

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**MINUTES**

**May 25, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 7:09 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>Excused</u>

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:50 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. Gordon, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on May 4, 2010, and the special meeting on May 18, 2010, be approved.

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

- Attended the musical performance by 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Forest park school.
- Attended Awards Night at the high school on May 20.
- Noted that CCHS graduate Davia Spado has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2010 at Marist College.

**Ms. Jaquish:**

- Attended Awards Night at the high school on May 20.
- Attended the SEPTA fundraiser held at McDonald's on May 25.

**Mr. Motto:**

- Attended Awards Night at the high school on May 20.
- Attended softball and lacrosse games at the high school

**Mr. Domenici:**

- Has spent a lot of time at BOCES meetings
- The not-for-profit corporation within BOCES has been set up and he has been elected to the office of President of the corporation

**Mr. Gordon:**

- Attended Awards Night at the high school on May 20.
- Attended the Lisha Kill Honor Roll Breakfast on May 18.

**Mr. Dunn:**

- Attended the Car Show at the high school on May 13.
- Attended Shaker Road events that took place on the day of the budget vote

**Mr. Kiehle:**

- Attended softball and lacrosse games at the high school
- Attended a varsity baseball game at “The Joe” in Troy
- Attended Awards Night at the high school on May 20.
- Attended the district-wide Art Show at the Town Library

**Mr. Johanning:**

- Attended the SEPTA fundraiser held at McDonald’s on May 25.
- Attended Northeast Region PTA Spring Conference on May 20. Elizabeth Herkenham of the Workforce Consortium spoke on educating the parents and community about the tech jobs coming to the region and how students can prepare.
- As NYS PTA representative, helped evaluate Lynnwood Elementary in Guilderland CSD for the ASCD *Whole Child Award*. Suggested that South Colonie may want to apply next year.
- As NYS PTA representative, participated on the committee evaluating the NYS *Teacher of the Year* applications. Suggested that teachers in South Colonie may want to apply.

**B. No Requests to speak.****5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. Summer School Plans/ Summer Building Use**

Mr. Buhner and Mrs. Miller presented a brief update on summer programs that will be held in various buildings in the District.

**B. End-of-Year Calendar**

Mr. Buhner reviewed the calendar for the last weeks of school in June.

**C. Board Committee Reports**

The Graduation, Information Technology, Transportation, and Policy Committees have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairperson reported on the meetings and made recommendations to the full Board.

**6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

The Superintendent recommends 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 “The Five Senses of Teaching” (SD#2009-10-86), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Museum/Brooklyn Botanical. Grace Lucas (Forest Park) is the contact person.

2. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “Courageous Schools: Putting Social and Emotional Learning at the Heart of Education” (SD#2009-10-87), sponsored by Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Bank Street College in New York City. Lynne Ogren (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Practical Therapy Techniques for Challenging Articulation Cases” (SD#2010-11-01), sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Castleton, NY. Anne Mack Nair (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
4. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Self Healing Workshop” (SD#2010-11-02), sponsored by Sue Conlin Therapeutic Touch Training. The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cobleskill and Warnerville NY. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
5. Twelve (12) contact hours of credit for participation in “Basic Therapeutic Touch” (SD#2009-10-88), sponsored by Sue Conlin Therapeutic Touch Training. The workshop will be held Saturday & Sunday, June 12 & 13, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day in Kingsway Village Apartments, Schenectady. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

**C. In-Service Courses**

1. One and one-half (1.5) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 22.5 contact hour course “SRP Summer Instruction Training” (#10-11-06), sponsored by NYSUT and held at NYSUT Headquarters in Latham. The course will be held Monday through Thursday, June 28, 29, 30 and July 1, 2010. Christine Zostant (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course “Selected Children/Young Adult Literature Summer Study Group” (#10-11-07), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on July 6, 20, August 10, 17, 2010, for a total of 7.5 hours at one of our middle schools. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.
3. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course “Responding to Reading Study Group – Part 1” (#10-11-08), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on July 8, 15, July 22, and August 5, 2010, for a total of 7.5 hours at one of our elementary or middle schools. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.

4. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course “Responding to Reading Study Group – Part 2” (#10-11-09), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on September 30, October 28, November 18, 2010, and January 27, 2011, for a total of 7.5 hours at one of our elementary or middle schools. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.
5. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course “Writers’ Workshop Study Group – Part 1” (#10-11-10), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on July 14, 21, July 28, and August 4, 2010, for a total of 7.5 hours at one of our elementary schools. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.
6. One-half (.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hour course “Writers’ Workshop Study Group – Part 2” (#10-11-11), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on September 28, October 26, November 16, 2010, and January 25, 2011, for a total of 7.5 hours at one of our elementary schools. Suzanne Moore (CCHS) is the contact person.
- 7/ Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Music Notation Using *Finale*” (#10-11-12), sponsored by Berklee College of Music. The online course begins June 28, 2010 and continues for twelve weeks. Andrew Hearn (CCHS) is the contact person.

