

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**MINUTES**

**April 20, 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 7:00 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>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:28 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. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 30, 2010, be approved.

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Veeder School Presentation** – The Amy Tisa Memorial Basketball Game has been held each spring for the past three years to benefit Mrs. Tisa’s children and a portion is also designated to others in the Veeder school community who have suffered major financial setbacks. This year a check for \$4,800 was presented to Mr. Wilkinson and his two children by Veeder School Principal Kathleen Gottschalk.

**B. Correspondence/Board Activities****Mr. Casey:**

- On Monday, April 12, Sgt. Ken Fuchs and Officer Greg Jensen presented on the topic of Cyber Bullying and Cyber Safety at Sand Creek Middle School.
- Jim Brown, Sand Creek teacher and District Energy Manager, has been selected to attend the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. He is one of 200 highly qualified teachers who will be attending this program during the summer.
- Reminded board members that the District String Jamboree will be held on Thursday, April 29, in the high school M.U.G. at 7:00 p.m.
- Attended the Annual BOCES meeting on April 15.

**Ms. Jaquish:**

- Attended the Annual National School Boards Association Conference on April 9-12 in Chicago, Illinois.
- Attended the Annual BOCES meeting on April 15.

**Mr. Ryan:**

- Had an opportunity to meet with District Athletic Director David Foust regarding happenings in the athletic department. Kyle Plante (Grade 10) won an individual state championship in indoor track and our Girls Bowling team also won a state championship. The Boys Bowling team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state overall and had a number of 8<sup>th</sup> graders competing. Also, our student athletes also did very well in regard to the Suburban Council Sportsmanship Awards. Every team in the fall program and a great majority of winter teams are Scholar Athletes.

**Mr. Motto:**

- Attended an orchestra class at the high school where they were practicing for a spring concert presentation – a great experience to see the class in action.

**Mr. Domenici:**

- Thanked board members for attending the BOCES meeting on April 15 and noted that the South Colonie Board of Education will meet on April 26 to vote on the BOCES administrative budget and cast ballots for BOCES board members.

**Mr. Gordon:**

- Attended a concert at the high school (bands and symphonic orchestra) in April.

**Mr. Dunn:**

- Attended the Annual BOCES meeting on April 15.

**Mr. Kiehle:**

- Attended a baseball game and a girls lacrosse game.
- Commended the chaperones and organizers of the two student trips to Europe that took place.

**Mr. Johanning:**

- Attended the Annual BOCES meeting on April 15.
- While attending the production of “South Pacific” at Proctors Theater, he noted that Nat Fossner and Peter Cannistraci played in the orchestra.

**Mr. Buhner:**

- Commended the board members who presented the workshop “Orienting Your New Board” at the recent Annual National School Boards Association conference in Chicago, Illinois.

- C. A **Request to Speak** was submitted by South Colonie resident Ted Thompson. Since his remarks pertained to non-agenda items, he addressed the Board during the Public Comments (#13) portion of the agenda.

**5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. Art Program Report**

Art Department Supervisor Nora Callender and Department Chairperson Thomasa Nielsen presented an update on the District’s Art Program.

**B. Board Committee Reports**

The Accountability & Board Operations Committee met since the last board meeting and an oral report of the meeting summary was presented.

**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 “Teaching Phonics and Spelling for Beginning and Transitional Readers (Grades 1-3) – RDLA 167” (#09-10-67). The online course is sponsored by PBS TeacherLine from March 31 to May 11, 2010. Jennifer Satin (Shaker Road) is the contact person.
2. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Teaching Phonics and Spelling for Emergent Readers – RDLA 162” (#09-10-68). The online course is sponsored by PBS TeacherLine from March 31 to May 11, 2010. Jennifer Satin (Shaker Road) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Teaching Narrative and Expository Comprehension – RDLA 187” (#09-10-69). The online course is sponsored by PBS TeacherLine from March 31 to May 11, 2010. Jennifer Satin (Shaker Road) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Ecology is for Everyone” (#09-10-70). The online course is sponsored by The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc. from April 14 to May 18, 2010. Kelly Coppola (CCHS) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Behavior Modification for Students K-12” (#09-10-71). The online course is sponsored by The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc. from May 5 to June 6, 2010. Kelly Coppola (CCHS) is the contact person.
6. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Web Design for Teachers: The Best Tool You Could Ever Have” (#10-11-01). The online course is sponsored by The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc. from July 7 to July 27, 2010. Kelly Coppola (CCHS) is the contact person.
7. Five (5.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 75-contact hour course “Summer Workshop for Science Teachers – 2010 Molecular Biology Hands-On: Cool Genes, Colorful Proteins” (#10-11-02). The course is sponsored by Princeton University & Howard Hughes Medical Institute and will be held at Princeton University July 11 to 23, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Jason Goldberg (CCHS) is the contact person.

