

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**March 2, 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 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</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 Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0) to **enter** executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:44 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kiehle noted that the activities that he reported on at the meeting were not included in the minutes. The District Clerk will add those activities to the official minutes.

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2010, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS**A. Correspondence/Board Activities****Ms. Jaquish:**

- Attended the Lisha Kill Honor Roll Breakfast.

Mr. Domenici:

- Attended several BOCES Board meetings, working on the budget process, and the annual BOCES meeting to be held April 15th.

Mr. Dunn:

- Participated in the Facilities Committee building tour at the High School.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Commended the entire South Colonie school community and the Village of Colonie on the joint project during the month of February of the “Basic Needs Drive” to assist Haiti earthquake victims.
- Participated in the Facilities Committee building tours at Forest Park and Saddlewood and enjoyed seeing the students in action during the school day.
- Attended the Sectional Colonie-Shaker hockey games.

Mr. Johanning:

- Participated in the NYS PTA Legislative Conference

Mr. Casey:

- Reported that the “Basic Needs Drive” project for Haiti earthquake victims was very successful. The event was covered by the media with a press conference on Monday morning.
- Attended several wrestling matches at the Times Union Center in which several of our high school students participated and commended the students on their achievements during the tournament.

B. No Requests to speak.**5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. Budget Discussion**

Presentation of 2010-2011 budget proposals for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services.

B. School Calendar Discussion

The 2010-11 School Calendar (Policy 4110) has been developed and provides for 181 days of student attendance and four (4) staff development days for a total of 185 days. The second draft of the calendar has been sent to all bargaining units and Site Based Committees for discussion and input. The final draft will be placed on the agenda for approval at the March 30th Board of Education meeting.

C. Board Committee Reports

The Strategic Planning (2/2/10) Audit-Finance (2/9/10), District Communications (2/9/10) and Policy Committees (2/22/10) have met since the last Board meeting and committee chairpersons reported on the meetings. Mr. Kiehle, liaison to the Curriculum Review Board, was unable to attend the recent meeting and asked Mr. Backus to give a report of the meeting.

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. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact hour course “2010 Northeastern Teacher Forestry Tour” (#09-10-58), sponsored by Temperate Forest Foundation. The course will be held August 3-6, 2010, at Catskill Region Tennenah Lake Golf & Tennis Club. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

2. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact hour course “Earth Science in Space Has No Boundaries” (#09-10-59), sponsored by Dudley Observatory Curriculum Committee. The course will be held August 9-13, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Reading and Writing Across the Content Areas” (#09-10-60), sponsored by NYSUT/Adelphi University. The on-line course will be held from March 15 to May 21, 2010. Sandra Nash-Paul (High School) is the contact person
4. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Creating a Basic Web Document and Web Animation with Adobe Creative Suite 4” (#09-10-61), sponsored by South Colonie. The course will held onThursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie High School. Lisa Eichholzer (High School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Electronic Publishing and Design – CMPT 125” (#09-10-62). The on-line course is sponsored by Hudson Valley Community Course and will be held during the Spring semester. Joel Scism (High School) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Mentoring” (SD#2009-10-64), sponsored by South Colonie Schools, to be held October 14, December 3, 2009, February 4, April 15, 2010, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. or 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the high school library. Thomasa Nielsen (High School) is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Service Learning Study Group Session 1” (SD#2009-10-65), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, to be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Service Learning Study Group Session 2” (SD#2009-10-66), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, to be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
4. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Service Learning Study Group Session 3” (SD#09-10-67), sponsored by Greater Capital Region Teacher Center, to be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sand Creek Middle School. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
5. Twelve (12) contact hours of credit for participation in “Basic Therapeutic Touch” (SD#2009-10-68), sponsored by Crossroads Gallery, to be held on Saturday, March 13 and 20, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day at Crossroads Gallery, Duanesburg, NY. Helen Dohn (Sand Creek) is the contact person.
6. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Applications – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-69), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools, to be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Jack Adams (District Office) is the contact person.

7. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Applications – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-70), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools, to be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Jack Adams (District Office) is the contact person.
8. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Applications – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-71), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools, to be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Jack Adams (District Office) is the contact person.
9. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Applications – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-72), sponsored by South Colonie Central Schools, to be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Jack Adams (District Office) is the contact person.

D. Clerk’s and Treasurer’s Reports – January 2010

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 2, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 2, 2010, be approved.

9. POLICIES

2nd Reading & Approval:

Policy 9520.3 Military Leave

Motion made by Mr. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above noted policies be approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCTA President Jeff Dutcher announced that Colleen Leach, kindergarten teacher at Roessleville Elementary School, was named “Teacher of the Week” by TV Channel 13.

Mr. Dutcher also reported that the husband of Lisa DeStaso-Jones (4th grade teacher at Saddlewood) sustained serious injury while participating in a rugby tournament in Florida and is paralyzed below the neck. Since he cannot be transported back to New York at this time, the family will be incurring traveling expenses and monetary contributions for these needs are being accepted on their behalf.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner thanked audience members for attending the meeting.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 4 – Budget Meeting – Open Discussion / Q&A Session – Shaker Road – 7 p.m.
- March 9 – Budget Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Saddlewood Cafeteria
TOPICS: Instructional Program – Enrollment projections, instructional staffing, support staffing, textbooks, curriculum development, staff development, library & media technology, building budgets, summer school, CALC, Information Technology, Fringe Benefits.
- March 10 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- March 16 – Graduation Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 16 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 22 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 23 – Budget Meeting – Work Session – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 24 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Rd Diner
- 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

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. Resignation

Name: James VanWormer
Position: Science teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: February 22, 2010
Reason: Accepted another position outside the District

B. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Stephanie Crisci
Position: Science teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: February 26, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
2. Name: Sarah Raymond
Position: Special Education teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: March 10, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
3. Name: Elizabeth O'Clair
Position: Teaching Assistant
Type: Personal Leave
Building: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: March 8, 2010
Ending Date: April 30, 2010

C. Long Term Replacement

1. Name: Diane Neuber
Address: 20 Nottingham Way So., Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Science
Building: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: February 26, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 3, pro-rated
Education: B.S. from Harwick College; M.S. from Sage Graduate School
Certification: Initial in Biology 7-12

2. Name: Christine Kiernan
Address: 22 Nee Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Building: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: March 10, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1
Education: B.A. and M.Ed. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

D. Substitute Teachers

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

A. Creation of Position

Creation of the following temporary support staff position for the 2009-10 school year:

- (1) 20-25 per week-per diem Temporary School Nurse (SC)

B. Resignation

1. Name: Lois Schultz
Position: Food Service Helper (HS-WW)
Effective: March 5, 2010
Reason: Personal

C. Appointments

1. Name: David Mahany
Address: 43 Wedgewood Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Temporary School Bus Driver
Effective: February 8, 2010 to June 30, 2010
Salary: Schedule L, Step 1 per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: February 8, 2010 to October 8, 2010
2. Name: Darcy Labine
Address: 4 Jules Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Clerk Typist I-PT Substitute
Effective: February 23, 2010
Salary: \$9.75 per hour
3. Name: Ronald C. Fountain, III
Address: 110 Massachusetts Avenue, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: March 3, 2010
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
4. Name: Mary Nescot
Address: 4 Robinia Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: March 3, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour
5. Name: Gloria A. Kelly
Address: 764 Dodge-Lodge Road, Warnerville, New York 12187
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: March 3, 2010
Salary: \$16.50 per hour