

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**January 5, 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

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| Brian Casey | <u>Present</u> | Robert Domenici | <u>Excused</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> |

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 Mr. Gordon, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **enter** executive session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:43 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2009, be approved.

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

- Attended the holiday concert at the high school in December.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended the holiday concert at the high school in December.
- Attended the Colonie-Shaker hockey game

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the holiday concert at the high school in December.
- Attended the performance by the Lisha Kill Band at the Empire State Plaza held in December.

Mr. Casey:

- Received a preliminary *Stuff the Bus* report from Ms. Ogborn: Approximately \$50,000 worth of toys was collected from South Colonie school district students/staff.
- Reported that a letter was received from several teachers thanking the District for providing release days on December 4 & 5 for training in using the Fountas and Pinnell method of testing for reading levels.

- Received a letter from Tom & Ann Bacher commending the high school music department for the excellent performances of the student groups at the Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 17.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Board Committee Reports

The Audit-Finance, Information Systems, and District Communication Committees have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons reported on the meetings and made recommendations to the full Board on specific issues.

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 “Building a Foundation: Basic Strategies and Skills for Elementary Math” (SD#2009-10-47), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Library at Shaker Road Elementary School. Enrollment is restricted to K-4 classroom and special education teachers. Gregory Bearup (CCHS) is the contact person.

C. Bid Awards

Athletic Supplies – Spring / Summer 2009-10

Awards to the low bidders per specifications:

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|---|--------------------|
| AAE, Royersford PA: 1 item | \$ 24.00 |
| Anaconda Sports, Clifton Park NY: 8 items | \$ 2,341.50 |
| Gregg United Sports, Boca Raton FL: 4 items | 57.56 |
| Morley, Inc., Amsterdam NY: 14 items | \$ 3,438.94 |
| Passon’s Sports, Jenkintown PA: 7 items | \$ 282.44 |
| Pryamid School Products, Tampa FL: 2 items | \$ 450.18 |
| S & S Worldwide, Colchester CT: 1 item | \$ 28.22 |
| Scholastic Sports Sales, Manlius NY: 26 items | \$ 3,453.08 |
| Stadium System, Inc., Canaan CT: 5 items | \$ 350.20 |
| TOTAL FOR ALL RECOMMENDED AWARDS: | \$10,416.22 |

D. Transportation Contracts

1. Award transportation contracts to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

| <u>ROUTE</u> | <u>COST PER DIEM</u> | <u>COST PER MILE</u> |
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Chalet Services, Inc.***3206 Rt #81, Surprise NY 12176***

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|-----|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
| #21 | Merrillac Shelter to Sand Creek | \$74.00 | \$2.00 |
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Star & Strand***415 Fulton Street, Troy NY 12180***

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| #22 | Merrillac Shelter to Forest Park | \$98.50 | \$3.50 |
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2. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc. ,3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from the Healy House to Sand Creek Middle School starting on January 4, 2010, and ending on January 12, 2010, at a cost of \$60.00 per diem. The total cost of the contract shall be \$420.00

E. Use of School Bus

1. Use of one (1) school bus by the Fuller Road Fire Department on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, for transportation to the Hudson Home for a Bingo party with the firemen residing there. Driver's wages and mileage fees will be in accordance with the District's Fee and Rate Schedule.

F. Non-Resident Tuition Rates**ACTUAL RATES – 2008-09 School Year****Regular Education Students:**

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Half-Day Kindergarten | \$4,723.00 |
| Full Day, Grades K-6 | \$7,905.00 |
| Full Day, Grades 7-12 | \$8,490.00 |

Special Education Students

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Half Day Kindergarten | \$22,459.00 |
| Full Day, Grades K-6 | \$25,461.00 |
| Full Day, Grades 7-12 | \$26,226.00 |

ESTIMATED RATES – 2009-10 School Year**Regular Education Students:**

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Half-Day Kindergarten | N/A |
| Full Day, Grades K-6 | \$7,763.00 |
| Full Day, Grades 7-12 | \$9,491.00 |

Special Education Students

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Half Day Kindergarten | N/A |
| Full Day, Grades K-6 | \$27,811.00 |
| Full Day, Grades 7-12 | \$29,539.00 |

G. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – November 2009

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 5, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 5, 2010, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS – TAX RATES

1. **RESOLVED**, that the South Colonie Central School District hereby rescinds the homestead/non-homestead tax rate for purposes of real property taxation effective for the 2010-2011 school year and continuing annually thereafter pursuant to Section 1903-a5 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and it is further **RESOLVED**, that the Assistant Superintendent for Management Services is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution both with her office and with the District Clerk, with the Assessor for the **Town of Colonie** and with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Albany.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0):

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| Brian Casey | <u>Yes</u> | Paul Gordon | <u>Yes</u> | David Kiehle | <u>Yes</u> |
| Robert Domenici | <u>Absent</u> | Shelle Jaquish | <u>Yes</u> | Leonard Motto | <u>Yes</u> |
| Rick Dunn | <u>Yes</u> | Neil Johanning | <u>Yes</u> | James T. Ryan | <u>Yes</u> |

2. **RESOLVED**, that the South Colonie Central School District hereby rescinds the homestead/non-homestead tax rate for purposes of real property taxation effective for the 2010-2011 school year and continuing annually thereafter pursuant to Section 1903-a5 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and it is further **RESOLVED**, that the Assistant Superintendent for Management Services is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution both with her office and with the District Clerk, with the Assessor for the **Town of Guilderland** and with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Albany.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (8-0).

