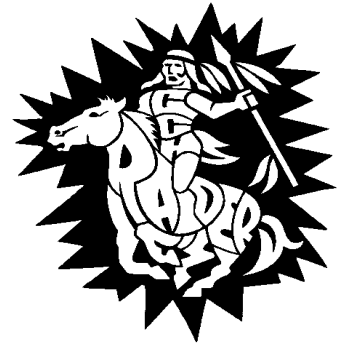


SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES



June 7, 2011

CCHS Library  
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 at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Brian Casey	<u>Present</u>	Robert Domenici	<u>Present</u>	Richard Dunn	<u>Present</u>
Paul Gordon	<u>Present</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.

**2. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Mr. Casey led the pledge to the flag.

**3. PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT**

Mr. Casey presented Mr. Gordon with gifts and thanked him for 24 years of dedicated service as a member of the Board of Education for South Colonie Central Schools.

**A. Boys Bowling Team – 2010-11 New York State Champions**

Andrew Bennett	Corey Buckley	Noah Burke	Justin Carl
Justin Frey	Eric Kaminski	C.J. Leisenfelder	Andrew Mochrie
Tyler Mochrie	Charles Moeske	Matthew Olson	Jacob Rivers
Ricky Rovelli	Casey Schoonmaker	Nick Shaw	John Shaw
Shane Zeswewitz			

**B. Girls Bowling Team – New York State Champions for 2009-10 and 2010-11**

Sarah Brooks	Stephanie Buckley	Kalynn Carl	Tamara Champagne
Sara Colino	Amanda Gabriel	Lindsay Gravell	Tiera Gulum
Jennifer Lynch	Hannah Mochrie	Nichole Rhynders	Megan Rzeszuto
Cassidhe Whalen			

**C. Grade 9 Advisory Team:**

<i>Teacher:</i> James Vadaro	<i>Teaching Assistant:</i> Melissa McConville
Heather Coirin	Marissa Gates
Chris Hilgenberg	Patrick Schroeder

**D. Sand Creek Community Service Projects**

Jill Penn, Melissa Moskov, and the members of the Comet Team at Sand Creek Middle school will present an overview of all of the community service projects they have undertaken this year. The students participating in the presentation are:

Maggie McDonald	Haleigh Zeilman	Ricky Umholtz
Mark LoGiudice	Nahjeniq Buchanan	

**E. 2011 Graduates - Alternative Programs**

Randy Rench will present the following students who were enrolled in one of our satellite programs for all or part of the 2010-11 school year.

Sara Allen	Xavier Brooks	Valerie Burnley	Steven Carbonaro
Ashley Discipio	Ashleigh Oneal-Grant	Michael Kenific	Lauren Lamere
Gregory Lewis	Brayden McKinney	Derek Murray	Jordan Nelson
Matthew Pagan	Thomas Pascariello	Anthony Tasso	Michellee Velez
Kelly Webster	Amanda Waterson	Kelvin Whittingham	

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on May 24, 2011, be approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Mr. Domenici, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 8:08 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 8:47 p.m.

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

- Although he had missed doing it at the last Board meeting, Mr. Casey congratulated Mr. Johanning on being elected to another term as a South Colonie board member and commended him for the contributions he has made to the District.
- Noted that two of our seniors have been named as Scholar Athletes – Maeleesa Santos and Jami June.
- Reported that after emergency open heart surgery last weekend, Special Education Supervisor Hal Sauter is home and recuperating well.
- Noted that the District was successful in receiving a \$1,500 grant for recycling and recycling containers through the efforts of Energy Education Manager Jim Brown.
- South Colonie school bus driver Myron Kniskern received the AAA Safe Bus Driver Award recently.
- Attended the baseball play-off game at the HVCC stadium.

**Ms. Jaquish:**

- Attended the CAPSBA Annual Dinner Meeting on May 25

**Mr. Kiehle:**

- Attended a JV baseball game and a girls' lacrosse game
- Attended the District Art show and commended all students for great work!
- Attended the baseball play-off game at the HVCC stadium.