**C. Tax Refunds**

Refund of 2009-2010 taxes in the amount of \$26,944.30, made payable to Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, PC, attorneys for the petitioner, Fistrav Del Holding Corp., 1878 Central Avenue, Tax map #29.10-2-3. The property was improperly assessed and the refund is in compliance with a Supreme Court Stipulation and Order of Settlement dated March 23, 2010. The refund is made without interest.

**D. Transportation Contracts**

Award transportation contracts to the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>COST PER DIEM</u>	<u>COST PER MILE</u>
<i>Star &amp; Strand Transportation</i>		
<i>415 Fulton Ave., Troy NY 12180</i>		
#15 Northeast Parent & Child	\$87.00	\$3.48
<i>Chalet Services, Inc.</i>		
<i>3206 Rt #81, Surprise NY 12176</i>		
#25 Schuyler Inn to CCHS/SCMS/FP	\$91.25	\$2.25
#29 Sycamore St. to KIPP/HJohnson	\$44.75	\$2.25

**E. Contracts**

1. A contract with Rensselaer City School District to provide health and welfare services to ten (10) South Colonie resident students attending Doane Stuart School, located in Rensselaer NY, at a cost of \$371.91 per student. The total cost of this contract shall be \$3,719.10.
2. A contract with the Schenectady City School District for the 2009-10 school year to provide health and welfare services to forty (40) South Colonie resident students attending the Brown School and Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons in the Schenectady City School District. The rate per student is \$528.51. The total cost of this contract shall be \$21,140.48.

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

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

Motion made by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 20, 2010, be approved.

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 20, 2010, be approved.

**9. ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

The 2010-11 Budget was developed through a series of work sessions from January to April and is presented for adoption.

Motion by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the 2010-11 Budget in the amount of **\$89,395,000** be adopted.

**10. PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD**

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the attached Property Tax Report Card be approved.

**11. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION PERSONNEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, has called a special district meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the **18<sup>th</sup> day of May** and

**WHEREAS**, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of Permanent Chairmen, Chief Election Inspectors, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said special district meeting at each polling place; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, as follows:

**Section 1** - The following named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed as District Clerk Pro-tem and Permanent Chairpersons of the special district meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

**Joyce Gay  
Deborah Galdun  
Linda Kennedy  
Cindy Lupe  
Valerie Pezzula**

**Section 2** - The following named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed as Chief Election Inspectors:

**Steve Benedict  
Deneen Bogdanowicz  
Nancy Fahd  
Shirley Kelty  
Jane Sullivan  
Joella Ziele**

**Section 3** - The attached list of named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election and/or Assistant Clerks at said special district meeting.

**Section 4** - Each Inspector of Election and Assistant Clerk appointed for said special district meeting, as herein provided, shall serve without compensation. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairmen, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said special district meeting.

**Section 5** - This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call with results as follows: Motion by Mr. Johannig, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0):

Brian Casey	<u>Yes</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Yes</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Yes</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Yes</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Yes</u>	Neil Johannig	<u>Yes</u>
David Kiehle	<u>Yes</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Yes</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Yes</u>

## 12. RESOLUTIONS

*National Physical Education & Sports Week* – May 3-7, 2010

*Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month* – May 2010

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

## 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ted Thompson presented an update on the Pen Pal Project.

## 14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people in attendance at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, District Treasurer Anjelieeque Martinez, Veeder Elementary School Principal Kathleen Gottschalk, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, South Colonie resident Theodore Thompson.

