

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

May 4, 2010

Saddlewood School

Executive Session: 6:30 p.m.

Budget Hearing: 7:00 p.m.



District Office

Open Meeting: 7:30 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:** **Saddlewood Library Media Center – 6:30 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. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 6:31p.m.

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:02 p.m.

Public Hearing on Recommended Budget – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at the District Office at 7:30 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2010, and the special meeting on April 26, 2010, be approved.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **Correspondence/Board Activities**

Mr. Casey:

- Attended the String Jamboree held at the high school on April 29, noting that it was a very impressive event and commended all the teachers and students on the excellent performance.
- Attended the Colonie Relays on Saturday, May 1.

Ms. Jaquish:

- Attended the String Jamboree held at the high school on April 29.
- Gave positive feedback on Mrs. Penn's televised report on the anti-bullying program.

Mr. Motto:

- Attended the String Jamboree held at the high school on April 29.

Mr. Dunn:

- Attended the String Jamboree held at the high school on April 29.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended the String Jamboree held at the high school on April 29.
- Attended JV Boys Lacrosse game
- Attended the Veeder School Art Show
- Attended the Poetry Slam at Colonie Center

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the String Jamboree held at the high school on April 29.
- Attended the Veeder School Art Show
- Attended the PTSA meeting at Colonie High School

B. No Requests to speak.**5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. National School Nurse Day – May 12**

District School Nurse Mary Downey presented an update on School Nurses and the duties they perform on a daily basis.

B. Technology Program Update

Michael Marohn, High School Technology Department Supervisor, and John Gehres, Technology Department Coordinator, presented an update on the high school Technology Department.

C. School Report Card

Assistant Superintendent Tim Backus presented the School Report Card, which reports student performance on state assessments, graduation rates, and Regents results.

D. Board Committee Reports

The Graduation, Facilities, Policy, and Strategic Planning Committees have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairperson reported on the meetings with both oral and written reports and made recommendations to the full board. A report on the recent PTA Council meeting was also given.

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. In-Service Courses

1. One-half (.5) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 7.5-contact-hour course “NYS Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference” (#09-10-72). The conference will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center, Verona, NY. Erin Govel (Roessleville) is the contact person.

2. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Guided Reading: Strategies for the Differentiated Classroom” (#09-10-73). The online course is sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research on April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21, 2010. Anne Hoffman (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
3. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Ready, Set, Read!” (#09-10-74). The online course is sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research on April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21, 2010. Anne Hoffman (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
4. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Guided Reading and Writing: Strategies for Maximum Student Achievement” (#09-10-75). The online course is sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research on April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21, 2010. Anne Hoffman (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
5. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 in the Classroom” (#09-10-76). The online course is sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research on April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21, 2010. Anne Hoffman (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
6. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “The Classroom Computer” (#09-10-77). The online course is sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research on April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21, 2010. Anne Hoffman (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
7. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Creating a Classroom Web Site” (#09-10-78). The online course is sponsored by Bureau of Education & Research on April 21, May 19, June 16, and July 21, 2010. Anne Hoffman (Saddlewood) is the contact person.
8. In-service credit for participation in “1st Annual Literacy Institute: The Bridge That Connects All Readers” (#10-11-03), sponsored by Capital Region BOCES, to be held Monday through Thursday, August 2-5, 2010. One (1.0) in-service credit will be awarded for two days attendance; two (2.0) credits for four days attendance. Suzanne Moore is the contact person.
9. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course “Cultural Proficiency – INS 811” (#10-11-04), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held Thursday & Friday, July 8 & 9, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at NYSUT Headquarters in Latham, NY. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.

10. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Behavioral Academic and Social Interventions for the Classroom” (#10-11-05), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held Monday through Friday, July 26-30, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at NYSUT Headquarters in Latham, NY. Mary Rossetti (Forest Park) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Strategies for Working with Challenging Parents” (SD#2009-10-83), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Roessleville Library. Barbara O’Neal (Roessleville) is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Applications – Level 1” (SD#2009-10-84), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the high school. Jack Adams is the contact person.
3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Applications – Level 2” (SD#2009-10-85), sponsored by South Colonie Schools. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the high school. Jack Adams is the contact person.

D. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2009-10 property taxes, made payable to Cronin, Cronin, Harris, P.C, 200 Old Country Road, #570, Mineola, NY 11501, as attorneys for the petitioner WP Colonie Associates, LLC, as follows:

1892 Central Avenue	Tax Map #29-10-2-1.1	\$ 18,371.11
1900 Central Avenue	Tax Map #29.1-1-37.1	\$ 489.90

Property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with an April 19, 2010, Supreme Court decision. Refund is made without interest.

E. Contracts

1. A contract with Northeast Associates in Rehabilitation, LLC, 1721 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12205, for services to South Colonie Schools to provide staff (Job Coaches) to work at employment sites with students during the school day. Job Coaches will be responsible for providing orientation to work tasks, developing and implementing strategies for completion of work tasks, monitoring student behavior, and generally assisting students in being competent workers. Monthly billing will be submitted to South Colonie at the end of each month at the rate of \$31.00 per hour for all Job Coaches and budgeted personnel, to a maximum total cost for the school year of \$125,400. No billing will be done for snow days or other student absences. The contract year will be July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

2. A contract with Bethlehem Central School District to provide health and welfare services for the 2009-10 school year to one (1) South Colonie resident student attending Bethlehem Children's School located in the Bethlehem Central School District at a cost of \$759.00 per student. The total cost of this contract shall be \$759.00.

