

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**March 16, 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>Excused</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Excused</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>Excused</u>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 2, 2010, be approved.

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

- Announced that the Technology Department received a grant of \$1,500 from General Electric for the purchase of a digital infrared camera to be used in the Principles of Engineering and Engineering Design & Development courses. NYSERDA will also be making a \$500 contribution to this cause. Congratulations to the entire Technology Department for their most recent accomplishment.
- Encouraged board members to attend the upcoming Line 'N' Cue production of "The Fantasticks" which will take place on March 18, 19 & 20 at the high school.
- Noted that the 3rd Annual Amy Tisa Memorial Charity Basketball Game (Veeder Owls vs. Colonie Police) was held on March 5th and raised over \$6,000 for a worthy cause.

Mr. Dunn:

- Attended the walk-thrus of Shaker Road and the Bus Garage.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended the Sand Creek concert on Thursday, March 11, and congratulated the teachers and students on their excellent performances.

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the Amy Tisa Memorial Charity Basketball Game
- Attended the NYSSBA State Issues Conference in Albany on March 14-15 along with Mr. Buhner and both of them were able to meet with Senator Neil Breslin.

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

5. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**

A. **Music Program Update**

Nora Callender, Supervisor of Music, and Peter Cannistraci, Music Department Chairperson, provided an update on Music Department activities and programs. The presentation concluded with a musical performance on the cello by Rachele Prawdzik, high school senior.

B. **Budget Discussion**

Presentation of 1st draft of the 2010-2011 budget.

C. **Board Committee Reports**

The Information Technology and Facilities Committees have met since the last board meeting and committee chairperson reported on the meetings.

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. **Seminar on Educational Issues**

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Caregiving 101 for South Colonie” (SD#2009-10-73), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held April 14, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Smart Board Training – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-74), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Thursday, March 18, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Smart Board Training – Level 2” (SD#2009-10-75), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
4. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Everyday Use of the Smart Board Training in the Elementary Classroom” (SD#2009-10-76), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Tuesday, March 16, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Shaker Road Elementary School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
5. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Digital Photography” (SD#2009-10-77), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Wednesday, March 24, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie Central High School. Jack Adams is the contact person.

6. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Introduction to Movie Maker” (SD#2009-10-78), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Tuesday, April 27, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie Central High School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
7. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Introduction to Microsoft Office 2007 – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-79), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Thursday, April 15, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie Central High School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
8. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “PowerPoint – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-80), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held Wednesday, April 21, 2010, and Thursday, April 29, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie Central High School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
9. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “Using SMART Boards in the Classroom” (SD#2009-10-81), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, to be held Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Greenbush Community Library. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.

C. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2007-08 taxes in the amount of \$23,555.24, made payable to Sidney Devorsetz, PLLC, attorneys for the petitioner, R & F Associates NO 2, LP, 480 Balltown Road, Tax Map #60.11-1-2. The property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a February 16, 2010, Supreme Court Stipulation and Settlement Order and is made without interest.

D. Transportation Contracts

1. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc. 3206 Rt. 81 Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from 89A Wellington Avenue, New York 12203, to Shaker Road Elementary School beginning February 10, 2010, and ending March 11, 2010, at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. The total cost of this contract shall be \$1,440.00.
2. A negotiated contract with Chalet Services Inc. 3206 Rt. #81 Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from 89A Wellington Avenue, New York 12203, to Shaker Road Elementary School beginning March 12, 2010, and ending June 24, 2010, at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. The total cost of this contract shall be \$4,080.00.
3. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services Inc., 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Schuyler Inn, Menands New York, to Colonie High School, Sand Creek Middle School, and Forest Park Elementary School beginning March 10, 2010, and ending April 8, 2010, at a cost of \$100.00 per diem. The total cost of this contract shall be \$1,700.00.

4. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc. 3206 Rt. 81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Schuyler Inn, Menands, New York, to Forest Park Elementary School beginning March 11, 2010, and ending April 9, 2010, at a cost of \$75.00 per diem. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,200.00
5. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services Inc. 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Healy House, Albany, New York, to Veeder Elementary School beginning March 15, 2010, and ending on March 31, 2010, at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. The total cost of this contract shall be \$900.00.
6. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services Inc, 3206 Rt. 81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from a temporary placement home on Sycamore Street to the Henry Johnson Charter School and Kipp Tech Valley Charter School (AM Transportation Only) beginning March 15, 2010, and ending April 13, 2010, at a cost of \$50.00 per diem. The total cost of this contract shall be \$800.00.