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| Brian Casey | <u>Yes</u> | Paul Gordon | <u>Yes</u> | David Kiehle | <u>Yes</u> |
| Robert Domenici | <u>Absent</u> | Shelle Jaquish | <u>Yes</u> | Leonard Motto | <u>Yes</u> |
| Rick Dunn | <u>Yes</u> | Neil Johanning | <u>Yes</u> | James T. Ryan | <u>Yes</u> |

3. **RESOLVED**, that the South Colonie Central School District hereby rescinds the homestead/non-homestead tax rate for purposes of real property taxation effective for the 2010-2011 school year and continuing annually thereafter pursuant to Section 1903-a5 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Management Services is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this resolution both with her office and with the District Clerk, with the Assessor for the **Town of Niskayuna** and with the County Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Schenectady.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows: Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0).

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| Brian Casey | <u>Yes</u> | Paul Gordon | <u>Yes</u> | David Kiehle | <u>Yes</u> |
| Robert Domenici | <u>Absent</u> | Shelle Jaquish | <u>Yes</u> | Leonard Motto | <u>Yes</u> |
| Rick Dunn | <u>Yes</u> | Neil Johannning | <u>Yes</u> | James T. Ryan | <u>Yes</u> |

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, Zach Malone, SUNY Cortland student observing a Board of Education meeting.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- 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
- 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.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Sally Vartuli
Address: 68 Gurney Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804
Type: Temporary Part-time (.80)
Teaching Area: School Media Specialist (Educational Communications)
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 4, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1 pro-rated
Education: B.A. and M.A. from SUNY Potsdam
Certification Status: Initial as Educational Technology Specialist

2. Name: Julie (Seifts) Fagan
Address: 17 Hialeah Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Type: Temporary Part-time (.95)
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: December 23, 2009
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract, pro-rated
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

3. Name: Kimberly DonVito
Address: 23 Churchill Square, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Temporary Part-time (.95)
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Building: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: January 4, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract, pro-rated
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level 1

B. Substitute Teachers

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

C. 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
 Small Performing Group

Margret Hickey

D. Study Hall Supervision for the 2009-2010 School Year

Sand Creek Middle School
 Leigh Ann Gilson

Rescind: Gretchen Oliver

A. Abolish Position

- (1) 0.92 (6.0 hour) Permanent Food Service Helper (HS-M)

B. Creation of Position – 2009-10 School Year

- (1) 1.00 (6.5 hour) Permanent Food Service Helper (HS-M)

C. Resignation

1. Name: Kimberly DonVito
Position: Temporary School Monitor (SC)
Effective: January 3, 2010
Reason: Accepted another position within the District
2. Name: Lisa Nichols
Position: Permanent School Monitor (VR)
Effective: December 24, 2009
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
3. Name: Jeanne Stockwell
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SW)
Effective: January 4, 2010
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District

D. Retirements

1. Name: Raymond Mosall
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker (SC)
Effective: July 1, 2010
2. Name: Gail Willis
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker (SC)
Effective: July 1, 2010
3. Name: Francesca Corcione
Position: Permanent School Monitor (LK)
Effective: July 1, 2010
4. Name: William Klose
Position: Temporary School Monitor (SC)
Effective: July 1, 2010
5. Name: Valerie Pezzula
Position: Permanent Secretary II (DO)
Effective: July 1, 2010

E. Leave of Absence:

1. Name: Karen Willey
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SC)
Revised Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Reason: Personal

F. Appointments

1. Name: Lisa Nichols
Address: 18 Midway Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: January 4, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour
2. Name: Stephanie Fudge
Address: 410 19th Street, 1st Floor, Watervliet, New York 12189
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: January 6, 2010
Salary: \$16.50 per hour
3. Name: Kathleen Nasner
Address: 134 Clipp Road, Delmar, New York 12054
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: December 15, 2009
Salary: \$16.50 per hour

G. Change of Hours

1. Name: Louise Zautner
Address: 1663 Helderberg Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12306
Position: Permanent School Monitor
Hours Change: 2.5 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day
Effective: January 4, 2010
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School

H. Personal Care Assistant

Rescind the approval of the following personal care assistant (IEP Driven) for the 2009-2010 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290, effective January 3, 2010:

Kimberly DonVito .33 SC