**Mr. Johanning:**

- Concurred with Mr. Kiehle that the District Art show was a great event to showcase the great work of our students.

**B. Board Committee Reports**

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

**6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following:

**A. Committee on Preschool and Special Education**

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 “CD Course – Drugs & Alcohol in Schools: Understanding Substance Use & Abuse (EDU 599-37)” (#10-11-55). The online course is sponsored by NYSUT Catalog and will be held at varied times. Christa Lukasik (CCHS) is the contact person.
2. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact hour course “CD Course – Harassment, Bullying & Cyber-Intimidation” (#10-11-56). The online course is sponsored by NYSUT Education and Learning Trust and will be held at varied times. Christa Lukasik (CCHS) is the contact person.
3. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30-contact hour course “CD Course – Traumatized Child: The Effects of Stress, Trauma & Violence on Student Learning” (#10-11-57). The online course is sponsored by NYSUT Education and Learning Trust and will be held at varied times. Christa Lukasik (CCHS) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Computer Graphics for Teachers (TEC-915)” #10-11-58). The online course is sponsored by Fresno Pacific University and will be held at varied times. Gina Redmond (CCHS) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Using FREE Google Tools to Facilitate Classroom Instruction, Collaboration and Instructor Time Management” (#10-11-59). The online course is sponsored by The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc. (Chapman University) and will be held at varied times. Connie Woytowich (CCHS) is the contact person.
6. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course “Teaching Study Skills for All Ages – EDZU 9019” (#11-12-10). The online course is sponsored by The New York Center for Teacher Development, Inc. (Chapman University) and will be held at varied times. Connie Woytowich (CCHS) is the contact person.

7. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course "Photoshop CS4 One-on-One: Fundamentals" (#11-12-11). The online course is sponsored by Lynda.com and will be held at varied times during the summer with an exam taken in August 2011. Justin DeFazzio (CCHS) is the contact person.
8. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course "Photoshop CS4 One-on-One: Advanced" (#11-12-12). The online course is sponsored by Lynda.com and will be held at varied times during the summer with an exam taken in August 2011. Justin DeFazzio (CCHS) is the contact person.
9. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course "Photoshop CS4 One-on-One: Mastery" (#11-12-13). The online course is sponsored by Lynda.com and will be held at varied times during the summer with an exam taken in August 2011. Justin DeFazzio (CCHS) is the contact person.

**C. Contracts**

1. A contract for tutorial services provided by Four Winds to South Colonie resident students who are eligible for public education and currently in the inpatient treatment program at Four Winds, 30 Crescent Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY. For the 2011-12 school year, the District will pay \$29.00 per hour for instruction: Ten (10) hours per week (middle & high school) and five (5) hours per week (elementary school).
2. 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, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

**D. Transportations Contracts**

- 1 A thirty (30) day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc. for transportation to and from the Healy House at a cost of \$75.00 per diem, to begin Monday, May 23, 2011 and end June 21, 2011. The total cost of this contract shall be \$1,575.00.

**E. Health & Welfare Contracts**

1. A contract with the Schenectady City School District for the 2010-11 school year to provide health and welfare services to forty four (44) South Colonie resident students attending the Brown School and Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons School located in the Schenectady City School District. The rate per student is \$594.57. The total cost of this contract shall be \$26,161.08.

**F. Use of School Bus**

1. Use of one (1) school bus on Saturday, June 18, 2011, to transport the West Albany Fire Department firefighters from Town of Colonie to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Annual Convention Parade in Lake George, NY. Driver's wages and mileage fees will be paid in accordance with the district's fee and rate schedule.
2. Use of one (1) school bus on Saturday, June 18, 2011, to transport the Fuller Road Fire Department firefighters to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Annual Convention Parade in Lake George, NY. The pick up time is at 9:30 a.m. at the firehouse with return after the parade at approximately 6:00 p.m. Driver's wages and mileage fees will be paid in accordance with the district's fee and rate schedule.

