

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**March 1, 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 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.

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>Excused</u>	James T. Ryan	<u>Excused</u>

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

⇒ APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEM

Motion made by Mr. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that Beverly Miller be appointed as District Clerk Pro-Tem.

⇒ EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:40 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. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on February 15, 2011, be approved.

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

- Informed board members that he and Mr. Johanning, along with Mr. Buhner, met today with Assemblyman Robert Reilly and an aide of Senator Breslin to discuss state aid. They will meet again for further discussion.
- Noted that a letter was received from Hudson Valley Community College commending our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Laura Backus, for her participation in a panel of experts presentation to graduating seniors enrolled in the Teacher Preparation Department.

Mr. Domenici:

- Informed board members that he was elected President of the NYS Municipal Benefits Coalition and has been appointed to the BOCES Planning Committee and Policy Committee.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Attended a recent basketball game and stated he was disappointed with the sound quality of the PA system in the M.U.G.
- Commented on the recent issue of the *InFocus* – “wonderful edition” that contains valuable information for the community.

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the meeting today with Assemblyman Reilly and Senator Breslin’s aide.

B. No Requests to speak.**5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. Budget Discussion**

Presentation of 2011-12 budget proposals for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services.

B. ESL Program Update

Supervisor Nora Callender presented an update on the English as a Second Language Program.

C. Board Committee Reports

The Information Technology Committee has met since the last board meeting and Mr. Johanning reported on the meeting.

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 credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “Book Study for Teachers of English Language Learners” (#10-11-46), sponsored by Questar III BETAC. The course will be held on March 15, April 12, and May 10, 2011, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. each day at the Sand Creek Library Classroom. Nora Callender (CCHS) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Sustainable Living Workshop” (SD#2010-11-41), sponsored by NYSERDA. The workshop will be held at Capital Region BOCES, 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road, on Monday, March 28, 2011, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enrollment is limited to Grades 6-12 teachers. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek) is the contact person.

D. Student Trips

Group: Sand Creek Grade 8 Students (150-200)
Destination: Silver Bay, Lake George NY
Date: Friday, May 13, 2011
Responsible: Lisa McGee, Cathy Vigars
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals

Group: Colonie Central High School Robotics Club (10)
Destination: RIT Gordon Field House, Rochester, NY
Date: Thursday, March 3, 2011
Responsible: Thomas Casey
Transportation: School Bus
Cost: District

E. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – January 2011

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 1, 2011, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 1, 2011, be approved.

9. POLICIES

2nd Reading & Approval:
Policy 4110 – School Calendar

Motion made by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the above noted policy be approved.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, District Treasurer Anjelieeque Martinez, and Foreign Language/ESL Supervisor Nora Callender.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- March 3, 2011 – Audit-Finance Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- March 3, 2011 – Budget Meeting/Open Discussion – Shaker Road School – 7:00 p.m.
- March 8, 2011 – Budget Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPICS: Fringe Benefits and Instructional Program – Enrollment Projections, Instructional Staffing, Support Staffing, Textbooks, Curriculum Development, Staff Development, Library & Media Technology, Building Budgets, Summer School, CALC, and Information Technology.
- March 15, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
BUDGET TOPIC: Presentation of 1st draft of Budget
- March 22, 2011 – Budget Meeting (Work Session) – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 23, 2011 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- March 28, 2011 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 30, 2011 – Accountability & Board Operations Committee – 7:30 a.m. – D. O.
- April 5, 2011 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District office
- April 5, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
BUDGET TOPIC: Presentation of 2nd draft of Budget
- April 13, 2011 – Special Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
BUDGET TOPIC: Adoption of 2011-12 Budget
- Monday, April 18, 2011 – Last day to file petition for School Board member election

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Kiehle, seconded by Mr. Domenici, and carried unanimously (6-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Beverly Miller
District Clerk Pro-Tem
03/11/2011

A. Retirement

1. Name: Bernard Kinlan
Position: School Social Worker
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2011

B. Resignation

1. Name: Angelica Robinson
Position: Science (Physics) Teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School/Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: February 28, 2011
Reason: Personal

C. Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Mary Ellen Myer
Position: Elementary Education
Type: Child Care Leave
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: March 3, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
2. Name: Amy Ogburn
Position: Elementary Education
Type: Child Care Leave
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: February 16, 2011
Ending Date: April 29, 2011

D. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Andrea Eriksen
Address: 767 South Main Street, Northville, NY 12134
Type: Temporary Part-Time (.80)
Teaching Area: Science (Physics)
Location: Colonie Central High School/Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: February 28, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1, (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from LeTorneau University
Certification Status: Pending Initial in Physics

2. Name: Aaron Hutchins
Address: 9 Equinox Court, Apt. 2B, Delmar, NY 12054
Type: Temporary Part-Time (.625)
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: February 28, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1, (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Cortland
Certification Status: Initial in Physical Education

E. Increase of Appointment

1. Name: Jason Bissonette
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Increase: .1
Effective Date: February 28, 2011 to June 30, 2011
2. Name: Gary Bohl
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Increase: .1
Effective Date: February 28, 2010 to June 30, 2011
3. Name: Kathleen Villa
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .1
Effective Date: February 28, 2011 to June 30, 2011

F. Long-Term Replacements

1. Name: Darcie Donahue
Address: 1 Mary Hadge Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Early Childhood Education
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: March 3, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 3 (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from SUNY Oneonta, M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Professional in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)

2. Name: Amanda Ralston
Address: 1001 Louis Road, Schenectady, NY 12303
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Childhood Education
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: February 16, 2011
Ending Date: April 29, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 4 (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta, M.S. from College of St. Rose
Certification: Professional in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

G. Substitute Teachers

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

H. Co-Curricular – 2010-11 School Year

Appointment of the previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation:

Colonie Central High School

Productions: Choreographer Cheryl Beckmann

I. Lunch Supervision for the 2010-11 School Year

Rescind the appointment of the previously approved position effective February 28, 2011:

Lisha Kill Middle School

Susan Comito

A. Appointments

1. Name: William Haight
Address: 20 Glenmore Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Position: Provisional School Bus Driver/Trainer
Effective: February 28, 2011
Salary: Schedule V, Step 10, per CSEA contract

2. Name: Elaine Redick
Address: 329 Shaker Run, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Provisional School Bus Driver/Trainer
Effective: February 28, 2011
Salary: Schedule V, Step 10, per CSEA contract