	1	572.62
East Greenbush Central Schools	10	5,726.20
Green Island Central Schools	2	1,145.24
Greenwich Central Schools	1	572.62
Guilderland Central Schools	57	32,639.34
Hoosick Valley Central Schools	1	572.62
Hunter Tannersville Central Schools	1	572.62
Lansingburgh Central Schools	4	2,290.48
Mechanicville Central Schools	1	572.62
Menands Union Free School	3	1,717.86
New Lebanon Central Schools	2	1,145.24
Niskayuna Central Schools	38	21,759.56
North Colonie Central Schools	68	38,938.16
Onteora Central Schools	4	2,290.48
Queensbury Central Schools	1	572.62
Ravena Coeymans Central Schools	15	8,598.30
Renssealer City Schools	2	1,145.24
Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central Schools	8	4,580.96
Saratoga Springs Central Schools	19	10,879.78
Schalmont Central Schools	15	8,589.30
Schenectady City Schools	63	36,075.06
Schodack Central Schools	1	572.62
Schuylerville Central Schools	3	1,717.86
Scotia-Glenville Central Schools	4	2,290.48
Shenendehowa Central Schools	56	32,066.72
South Glens Falls Central Schools	1	572.62
Stillwater Central Schools	4	2,290.48
Troy City Schools	27	15,460.74
Voorheesville Central Schools	13	7,444.06
Waterford Halfmoon Central Schools	1	572.62
Watervliet City Schools	6	3,435.72
Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central Schools	1	572.62
Totals	654	\$374,493.48

I. Donations

1. Diane K. Riley donated piano method books, piano and sheet music collections with an estimated value of \$100.00.

J. Student Trips

1. Group: Colonie High School Students (100)
Destination: Italy and Spain
Date: April 2-10, 2010
Responsible: Todd Rockmore, Erin Lasky
Transportation: Chartered Bus, Airline
Cost: Individuals, Fund Raising (\$2400 each)

K. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – December 2009

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 19, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 19, 2010, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

African-American History Month – February 2010
National School Counseling Week – February 1-5, 2010

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above stated resolutions be approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCTA President Jeff Dutcher noted that the people in the audience were primarily SCTA staff members from Lisha Kill, Veeder, Forest Park, and Youth Detention Facility who wanted to show support for the Teaching Assistants and Monitors who are currently working under expired contracts.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, and Colonie Spotlight Reporter Dan Sabbatino

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 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
- February 2, 2010 – Strategic Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- February 9, 2010 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- February 9, 2010 – Audit-Finance Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- February 9, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office with **BUDGET TOPICS:** Support Services, Insurance, Debt Service, Interfund Transfers, Continuing Education, Interscholastic Athletics
- February 11 - Budget Meeting – Open Discussion / Q&A Session – Veeder School – 7 p.m.
- February 24, 2010 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- February 25 - Budget Meeting – Open Discussion / Q&A Session – Saddlewood – 7 p.m.

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. Retirement

1. Name: Marcia Carswell
Position: Special Education teacher
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2. Name: Maureen Lee
Position: Elementary Education teacher
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3. Name: Claudia Maletta Burtman
Position: Special Education teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
4. Name: Joseph Santos
Position: Physical Education teacher
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
5. Name: Eliza K. Endres
Position: Special Education teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010
6. Name: Roberta Raymond
Position: School Guidance Counselor
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2010

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Kathryn Botta-Raso
Position: Social Studies teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 19, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010

C. **Long Term Replacement**

1. Name: Patrick Taormina
Address: 20 Birch Tree Lane, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Social Studies
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 19, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from the University of Vermont
Certification: Initial in Social Studies 7-12

D. **Substitute Teachers**

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

E. **Co-Curricular**

Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation for the 2009-2010 school year:

Lisha Kill Middle School

Intramurals:

Season III Girls Indoor Soccer

Brooke Brady

F. **Homework Club Instruction**

Revision 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:

Veeder Elementary School

Veronica Delancey-Smith from .25 to .125 2nd Semester

Susan Weis .125 2nd Semester

A. Resignation

1. Name: Lisa Meurs
Position: Temporary Senior Keyboard Specialist (FP-PS)
Effective: February 1, 2010
Reason: Personal

B. Retirements

1. Name: Patricia Brockley
Position: Permanent Keyboard Specialist (FP)
Effective: July 1, 2010
2. Name: Sharon Lupe
Position: Permanent Keyboard Specialist (HS)
Effective: July 1, 2010

C. Appointments

1. Name: Marilyn Ordon
Address: 11 Garfield Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Effective: January 20, 2010
Salary: \$10.08 per hour as per CSEA Contract
Hours: 3.5 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-Main
Probationary Period: January 20, 2010 to September 20, 2010
2. Name: Kimberly Kennedy
Address: 14 Amanda Way, Schenectady, New York 12309
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: January 8, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour
3. Name: Jeanne VanPatten
Address: 1611 12th Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: January 11, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

D. Change of Hours

1. Name: Juliet King
Address: 4 Candlewood Court, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Permanent Food Service Helper
Hours Change: 4.0 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day
Effective: January 19, 2010
Current Location: Colonie Central High School-West Wing