**G. Charter Bus Service**

Designation of the following charter bus service contractors to provide service on an as-needed basis for the 2011-12 school year:

*Brown Coach*

*Upstate Transit of Saratoga, LLC*

*Yankee Trails*

**H. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports – April 2011**

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated June 7, 2011, be approved.

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated June 7, 2011, be approved.

**9. REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of South Colonie Central School District as follows:

**RESOLVED**, an improvement to any real property used solely for residential purposes as a one, two, or three-family residence shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of any increase in value attributable to such improvement, if such improvement is used for the purpose of facilitating and accommodating the use and accessibility of such real property by a resident owner of the real property who is physically disabled or a member of the resident owner's household who is physically disabled, if such member resides in or upon the real property, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, such exemption shall apply to improvements constructed after January 1, 2000, and it is further

**RESOLVED**, the provisions of §459 of the Real Property Tax Law with regard to qualifications and application requirements must be satisfied in order to obtain the exemption.

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the resolution so stated be adopted.

**10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS****11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- June 21, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- June 24, 2011 – Class of 2011 Graduation – Convention Center – 7:00 p.m.
- June 25, 2011 – Annual Board Retreat – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – NYSSBA Bldg., Latham
- June 30, 2011 – Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- July 12, 2011 – Re-Organizational/Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Joyce Gay  
District Clerk

**A. Abolish Positions**

Abolish the positions in the following tenure areas effective June 30, 2011:

English	1 full time equivalent
Foreign Language	3 full time equivalents
Science	1 full time equivalent

**B. Creation of Positions**

Creation of the following probationary positions for the 2011-12 school year

(2)	1.00	Special Education
(1)	1.00	Science (Physics)
(1)	1.00	Teaching Assistant
(1)	1.00	Social Worker

Creation of the following positions for the 2011-12 school year:

(1)	1.0	Administrative Intern
(1)	0.6	English
(1)	0.3	Music
(1)	0.82	Physical Education
(1)	0.725	Physical Education
(1)	0.7	Physical Education
(1)	0.65	Physical Education
(1)	0.6	Social Studies
(1)	0.9	Speech
(1)	0.5	Speech
(1)	0.14	Teaching Assistant
(1)	0.6	Teaching Assistant
(1)	0.5	Technology

**C. Retirements**

1.	<u>Name:</u>	Ernest Casile
	<u>Position:</u>	Administrator
	<u>Location:</u>	Saddlewood Elementary School
	<u>Revised Effective Date:</u>	July 18, 2011

**D. Leave of Absence**

1.	<u>Name:</u>	Lauren D. Stratton
	<u>Position:</u>	Guidance Counselor
	<u>Type:</u>	Child Care Leave Extension
	<u>Location:</u>	Lisha Kill Middle School
	<u>Effective Date:</u>	July 1, 2011
	<u>Ending Date:</u>	June 30, 2012

**E. Substitute Teachers**

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

**F. Summer Literacy Academy Appointments**

Approval of the following summer literacy academy appointments, per the Board of Education Policy 9290. Each person is certified and understands that the appointment is contingent upon sufficient enrollment for the 2011 summer literacy academy program:

**Forest Park Elementary School**

Kathleen Tunny	Elementary Education Teacher	
Kristin Karbowski	Childhood Education Teacher	.5
Jennifer Satin	Special Education Teacher	.5
Maureen Hogan	Reading Teacher/Coordinator	

**Roessleville Elementary School**

Darcie Donahue	Childhood Education Teacher
Dawn Napolitano	Childhood Education Teacher
Donna Thompson	Reading Teacher/Coordinator

**Saddlewood Elementary School**

Alexandra Valle-Wagner	Elementary Education Teacher
Thomi Mitchell	Elementary Education Teacher
Pegeen Jensen	Elementary Education Teacher/Coordinator

**Shaker Road Elementary School**

Nichole Provost	Childhood Education Teacher
John Moak	Elementary Education Teacher
Allyson Connors	Special Education Teacher/Coordinator