## 15. FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 26 – Facilities Committee -7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- April 26 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- April 26 - **Special Meeting: BOCES Annual Vote – 5:45 p.m., District Office**
- April 27 – Strategic Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- May 4 – **PUBLIC HEARING** on Budget – 7:00 p.m. – Saddlewood Cafetorium  
followed by Board of Education Meeting at District Office (7:30 p.m.)
- May 7 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- May 18 – **Budget Vote & Board Election** – 11 am to 9 pm – All Elementary Schools
- May 25 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

## 16. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**A. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Jenine Silen  
Position: Foreign Language teacher  
Type: Child Care Leave Extension  
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2010  
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
2. Name: Shaunna Reinisch  
Position: Social Studies teacher  
Type: Child Care Leave  
Building: Sand Creek Middle School  
Effective Date: May 3, 2010  
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
3. Name: Ronald J. Harvey  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Type: Personal Leave  
Building: Sand Creek Middle School  
Effective Date: April 12, 2010  
Ending Date: June 30, 2010

**B. Long Term Replacement**

Name: Kathleen Collopy  
Address: 194 Methodist Farm Road, Averill Park, NY 12018  
Type: Long Term Replacement  
Teaching Area: Social Studies  
Building: Sand Creek Middle School  
Effective Date: May 3, 2010  
Ending Date: June 30, 2010  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 2, pro-rated  
Education: B.S. and M.S. from the College of St. Rose  
Certification: Initial in Social Studies 7-12

**C. Long Term Substitute**

Name: Danielle Gushlaw  
Address: 3D Russet Oaks, Ballston Lake, NY 12019  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Elementary Education  
Building: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Effective Date: April 13, 2010  
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2  
Education: B.S. from SUNY Plattsburgh  
Certification: Professional in Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)

**D. Tenure Extension**

Extension of the probationary period for Ronald J. Harvey from August 30, 2010 to November 30, 2010.

**E. Study Hall Supervision for the 2009-10 School Year**

Approval of the following revisions of study hall supervisors for the 2009-10 school year:

Sand Creek Middle School

Kathryn Skanes from September 1, 2009 to February 8, 2010, and March 31 to June 30, 2010

Toni Bergin from February 9, 2010 to March 30, 2010

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

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

Intramurals:

Season IV Weight Training	Michael Ambrosio from 1.0 to .50
Season IV Weight Training	Robert Manny .50

**G. Interscholastic**Colonie Central High School

Approval of the following revisions of previously approved positions at the rate of compensation for the 2009-10 school year:

Softball:

Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Ronald Lockett from .95 to 1.0
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**Rescind:**

Softball Asst. Coach Varsity Girls	Kristin Huestis .05
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**A. Retirement**

1. Name: Richard Gilligan  
Position: School Bus Driver (BG)  
Effective: July 2, 2010

**B. Resignation**

1. Name: Louis P. Renna  
Position: School Bus Driver (BG)  
Effective: April 12, 2010  
Reason: Medical issues

**C. Appointments**

1. Name: Richard Gilligan  
Address: 68 Rooney Avenue, Albany, New York 12205  
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute  
Effective: July 3, 2010  
Salary: \$15.75 per hour
2. Name: Susan C. Sendzicki  
Address: 3 Birch Tree Road, Albany, New York 12205  
Position: Clerk Typist I Part-Time (Substitute)  
Effective: April 21, 2010  
Salary: \$9.75 per hour
3. Name: Bonnie J. Sim  
Address: 27 Tattersall Lane, Albany, New York 12205  
Position: Temporary School Nurse  
Effective: April 12, 2010 to June 30, 2010  
Salary: \$19.00 per hour as per CSEA Contract  
Hours: Varied  
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
Probationary Period: April 12, 2010 to January 12, 2011
4. Name: Cathleen Wallis  
Address: 1176 Laural Lane, Ballston Spa, New York 12020  
Position: Temporary School Nurse  
Effective: April 19, 2010 to June 30, 2010  
Salary: \$19.00 per hour as per CSEA Contract  
Hours: Varied  
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
Probationary Period: April 19, 2010 to January 19, 2011

5. Name: Frances Otty  
Address: 16 North Street, Albany, New York 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: April 12, 2010  
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

**D. Change of Appointment**

1. Name: Kristine Isaksen  
Address: 13 Thoroughbred Way, Clifton Park, New York 12065  
Position: Permanent Senior Keyboard Specialist to Temporary Senior Keyboard Specialist  
Effective: April 12, 2010 to June 30, 2010  
Salary: Schedule D, Step 3 per CSEA Contract  
Hours: 7.5 hours per day  
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School-Pupil Services

**E. Ratification of Contract**

Approval of the Agreement by and between the Superintendent of South Colonie Central School District and the South Colonie Support Staff Supervisors' & Technicians' Association, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015.