#### **D. Contracts**

1. A contract with the Albany City School District to provide health and welfare services to 64 South Colonie resident students attending: The Academy of the Holy Names Lower & Middle, The Albany Academies, Bishop Maginn, Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross, and St. Catherine of Siena Schools located in the Albany City School District. The rate per student is \$660.92. The total cost of this contract shall be \$42,298.88 for the 2009-10 school year.

#### **E. Agreements**

1. Agreement with Dieter Funicello to provide video production services to the District for a minimum of 108 days during the 2010-11 school year at a cost of \$385.00 per diem. Additional days not to exceed twenty (20) days.

#### **F. Student Trips**

Group: CCHS Jazz Ensemble (20)  
Destination: NYSSMA Competition, Kingston (NY) High School  
Date: June 2, 2010  
Responsible: Joel Miller  
Transportation: School Bus  
Cost: District

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

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 25, 2010, be approved.

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 25, 2010, be approved.

**9. POLICIES**

**One Reading & Approval:**

Policy 4315.2 – Comprehensive Wellness

Policy 5280 – Interscholastic Athletics

Policy 5281 – Compensated Interscholastic Athletic Coaching Positions

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above stated policies be approved.

**10. RESOLUTIONS**

***Retirement Resolution***

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

**11. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE RESULTS**

**Proposition: Budget Resolution – PASSED**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
MACHINE TOTALS:	1592	1072
ABSENTEE BALLOTS:	53	48
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1645</b>	<b>1120</b>

**Board Vacancy – 5-Year Term:      Seat of Brian T. Casey**

	<u>Brian T. Casey</u>
Machine Total	2231
Absentee Ballots	87
<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>2318</b>

Write-In Votes:              Roberta Fahy, Alfred Schmitt, Todd McIntyre

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above stated Certification be approved.

## 12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, and John Ryan (music teacher).

## 13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 26 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- June 1 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – **CCHS Library**
- June 3 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- June 15 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- June 21 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- June 24 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremonies: 5:15 pm (SC) & 7:30 pm (LK) – CCHS M.U.G.
- June 25 – 2010 Graduation – 7:00 p.m. – Empire State Plaza Convention Center
- June 30 – Board of Education Meeting (Year-End Transfers) – 6:00 p.m. – Dist. Office

## 14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the Superintendent at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Motto, to **adjourn** executive session at 10:02 p.m.

## 15. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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Joyce Gay  
District Clerk  
5/26/10

**A. Resignation**

Name: Patricia McCarthy  
Position: Foreign Language teacher  
Location: Colonie Central High School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2010  
Reason: Personal

**B. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Kathryn A. Botta-Raso  
Position: Social Studies teacher  
Type: Child Care Leave Extension  
Building: Colonie Central High School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2010  
Ending Date: January 28, 2011
2. Name: Renee Parisi  
Position: Elementary Education teacher  
Type: Child Care Leave Extension  
Building: Veeder Elementary School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2010  
Ending Date: June 30, 2011

**C. Long Term Substitute**

1. Name: Ryan Getwright  
Address: 34 Wineberry Lane, Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Elementary Education  
Building: Veeder Elementary School  
Effective Date: May 4, 2010  
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2  
Education: B.A. from SUNY Plattsburgh  
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
2. Name: Rene Papa  
Address: 15 Sturbridge Court, Voorheesville, NY 12186  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Special Education  
Building: Roessleville Elementary School  
Effective Date: May 10, 2010  
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2  
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose  
Certification: Permanent in Special Education

D. **Substitute Teachers**

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

E. **Cafeteria Supervision for the 2010-11 School Year**

*Roessville Elementary School*

Colleen Leach

Michael Palmer

Ann Rawlin

Melissa Hellkamp

**A. Abolish Positions**

Abolish the following support staff position effective 07/01/10:

- (1) 1.00 (8.0 hour) Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds I (DO)

Abolish the following support staff position effective 05/01/10:

- (1) 1.00 (7.5 hour) Senior Keyboard Specialist (BG)

**B. Creation of Position**

Creation of the following support staff position for the 2009-2010 school year:

- (1) 0.40 (3.0 hour) Clerk Typist I-PT – 12 months (BG)

**C. Resignations**

1. Name: Edward J. Keith  
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker (SC)  
Effective: June 5, 2010  
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District

**D. Appointments**

1. Name: Edward J. Keith  
Address: 257 Scotch Ridge Road, Schenectady, New York 12306  
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute  
Effective: June 6, 2010  
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
2. Name: Sharon Lupe  
Address: 22 Wertman Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211  
Position: Clerk/Typist I-PT (Substitute)  
Effective: July 2, 2010  
Salary: \$9.75 per hour

**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: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011  
Proposed Stipend: As per attached confidential sheet

2. Name: John Yetto  
Address: 892 - 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Troy, New York 12182  
Position: Custodial Supervisor  
Effective: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011  
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: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011  
Proposed Salary: As per contractual agreement

**F. 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 Second Semester:

Barbara Bard	.33	SC
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