**Veeder Elementary School**

Heather Waldo	Elementary Education Teacher
Bridget Stackman	Childhood Education Teacher
Tanya DeLaMater	Special Education Teacher/Coordinator

**G. 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 2011 summer school program:

**Grades 9-12 Summer School Program – Session Amounts to be Determined**

Michael Ambrosio	Driver Education
Stephen Leader	Driver Education
Melissa Dunn	English 9
Jackie Lupe	English 10

Juli Hutchins	English 11
Patrick Russo	Algebra II, Trigonometry
Charlene Nagel	Mathematics IE, Algebra I
Erin Botta	Geometry
James Duffy	Geometry Ext.
Kevin Halburian	Physical Education
Jason Goldberg	Regents Lab (Biology -Living Environment)
Lindsay Henner	Regents Lab (Social Studies 10)
Kevin Fottrell	Regents Lab (Social Studies 11)
Dennis King	Regents Lab (Chemistry)
Juli Hutchins	Regents Lab (English 11)
Michael Chapski	Regents Lab (Math)
Dennis King	Science-Chemistry
Jason Goldberg	Science-Biology (Living Environment)
James Boland	Global History 9
Lindsay Henner	Global History 10
Kevin Fottrell	U.S. History and Government
Chris Dunne	Special Education
Laura Burton	Special Education
Mickey Klett	Teaching Assistant

**Grades 7/8 Summer School Program** – Session Amounts to be Determined

Tami Sherry	Language Lab 7/8
Kathy Conway	Science 7/8
John Meurs	Social Studies 7/8
Courtney Bellouny	Special Education 7/8

**H. Athletic Equipment Managers – 2011-12 School Year**

Approval per Board of Education Policy 9290:

Colonie Central High School	Andrew Monin
Lisha Kill Middle School	Joseph Repko
Sand Creek Middle School	Gregory Lanni

**I. Lunch Supervision for the 2010-11 School Year**

**Colonie Central High School**

Rescind the appointment of the following previously approved position effective March 2, 2011 to May 31, 2011:

Katie Greco

Appointment of the following previously approved position effective March 2, 2011 to May 31, 2011:

Christina Mathieu

**J. Lunch Supervision for the 2011-12 School Year**

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

**Roessville Elementary School**

Mike Palmer

Ann Rawlin

Colleen Leach

Melissa Hellkamp

**K. Excessed Certified Personnel**

The following teachers will be placed on the preferred eligibility list for seven years effective June 30, 2011:

1. One English position has been excessed. The following teacher will be placed on the English tenure area preferred eligibility list.  
Emily Eckstrum
2. Three foreign language positions have been excessed. The following teachers will be placed on the Foreign Language tenure area preferred eligibility list.  
Denise Maksail  
Gretchen Oliver  
Jenine Silen
3. One science position has been excessed. The following teacher will be placed on the science tenure area preferred eligibility list.  
Jennifer Tatlock

**A. Create Positions**

*Effective June 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011*

(1) .81 (6.5 hours) Temporary School Monitor (HS)

*Effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012*

(1) .42 (3.0 hours) 10 Month Temporary School Nurse – An Nur Islamic School

(1) 1.00 District-Wide School Nurse

**B. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Corey Wright  
Position: Temporary School Monitor  
Effective: June 6, 2011 – June 17, 2011  
Reason: Personal

**C. Appointments**

1. Name: Laura Gara  
Address: 13 Sunnyside Avenue, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: June 8, 2011  
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
2. Name: Yvannette Ramirez  
Address: 15 Nolan Road, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: June 8, 2011  
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
3. Name: Jodi Haggerty  
Address: 18 Debbie Court, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: June 8, 2011  
Salary: \$9.25 per hour
4. Name: Anne Marie Lemerise  
Address: 2 Fairway Lane, Schenectady, NY 12304  
Position: Clerk Typist – Part Time (Substitute)  
Effective: July 2, 2011  
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

**D. Change of Hours**

Approval of the following support staff temporary change of hours effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011:

Alda Lamberton School Monitor 6.25 hrs per day to 7.25 hrs per day HS