

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**August 31, 2010
District Office**

6:00 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 meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Motto at 6:20 p.m.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	<u>Excused</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Present</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Present</u>	David Kiehle	<u>Present</u>
Neil Johanning	<u>**</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Present</u>

Also present: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Beverly Miller, District Clerk Joyce Gay.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Motto led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the minutes of the **regular** meeting on **August 12, 2010**, be approved.

****Mr. Johanning arrived at 6:24 p.m.**

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

- Attended 2010 Summer School Graduation ceremony and commended the 17 graduates for their hard work and perseverance.
- Toured the Guilderland CSD Transportation/Maintenance facility with Mr. Tunny and Mr. Casey.

Mr. Gordon:

- Attended 2010 Summer School Graduation ceremony and commended the graduates for their hard work and perseverance.

Mr. Dunn:

- Attended 2010 Summer School Graduation ceremony and commended the graduates for their hard work and perseverance.

Mr. Johanning:

- Participated on the evaluation team for the Milken Foundation Educator Awards for teachers, specialists, building level administrators.
- Noted that Sand Creek is seeking sponsorships from local businesses and community groups to help support the anti-bullying program. Board members have been invited to Sand Creek's *Creekfest* to be held on September 23.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Tax Rates / Tax Warrants**

The 2010-11 tax rate calculations were reviewed by Mrs. Miller. Resolutions for adoption appear in Items 9 and 10 of this document.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2009-10 property taxes in the amount of \$489.90, made payable to Herman, Katz, Cangemi & Clyne, LLP, attorneys for the petitioner, Nancy SB Corporation, 4315 Albany Street, Tax Map #29.3-2-10. Property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a July 27, 2010 Supreme Court decision and is made without interest.
2. Refund of 2009-10 property taxes in the amount of \$1,224.74, made payable to Herman, Katz, Cangemi & Clyne, LLP, attorneys for the petitioner, Thru View LLC, 38 Karner Road, Tax Map #29.3-2-45. Property was improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a July 26, 2010 Supreme Court decision and is made without interest.

C. Attendance Clerk

Shaker Road Elementary School **Samantha Manion**

D. Contracts

1. A contract between Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208, and South Colonie Central School District to provide special education services. The term of this contract shall be from July 6, 2010 to June 23, 2011. The tuition cost approved by the State Education Department is \$36,194.00 per child for the school year (September through June) and \$5,745.00 per child for the summer session.

E. Non-Work Day

All 12 month employees are granted a non-work day for Thursday, September 9, 2010 (Rosh Hashanah).

F. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – July 2010

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated August 31, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated August 31, 2010, be approved.

9. RESOLUTION

Approve tax warrants for the 2010-11 school year for Colonie, Guilderland and Niskayuna dated August 31, 2010, per the attached list.

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above stated tax warrants be approved.

10. RESOLUTION

Adoption of the tax rates for 2010-11 per \$1,000 of assessed value as follows:

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Colonie	\$24.050115
Niskayuna	\$16.113577
Guilderland	\$18.946005

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (8-0), that the above stated tax rates for 2010-11 be approved.

Mr. Domenici left at 6:40 p.m.

11. CLASSROOM RENTAL AND ANCILLARY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Approve the Classroom Rental and Ancillary Services Agreement with the Capital Region BOCES for the 2010-11 school year as follows:

- \$12,000 per classroom paid to the District for the rental of classrooms at Lisha Kill Middle School and Shaker Road Elementary School.
- Ancillary Services Base fees of \$14,250 paid to the District in conjunction with the classroom rental.

These contracts reflect the reimbursement charges agreed upon by the District Superintendent's Special Education Committee and the component school superintendents. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of one year commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the Classroom and Ancillary Services Agreement be approved.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- September 7, 2010 – Academic Recognition at Colonie High School – 6:30 p.m. - Auditorium
- September 7, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – **7:30 p.m.** – **CCHS Library**
- September 21, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – **CCHS Library**
includes Tenured Teacher Reception @ 6:30 pm
- September 22, 2010 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- September 24, 2010 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- September 27, 2010 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- October 5, 2010 – Audit/Finance Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- October 5, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

13. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (7-0) that the regular meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
09/02/2010

A. Resignations

1. Name: Katherine Crosby
 Position: 5-6 Foreign Language Teacher (LTR)
 Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
 Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
 Effective Date: August 27, 2010

2. Name: Ronald J. Harvey
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Location: Sand Creek Middle School
 Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
 Effective Date: August 17, 2010

3. Name: Keri J. O’Neil
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Location: Colonie Central High School
 Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
 Effective Date: August 17, 2010

4. Name: Jacqueline Rowen
 Position: Technology Teacher (Temp PT)
 Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
 Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
 Effective Date: August 20, 2010

B. Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Katherina Duval
 Position: Elementary Education
 Type: Child Care Leave
 Location: Sand Creek Middle School
 Effective Date: October 14, 2010
 Ending Date: November 30, 2010

2. Name: Victoria Green
 Position: Elementary Education
 Type: Child Care Leave
 Location: Forest Park Elementary School
 Effective Date: October 4, 2010
 Ending Date: January 31, 2011

3. Name: Gregory Sulz
 Position: Teaching Assistant
 Type: Personal Leave
 Location: Sand Creek Middle School
 Effective Date: September 7, 2010
 Ending Date: December 1, 2010

C. Appointments

1. Name: Kimberly DonVito
Address: 23 Churchill Square, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Special - Teaching Assistant
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2013
Salary: As per SCTA TA contract
Certification Status: Teaching Assistant Level III

2. Name: Joann Fields
Address: 23 Lori Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Permanent
Tenure Area: Remedial Reading
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 9
Education: B.A. from Plattsburgh State, M.S. SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Permanent in Reading

3. Name: Raymond Sczerba
Address: 406 Walnut Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Science (Earth)
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2013
Salary: Schedule II, Step 1
Education: B.S. SUNY Albany, M.S. SUNY New Paltz
Certification Status: Initial in Earth Science (7-12)

4. Name: Jennifer C. Tatlock
Address: 4 McKinley Avenue, Johnstown, NY 12095
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: Science (Biology/Chemistry)
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
End of Probationary Period: August 30, 2013
Salary: Schedule II, Step 2
Education: B.A. SUNY Oneonta, M.S. Saint Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Chemistry (7-12), Initial in Biology (7-12)

D. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Lauren Pells
Address: 48 Devitt Road, Waterford, NY 12188
Type: Temporary Part-Time (.60)
Teaching Area: Foreign Language
Location: CALC/Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Schedule I, Step 1(pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from Saint Rose
Certification Status: Initial in Spanish (7-12)

E. Long-Term Replacements

1. Name: Danielle Gushlaw
Address: 3D Russett Oaks, Ballston Lake, NY 12019
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Ending Date: January 28, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 3 (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from Plattsburgh State; M.A. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Professional in Childhood Education (1-6)
2. Name: Aine Masterson
Address: 1204 Coventry Lane, East Greenbush, NY 12061
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Ending Date: December 23, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 3 (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from SUNY Oswego; M.A. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (1-6)
3. Name: Kristina Oliver
Address: 44 Lenox Avenue, Albany, NY 12203
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Science
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 7
Education: B.S. from SUNY Buffalo; M.S. from Capella University
Certification: Permanent in General Science 7-12, Permanent in Chemistry 7-12

4. Name: Sabrina Skotarczak
Address: 1801 Hayner Heights Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: September 16, 2010
Ending Date: December 17, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 7, (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from Notre Dame College; M.S. from Sage
Certification: Permanent in Special Education
5. Name: Patrick Taormina
Address: 20 Birch Tree Lane, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Social Studies
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Ending Date: December 17, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2, (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from University of Vermont
Certification: Initial in Social Studies (7-12)
6. Name: Susan Weiss
Address: 5560 Gardner Road, Altamont, NY 12009
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: August 31, 2010
Ending Date: February 28, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 4, (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from Saint Rose; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Permanent in N-6

F. Substitute Teachers

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

G. Superintendent's Contract

An extension of the contract with Jonathan W. Buhner, Superintendent, to July 31, 2013 with a salary increase, as per the attached confidential sheet.

A. Resignations

1. Name: Frances Sheffer
Position: Food Service Helper (VR)
Effective: August 24, 2010
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Mary Ann Gerstenberger
Address: 2 Kenmore Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: August 31, 2010 to June 30, 2011
Salary: \$11.30 per hour
Hours: 6 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
2. Name: Lisa Mosca
Address: 3 Brinker Drive South, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: August 31, 2010 to January 30, 2011
Salary: \$11.30 per hour
Hours: 6 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
3. Name: Susan Lotano
Address: 23 Tokay Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: August 31, 2010 to June 30, 2011
Salary: \$12.75 per hour
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
4. Name: John Mlynarick
Address: 22 Joy Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: Probationary Custodial Worker
Effective: August 31, 2010
Salary: Schedule G, Step 2 per CSEA contract
Hours: 8 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: August 31, 2010 to March 1, 2011
5. Name: Carolyn Nolte
Address: 13 Benjamin Lane, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: September 1, 2010
Salary: \$9.50 per hour

6. Name: Joyce Hilgenberg
Address: 30 Dott Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: September 1, 2010
Salary: \$9.50 per hour

7. Name: Patricia Brockley
Address: 26 Lynn Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: September 1, 2010
Salary: \$9.25 per hour

8. Name: Patricia Brockley
Address: 26 Lynn Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Clerk Typist I – Part Time (Substitute)
Effective: September 1, 2010
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

9. Name: Mary Whiteley
Address: 4 Robinia Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: Clerk Typist I Part Time (Substitute)
Effective: September 1, 2010
Salary: \$10.00 per hour