

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**December 21, 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 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>Excused</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Present</u>	Shelle Jaquish	<u>Present</u>	David Kiehle	<u>Present</u>
Neil Johannig	<u>Present</u>	Leonard Motto	<u>Present</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Excused</u>

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

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

- Informed the Board that fellow Board member, Mr. Ryan, fell in his driveway and broke his wrist. He is now recuperating at home after a surgical procedure on Monday, December 20.
- Noted that The Colonie-Guilderland Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to South Colonie which was divided up for all schools, including CALC. The Club also adopted a Sand Creek family and provided Christmas gifts for three children and the parents.
- Congratulated Cathryn Jones, a South Colonie senior, for being selected to participate in the MENC All-Eastern Honors Orchestra. Cathryn is an accomplished oboist and will rehearse on March 31- April 3 in Baltimore.

Ms. Jaquish:

- Attended the varsity basketball game between Colonie and Guilderland.

Mr. Motto:

- Attended the varsity basketball game between Colonie and Shenendehowa.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended the Colonie-Shaker Hockey game.
- Attended the three basketball game between Colonie and Shenendehowa.
- Attended the high school concert on Monday, December 20.

Mr. Johannig:

- Attended the Lisha Kill Grade 7/8 Band concert held at Empire State Concert on Monday, December 13.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Middle School to High School Transition Program**

Associate Principal/9th Grade Dean Christopher Robilotti presented an overview and update of the transition program.

B. Board Committee Reports

The Academic Achievement Committee and the Facilities Committee have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons reported on the meetings and made recommendations to the full Board.

Mr. Kiehle, liaison to the Curriculum Review Board, also reported on the meeting held on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

SCTA President Jeff Dutcher requested permission to speak. He wanted the Board to know that having a Board member attending the CRB meetings is very much appreciated. Having the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction as a leader of the Curriculum Review Board has also contributed to making the CRB a strong entity of the school district, making it more capable of accomplishing its objectives.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

1. Appointment as Parent Advocate on CSE/CPSE:
 - Kenia Oliveras, 9 Cortshell Street, Albany NY 12205
2. Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Review of State of the Art Understanding Concerning Children’s Decision Making and the Forces that Shape Their Decisions” (SD#2010-11-37), sponsored by Frank Doberman, Ph.D. The workshop will be held on Monday, May 23, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Hal Sauter is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Teaching a Child with a Mental Health Diagnosis” (SD#2010-11-38), sponsored by Frank Doberman, Ph.D. The workshop will be held on Monday, April 11, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the High School Library. Hal Sauter is the contact person.

C. Contracts

1. Agreement with Achievements, PLLC, 623 New Loudon Road, Latham NY 12110, to provide TVI services per student IEP at the rate of \$95.00 per hour. The agreement will commence on October 1, 2010 and terminate on June 30, 2011.

D. Use of School Bus

1. Use of two (2) school buses by the Town of Colonie Youth Services Division, 1653 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 as follows:
Monday, December 27, 2010:
 - Depart at 12:15 p.m., traveling to Steamer 10 Theater, Albany; return at approximately 3:00 p.m.Thursday, December 30, 2010:
 - Depart at 12:45 p.m., traveling to Redwood Lanes, Colonie; return at approximately 2:30 p.m.Drivers wages and mileage fees will be in accordance to the District's fee and rate schedule.

E. Surplus Items

1. Declare as surplus four (4) Sharp televisions, Model #L9RU69P, Serial #312175, 316402, 335976, and 336496. Items are inoperable, manufactured in 1980, and are located at Roessleville Elementary School.
2. Declare as surplus one (1) Thermoscan Pro-1 Instant Ear Thermometer, Fixed asset #204331. Item is in non-working condition, has been deemed "unrepairable" and is located in the Health Office at Veeder Elementary School.

F. Transportation Contracts

1. A negotiated contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation from Lark Street to Forest Park Elementary School for one day on December 1, 2010 at the cost of \$45.00. There was a one day lapse between the emergency contract and the contract that was awarded through the bidding process.