F. Transportation Contracts

1. A 30-day emergency contract with Brown Transportation, Inc., P.O. Box 2031, Scotia, NY 12302, for transportation to Grout Park beginning March 18, 2010, and ending April 16, 2010, at a cost of \$109.00 per diem. The total cost of this contract shall be \$1,744.00.

G. Bid Awards

1. **HVAC & DDC Control Services**
Awarded to low bidder: Emtech, 405 Front St., Schenectady NY 12305
\$57,972 – Yearly Service Charge

H. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports – March 2010

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 4, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 4, 2010, be approved.

9. RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION PERSONNEL

The following 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:

Hurley, Colleen

Knowles, Graham

Washington, Raquel

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

10. RESOLUTIONS

National School Nurse Day – May 12, 2010

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the above stated resolution be approved.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged staff members who were present and thanked them for attending the meeting.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 6 – Graduation Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- May 7 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- May 12 – Transportation Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- May 18 – **Budget Vote & Board Election** – 11 am to 9 pm – All Elementary Schools
- May 20 – Annual Awards Night – 7 to 9 p.m. – CCHS Auditorium
- May 24 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- May 25 – Audit-Finance Committee – 6:45 p.m. – District Office
- May 25 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- May 26 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – Wolf Road Diner
- June 1 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- 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 – 8th Grade Ceremonies – 5:15 (SC) & 7:30 (LK) p.m. – 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. RESOLUTION:

Motion by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the resolution recommended by the Superintendent, **Case No. 2009-10-01**, be adopted in accordance with Section 913 of the New York State Education Law.

15. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
05/10/2010

A. **Abolish Positions**

Abolish the positions in the following tenure areas effective June 30, 2010:

Elementary Education	2 full time equivalents
English	2 full time equivalents
Reading	3 full time equivalents
Social Studies	2 full time equivalents
Special Education	4 full time equivalents

B. **Long Term Substitute**

1. Name: Jennifer Mooney
Address: 3 Durham Court, Schenectady, NY 12309
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: April 20, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.A. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

2. Name: Maria Ziamandanis
Address: 12 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Building: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: April 21, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from Siena College
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

3. Name: Janel Zeigler
Address: 10 Maplewood Street Apt. 2, Albany, NY 12208
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Art
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: April 28, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from Purchase College
Certification: Initial in Visual Arts

4. Name: Sarah Carney
Address: 920 Sagamore Way, Victor, NY 14564
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Music
Building: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: May 3, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1
Education: B.S. from SUNY Potsdam
Certification: Initial in Music

C. **Substitute Teachers**

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

D. **Summer School Appointments**

Approval of the following summer school appointments, per the Board of Education Policy 9290. Each person is certified and understands that the appointment is contingent upon sufficient enrollment for the 2010 summer school program:

Thomas Gracon	High School and 5-8 Principal	Colonie Central High School
Patrick Gunner	Special Education Principal	Forest Park Elementary School

E. **Study Hall Supervision for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Approval of the following revised Study Hall supervisors for the 2009-2010 school year:

Shaunna Reinisch ending May 2, 2010
 Kathleen Collopy from May 3, to June 30, 2010

F. **Cafeteria Supervision for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Approval of the following cafeteria supervisors for the 2010-2011 school year:

Forest Park Elementary School
 Aimee Bain
 Maureen Hogan
 Heather Kurto
 Patricia Vardaro

G. Co-Curricular*Sand Creek Middle School*

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

Art Club Carol Esmond ending March 24, 2010
Art Club Kathryn Chandler effective March 25 to June 30, 2010

H. Excessed Certified Personnel

The following teachers will be placed on the preferred eligibility list for seven years effective June 30, 2010:

1. Two elementary education positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the Elementary Education K-6 tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Peter DeMarco
Gala Kmack

2. Two English positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the English tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Rachel Deteso-Mathis
Thomas Alexander

3. Three Reading positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the Reading tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Joann Fields
Dawn Napolitano
Paige Tyksinski

4. Two social studies positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the social studies tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Tracy Roberts
Matthew Chapkosky

5. Four special education positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the special education tenure area preferred eligibility list.

Keri Martinez
Barbara Amirault
Tanya DeLaMater
Lisa Prinzo

A. Retirements

1. Name: Patricia Brockley
Position: Permanent Keyboard Specialist (FP)
REVISED Effective Date: June 30, 2010
2. Name: Gail Willis
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker (SC)
REVISED Effective Date: June 30, 2010

B. Resignations

1. Name: Judith Book
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SC)
Effective: July 1, 2010
Reason: Personal
2. Name: Arleen Schillaci
Position: Permanent School Monitor (FP)
Effective: May 6, 2010
Reason: Personal

C. Appointments

1. Name: Patrick Galdun
Address: 4 Shinnecock Hills Drive, Albany, New York 12205
Position: Laborer
Effective: May 10, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour
2. Name: Tyler Katsares
Address: 29 Miracle Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211
Position: Laborer
Effective: June 28, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

D. Personal Care Assistant

Approval of the following personal care assistant (IEP Driven) for the 2009-2010 school year per the Board of Education Policy 9290, effective 2nd semester:

Barbara Bard .33 SC