E. Declare as Surplus

1. Ikon Copier – Serial #NGV-16181 – Fixed Asset #101452 (Sand Creek)
Item is not able to be repaired.

F. Donation

1. 16” Sheri & Roth Viola, Model R403E16, Serial #05687, valued at \$1,266.00.
donated by Martha Green.

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 16, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 16, 2010, be approved.

9. POLICIES

One Reading & Approval:

Policy 2510	New Board Member Orientation
Policy 5210	Student Organizations
Policy 5314	Corporal Punishment/Emergency Intervention

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above noted policies be approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCTA President Jeff Dutcher gave an update on the status of Saddlewood teacher Lisa DeStaso-Jones' husband who was seriously injured last month while playing in a rugby tournament in Florida.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, District Treasurer Anjelieeque Martinez, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, SCTA Vice President Jim Duffy.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 22 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 23 – Budget Meeting – Work Session – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 30 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 31 – Accountability & Board Operations Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- April 12 – Audit-Finance Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- April 20 – Graduation Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- April 20 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. **Substitute Teachers**

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

B. **Increase of Appointments**

1. Name: Stephanie Copeland
Teaching Area: Science
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Increase: .20
Revised Effective Date: October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
2. Name: Gretchen Heller-Davis
Teaching Area: Science
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Increase: .20
Revised Effective Date: October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

C. **Co-Curricular***Colonie Central High School*

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

Athletic Trainer – Spring	Kurt Pfaffenbach	.60
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D. **Interscholastic***Colonie Central High School*

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

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	Sally Vartuli	
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	Kevin Jette	
Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Ronald Lockett	.95
Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Kristin Huestis	.05
Coach JV Girls	Christine Devine	
Coach 9 th Grade Girls	Nicole Welch	
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	Canaan J. Harvey	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jamie Carr	
Coach Varsity Girls	Jennifer Petersen	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jason Bissonette	
Asst. Coach Varsity	Frank Meyers	.80
Asst. Coach Varsity	Jason Willis	.80
Asst. Coach Varsity	Dennis King	.50
Asst. Coach Varsity	Mary Ann Reilly-Johnson	.30
Asst. Coach Varsity	Michael Caccuitto	.20
Asst. Coach Varsity	Donald Myers	.20
Asst. Coach Varsity	Gretchen Oliver	.20
 <i><u>Lisha Kill Middle School</u></i>		
Baseball:		
Coach Boys	Jeremy Eggleston	
Lacrosse:		
Coach Boys	Gary Bohn	
Asst. Coach Boys	Robert Lemerise	
Coach Girls	Kathleen Villa	
Asst. Coach Girls	Peter Paquette	
Softball:		
Coach Girls	Susan Comito	.70
Coach Girls	Keri O'Neil	.30
Track:		
Coach	Sherri Long	
Coach	Brooke Brady	
Coach	Wendy Kelley	

Sand Creek Middle School

Baseball:

Coach Boys	Nicholas Murphy	
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Lacrosse:

Coach Boys	William Luke	.50
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Coach Boys	Matthew Maes	.50
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Asst. Coach Boys	Thomas Gracon	
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Coach Girls	Susanne Pedone	
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Asst. Coach Girls	Lisa McGee	
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Softball:

Coach Girls	Tracey Johnas	
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Track:

Coach	Jose Santos	
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Coach	Karen Bonitatibus	
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Coach	Heather Fiore	.50
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Coach	Jessica Maguire	.50
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E. Mentors for Teachers

Creation of the following mentor for the 2009-2010 school year:

(2) Mentor

Appointment of the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation for the 2009-10 school year:

Jo-Anne Hines	0.5
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Karen Bonitatibus	0.5
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A. Resignation

1. Name: Maureen Schaefer
Position: School Monitor (SW)
Effective: March 20, 2010
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Samantha Manion
Address: 22 Joy Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: March 17, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour