

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**MINUTES**

**April 5, 2011  
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 meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Casey.

**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>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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (8-0) to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:32 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. Ryan, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 15, 2011, be approved.

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

- Attended the Band Festival (grade 5-12) held on March 29, 2011, in the CCHS M.U.G.
- Assemblyman Robert Reilly awarded the Albany Symphony Grant to Roessleville Elementary School which allowed all of our students (350) and their families to attend a symphony performance at the Palace Theater on March 6.
- Letter was received from *Capital Region Action Against Breast Cancer (CRAAB)* indicating that our students sent art work to “*Kids Battle Back.*” Two of our students were winners and will be able to attend a sports camp at Siena College this summer.
- Letter was received from a teaching professor at SUNY Cobleskill complimenting members of our Music Department and our students for a recent concert which was held at Lisha Kill Middle School.

**Ms. Jaquish:**

- Attended the Special Education PTA (SEPTA) meeting on March 29.
- Attended the Northeastern Region PTA Board Brunch on Saturday, April 2.

**Mr. Ryan:**

- Indicated that one of our custodians, Doug Hutton (Roessleville), performed life-saving procedures on a community member who suffered a heart attack while playing basketball during one of our Continuing Education programs.

**Ms. Motto:**

- Attended the high school Line & Cue production of "Once Upon a Mattress"
- Attended the PTA Council meeting on March 28
- Attended the PTA Legislative Education Conference as a presenter

**Mr. Domenici:**

- Has been active in working as a Board member with Capital Region BOCES, including preparing for the Annual Business Meeting to be held April 14.

**Mr. Dunn:**

- Attended the Shaker Road PTA meeting, which included the budget presentation by Mr. Buhner, on Wednesday, March 30.

**Mr. Kiehle:**

- Attended the high school Line & Cue production of "Once Upon a Mattress"
- Attended the Sand Creek musical production of "Willy Wonka"
- Attended the Band Festival (grade 5-12) held on March 29, 2011, in the CCHS M.U.G.
- Attended the Northeastern Region PTA Board Brunch on Saturday, April 2.

**Mr. Johanning:**

- Attended the high school Line & Cue production of "Once Upon a Mattress"
- Attended the Sand Creek musical production of "Willy Wonka"
- Participated in the McDonald's fund raiser for Saddlewood School.
- Attended the Northeastern Region PTA Board Brunch on Saturday, April 2.
- Attended the NYS PTA Legislation/Education Conference which had six presenters from South Colonie
- Attended various PTA meetings to discuss the budget: PTA Council, CCHS, Sand Creek, SEPTA.
- Participated in NYSSBA budget webinars.

**Mr. Buhner:**

- Announced that Paul Gordon has made a decision not to run again for his Board of Education seat and thanked him for his many years of service. Mr. Gordon has served on the Board since 1987.

B. **No Requests** to speak on agenda or non-agenda items.

**5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. Veeder School Presentation**

The Amy Tisa Memorial Basketball Game has been held each spring for the past four 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. Veeder Elementary School Principal Kathleen Gottschalk and staff members presented a check for \$4,500 to the Anderson family.

**B. Budget Review**

Presentation of 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the 2011-12 budget.

**C. Board Committee Reports**

The Facilities, Policy, Accountability & Board Operations and District Communications 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 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 “Hudson-Mohawk Valley Area Mathematics Conference” (SD#2010-11-51), sponsored by AMTNYS. The workshop will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Schenectady High School. Jacqueline Frank (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Life Cycles in Elementary Science” (SD#2010-11-52), sponsored by 4H/Cornell Cooperative Extension. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Shaker Road Elementary School. Enrollment is limited to teachers in grades 1 and 2. Greg Bearup (CCHS) is the contact person.
3. Six (6) contact hours of credit for participation in “2011 NYS Athletic Training Association Annual Conference” (SD#2010-11-53), sponsored by NYS Athletic Training Association. The conference will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, NY. Kurt Pfaffenbach (Forest Park) 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 25-contact hours course “Instrumental Music Education: Literature, Leadership & Rehearsal Technique” (#11-12-01). The course will be held July 11-15, 2011 at Central Connecticut State University. Joel Miller (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Discipline for Today’s Classrooms – HBM 900” (#10-11-50). The online course is sponsored by Fresno Pacific University and will be held at varied times. Brooke Brady (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.

3. Two and one-half (2.5) in-service credits for participation in and completion of "UMass STEM Digital" (#11-12-02). The course will be held at UMass Amherst from June 27 to July 1, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. James Brown (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

**D. Use of School Buses**

1. Use of two (2) school buses by the Town of Colonie Youth Services Division, Department of Parks and Recreation as follows:
  - Monday, April 18, 2011: Transportation to Redwood Lanes departing at 12:00 p.m. and returning at approximately 2:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday, April 20, 2011: Transportation to the New York State Museum departing at 12:00 p.m. and returning at approximately 2:30 p.m.
  - Friday, April 22, 2011: Transportation to the Regal Theater, Colonie Center departing at 12:00 p.m. and returning at approximately 3:00 p.m.\*\*Departure/return times are approximate. Movie times are released the week before.

**E. Contracts**

1. Contract with North Colonie Central School District for the 2010-11 school year to provide health and welfare services to 129.4 South Colonie resident students attending Loudonville Christian, St. Ambrose, St. Gregory's and St. Pius Schools located in the North Colonie school district, at a cost of \$491.90 per student. The total cost for this contract shall be \$63,651.86.
2. Contract with Averill Park Central School District for the 2010-11 school year to provide health and welfare services to one (1) South Colonie resident student attending Robert C. Parker School located in the Averill Park school district, at a cost of \$500.84 per pupil,. The total cost of the contract shall be \$500.84.
3. Contract with Niskayuna Central School District for the 2010-11 school year to provide health and welfare services to nine (9) South Colonie resident students attending St. Helen's School located in the Niskayuna school district, at a cost of \$511.11 per pupil. The total cost for this contract shall be \$4,599.99.

**F. Tax Refunds**

1. Refund of 2010-11 school taxes in the amount of \$841.75, made payable to Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel PC., 9 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205, attorneys for the petitioner, Old Grand Dad Joint Venture, 1656 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 (Tax Map #41.7-4-38). Property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a March 3, 2011, Supreme Court decision and is made without interest.

2. Refund of 2009-10 and 2010-11 school taxes in the amount of \$58,253.92, made payable to Chaffee Investment Properties, LP and Lanfair LP, c/o Suzanne Grim, Senior Advisor, Cresa Partners, IDS Center, 80 South English, Suite 850, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Property is located at 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205 (Tax Map #30.2-11.1)

2009-10: \$29,393.78

2010-11: \$28,860.14

The property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a March 1, 2011, Supreme Court Stipulation decision and is made without interest.

### **G. Student Trips**

1. Group: CCHS Studio in Drawing/Painting (35-40 each day)  
Destination: Clark Museum, Williamstown, MA  
Date: Tuesday & Wednesday, April 12 & 13, 2011  
Responsible: Christine Festin  
Transportation: School Bus (1 each day)  
Cost of Trip: Clark will pay bus costs
  
2. Group: Lisha Kill Grade 7 Students (200)  
Destination: Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA  
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2011  
Responsible: Michelle Angevine  
Transportation: Chartered Bus  
Cost of Trip: Individuals (\$55)
  
3. Group: Lisha Kill Grade 8 Students (200)  
Destination: Boston, Massachusetts  
Date: Friday, May 20, 2011  
Responsible: Michelle Angevine  
Transportation: Chartered Bus  
Cost of Trip: Individuals & Fund Raising (\$85)

### **H. Donation**

1. Donation of \$335.00 from Community Reformed Church of Colonie, 701 Sand Creek Road, Albany NY 12205, to assist a student unable to play a musical instrument due to financial hardship.

### **I. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – February 2011**

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

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 5, 2011, be approved.

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 5, 2011, be approved.

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

*National Library Week* – April 10-16, 2011

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

**10. POLICIES****2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Approval:**

Policy 5500                      Student Records

**One Reading & Approval:**

Policy 4526                      Computer Use Policy  
Policy 4526.1                    Instructional Technology  
Policy 4527                      Cyberbullying  
Policy 5300                      Student Code of Conduct / Behavior Expectations  
Policy 9290                      Supplemental Compensation Rates

NOTE: Policy 8110 – Buildings & Grounds Inspections – was removed and not approved at this time pending further review.

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

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A community member commented on the development of the budget, the increases from year to year, and the increase in tax levy for South Colonie homeowners. Another community member commented on the need to hire and retain quality teachers and that the District should be thoughtful about program cuts.

## 12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner thanked all for attending and noted the following staff members present at the meeting were: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Veeder Elementary School Principal Kathleen Gottschalk.

## 13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 13, 2011 – Special Board of Education Meeting – **5:30 p.m.** – District Office  
**BUDGET TOPIC: Adoption of 2011-12 Budget**
- April 13, 2011 – String Festival – 7:00 p.m. – CCHS M.U.G.
- April 14, 2011 – Annual Meeting – Capital Region BOCES – 5:30 pm - CTE Campus
- *Monday, April 18, 2011 – Last day to file petition for School Board member election*
- April 25, 2011 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- April 26, 2011 – Academic Achievement Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- April 27, 2011 – Graduation Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- April 27, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office  
Including BOCES Administrative Budget Vote & Board Election
- April 28, 2011 – Information Systems Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- May 3, 2011 – **PUBLIC HEARING ON 2011-12 BUDGET** – Saddlewood – 7:00 p.m.  
followed by Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – District Office
- May 11, 2011 – Transportation Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- May 17, 2011 – Annual Budget Vote & Board Election – 11 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
at Forest Park, Roessleville, Saddlewood, Shaker Road, & Veeder Schools
- May 23, 2011 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- May 24, 2011 – Graduation Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- May 24, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

## 14. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Joyce Gay  
District Clerk  
04/20/2011

**A. Resignations**

- Name: Lori Nestor  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Reason: Personal  
Effective Date: April 11, 2011

**B. Appointments**

- Name: Sherri L. D. Fisher  
Address: 37 Grandview Drive, Poestenkill, NY 12140  
Type: 3 Year Probationary  
Tenure Area: Administrator  
Location: District Office  
Effective Date: July 1, 2011  
End of Probationary Period: June 30, 2014  
Salary: As per attached confidential sheet  
Certification Status: Permanent as School District Administrator;  
Permanent as School Business Administrator

**C. Temporary Part-Time Appointments**

- Name: Bryan M. Zajesky  
Address: 50 Parkwood Drive, Albany, NY 12205  
Type: Temporary Part-time (.75)  
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant  
Location: YDC  
Effective Date: March 16, 2011  
Ending Date: June 30, 2011  
Salary: As per SCTA TA contract  
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant Level I, Initial in Social Studies (7-12)

**D. Long-Term Substitutes**

- Name: Danielle Brancato  
Address: 347 Ushers Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Elementary Education  
Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
Effective Date: March 18, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1  
Education: B.S. from Univ. of Hartford, M.S. from Nova Southeastern Univ.  
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education (PK-6)

2. Name: Joseph P. Coleman  
Address: 925 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Mathematics  
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Effective Date: March 29, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1  
Education: B.A. from College of St. Rose  
Certification: Initial in Mathematics (7-12)
  
3. Name: Patrick Gilday  
Address: 24 Loudon Heights North, Loudonville, NY 12211  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Technology  
Location: Colonie Central High School  
Effective Date: March 31, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1  
Education: B.S. from Univ. of Mass, M.S. from College of St. Rose  
Certification: Initial in Technology Education
  
4. Name: Alison Meier  
Address: PO Box 62, Duanesburg, NY 12056  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Childhood Education  
Location: Forest Park Elementary School  
Effective Date: March 11, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1  
Education: B.S. and M.S. from College of St. Rose  
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
  
5. Name: Susan Pedlow  
Address: 59 Beacon Road, Altamont, NY 12077  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Childhood Education  
Location: Saddlewood Elementary School  
Effective Date: March 29, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1  
Education: B.S. and M.S. from Niagara University  
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
  
6. Name: Nicole Provost  
Address: 1005 Rose Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Special Education  
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Effective Date: April 1, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1  
Education: B.S. from College of St. Rose, M.S. from SUNY Albany  
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

7. Name: Bridget Stackman  
Address: 8 Frantone Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Reading  
Location: Veeder Elementary School  
Effective Date: March 11, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1  
Education: B.S. and M.S. from College of St. Rose  
Certification: Initial in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)
8. Name: Richard A. Yanatos  
Address: 2 Cimino Lane, Apt. 10, Schenectady, NY 12306  
Type: Long Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Physical Education  
Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
Effective Date: March 1, 2011  
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1  
Education: B.S. from Queens College  
Certification: Initial in Physical Education

**E. Substitute Teachers**

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

**F. Interscholastic – Spring - 2010-11 School Year****Colonie Central High School**

*Rescind the following previously approved positions:*

Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Jamie Carr	
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Canaan Harvey	
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	John Ashley	.3
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jason Bissonette	
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Dennis King	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jason Willis	.5

*Appointment of the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:*

Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Jason Bissonette	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Canaan Harvey	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Dennis King	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	John Ashley	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Jason Willis	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jamie Carr	
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Canaan Harvey	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jason Bissonette	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	John Ashley	.3



**A. Appointments**

1. Name: Jennifer Casabonne  
Address: 18-B Pine Avenue, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper  
Effective: April 5, 2011  
Salary: \$10.43 per hour, per CSEA contract  
Hours: 4.0 hours per day  
Current Location: Roessleville Elementary School  
Probationary Period: April 5, 2011 to October 5, 2011
2. Name: Marisa Rotondaro  
Address: 11 Peachtree Lane, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: April 6, 2011  
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
3. Name: Shaun Monette  
Address: 12 Mildred Lane, Latham, NY 12110  
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute  
Effective: April 6, 2011  
Salary: \$10.25 per hour
4. Name: Kathleen Charbonneau  
Address: 2115 Central Avenue, #55, Schenectady, NY 12304  
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute  
Effective: April 4, 2011  
Salary: \$9.50 per hour

**B. Change of Appointments**

1. Name: Tracy Carter  
Address: 5 Windsor Drive, Albany, NY 12205  
Position Change: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor  
Effective: October 4, 2010  
Salary: \$11.30 per hour, per Teamsters Contract  
Hours: 6.50 hours per day  
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
Probationary Period: October 4, 2010 to April 4, 2011
2. Name: Dawn Decker  
Address: 16 Benjamin Lane, Albany, NY 12205  
Position Change: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor  
Effective: December 17, 2010  
Salary: \$11.30 per hour, per Teamsters Contract  
Hours: 6.50 hours per day  
Current Location: Colonie Central High School  
Probationary Period: December 17, 2010 to June 17, 2011

3. Name: Nancy Wolff  
Address: 18 Alfred Drive, Albany, NY 12205  
Position Change: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor  
Effective: December 17, 2010  
Salary: \$11.30 per hour, per Teamsters Contract  
Hours: 6.50 hours per day  
Current Location: Colonie Central High School  
Probationary Period: December 17, 2010 to June 17, 2011
4. Name: Lisa Mosca  
Address: 3 Brinker Drive, So., Rensselaer, NY 12144  
Position Change: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor  
Effective: January 18, 2011  
Salary: \$11.30 per hour, per Teamsters Contract  
Hours: 6.0 hours per day  
Current Location: Forest Park  
Probationary Period: January 18, 2011 to September 19, 2011

**C. Personal Care Assistant 2010 -11 –**

Approval of the following personal care assistant (IEP Driven), effective January 31, 2011 to June 30, 2011, per the Board of Education Policy 9290:

Amy Lauer	Forest Park	1.00 (pro-rated)
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