G. Bid Awards – Food Service Department

Award for January 31, 2011 to June 30, 2011 to low bidder meeting specifications:

PIZZA – Regular Flour, Spring Wheat Flour, and Pizza utilizing USDA Cheese:

Wolfe's Pizza, P. O. Box 360, Duanesburg NY 12056: Item 56000A (awarded in all three categories)

H. Budgetary Transfers

From: A2250.191	To: A2110.191	\$250,000
From: A2250.121	To: A2110.191	\$62,000

Explanation: Reclassify monitors from Special Ed to regular day

I. Refund of Taxes

Tax refund in the amount of \$47,920.53 made payable to Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne, LLP, attorney for the petitioner, Northway Mall Properties LLC, and mailed to 400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 206, Garden City, New York 11530. Northway Mall Properties, 1440 Central Avenue (Tax Map #42.13-3-4) has been improperly assessed and the refund is pursuant to a Supreme Court decision on November 17, 2010, and entered in the Albany County Clerk's Office on December 1, 2010.

2008-09	\$38,300.48
2010-11	\$ 9,620.05

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Motto, 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 December 21, 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 December 21, 2010, be approved.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, Saddlewood Elementary School Principal Ernie Casile.

10. FUTURE MEETINGS

December 23, 2010:	Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
January 4, 2011:	Board of Education Meeting (Retreat) – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
January 11, 2011:	Budget Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
January 12, 2011:	Transportation Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
January 18, 2011:	Academic Achievement Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
January 18, 2011:	Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
January 20, 2011:	Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
January 24, 2011:	Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 8:11 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (7-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 8:26 p.m.

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (7-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk

A. Creation of Position

Creation of the following position for the 2010-2011 school year
.8 Special Education Teacher

B. Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Nina Rosen
Position: Social Studies 9-12
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: December 17, 2010
Ending Date: January 31, 2011

C. Increase of Appointment

1. Name: Laura Burton
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .2
Effective Date: December 6, 2010 to June 30, 2011

D. Long-Term Replacements

1. Name: Patrick Taormina
Address: 20 Birch Tree Lane, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Type: Long Term Replacement Extension
Teaching Area: Social Studies
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: December 17, 2010
Revised Ending Date: January 31, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2 (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from University of Vermont
Certification: Initial in Social Studies (7-12)

E. Substitute Teachers

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

F. Subject Coordinators – 2010-11 School Year

Appointment of the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective December 10, 2010:

Colonie Central High School
Special Education Coordinator

Matthew Raso

G. Co-Curricular – 2010-11 School Year

Revise the appointment of the following previously approved position:

Colonie Central High School

Productions: Line and Cue Advisor Jaclyn Lupe .5

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

Colonie Central High School

Productions: Line and Cue Advisor Michael Mensching .5
Productions: Director Jaclyn Lupe

A. Resignation

1. Name: Ana M. Price
Position: Food Service Helper
Effective: December 24, 2010
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Lauren Kaplan-Rieger
Address: 30 Delafield Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary School Monitor
Effective: December 14, 2010
Salary: \$10.61 per hour, per Teamster Contract
Hours: 3.5 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
Probationary Period: December 14, 2010 – June 14, 2011
2. Name: Nicole Judge
Address: 4328 Buckingham Drive, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
3. Name: Anne Marie Capobianco
Address: 5 Bittersweet Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
4. Name: Regina Zumbo-Colfels
Address: 33 Boshier Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
5. Name: Regina Zumbo-Colfels
Address: 33 Boshier Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Clerk Typist I – Part Time (Substitute)
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
6. Name: Eric Lauer
Address: 48 Mary Hadge Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$10.25 per hour

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7. Name: Thomas Marr
Address: 21 Tokay Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$10.25 per hour
8. Name: Jeanne VanPatten
Address: 1611 12th Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Effective: November 29, 2010
Salary: \$10.78 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 3.0 hours per day
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Probationary Period: November 29, 2010 – May 31, 2011
9. Name: Amanda Trance
Address: 27 Maplewood Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Effective: December 21, 2010
Salary: \$10.43 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 3.50 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School – Main Kitchen
Probationary Period: December 21, 2010 – June 21, 2011
10. Name: Mark Ambrosio
Address: 12 Toronado Drive, Latham, NY 12110
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 22, 2010
Salary: \$9.25 per hour