

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES
November 16, 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>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>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.

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Johanning, seconded by Mr. Kiehle, and carried unanimously (9-0), to **adjourn** executive session at 7:29 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. Gordon, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the minutes of the regular meeting on November 2, 2010, be approved.

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

- The *School News Notifier* (SNN) system has been fully implemented this month. Participants are sent reminder e-mails about events from any or all of the schools in the District. People who enroll in the system may also unsubscribe at any time if they wish. In the short time that it has been implemented, about 1,000 people have signed up and feedback has been very positive.
- The Safe Routes to School grant is moving forward and construction on sidewalks, etc. will probably begin in the spring.

Mr. Ryan:

- The Facilities Committee has completed the walk-thrus on the last two District buildings – Lisha Kill and the high school.

Mr. Gordon:

- Attended the Exit Audit conducted by the NYS Comptroller's office regarding the school district's electronic transfers of funds.

Mr. Kiehle:

- Participated in the walk thrus at Lisha Kill and the high school.

Mr. Johanning:

- Attended the Technology & Learning Conference conducted by the National School Boards Association which was held October 19-22.
- Attended the State PTA Convention last weekend.

B. No Requests to speak.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. ELA/Literacy Program Update**

Suzanne Moore, Supervisor of K-8 ELA/Literacy/Reading, and Greg Bearup, Supervisor of K-8 Mathematics/Science, presented an update on the K-8 Individual Growth Tracking Initiative.

B. Safe Schools (SAVE) Update

Dave Seaver, Safe Schools Committee Chairperson, provided the annual update on committee activities. Colonie Police Officers Rich Barber (High School) and Greg Jensen (Sand Creek & Elementary Schools) also reported on their duties as School Resource Officers in the District.

C. Board Committee Reports

The Academic Achievement Committee and Transportation Committee have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons reported on the meetings which included recommendations for the full Board.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Apps – Level 3” (SD#2010-11-33), sponsored by South Colonie and limited to persons who have completed Google Apps Levels 1 & 2. The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Colonie Central High School. Jack Adams is the contact person.
2. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “Smart Board Training – Level 3” (SD#2010-11-34), sponsored by South Colonie and limited to persons who have completed Smart Board Training Levels 1 & 2. The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Jack Adams is the contact person.

3. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in “If You Could Say It In Words” (SD#2010-11-35), sponsored by Project Link for Kids. The workshop will be held on Monday, November 22, 2010, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Clifton Park – Halfmoon Library. Gina Mooney (CALC) is the contact person.

C. In-Service Courses

1. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course, “Children’s Literature (LIT 904), (#10-11-39), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will be held at varied times on varied dates and must be completed within one year after registering. Carrie Myers (Forest Park) is the contact person.
2. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course, “Introduction to Computers for Teachers (TEC 923), (#10-11-40), sponsored by Fresno Pacific University. The online course will be held at varied times on varied dates and must be completed within one year after registering. Danielle Hurley (Forest Park) is the contact person.

D. Transportation Contracts

1. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation of two (2) students to and from Forest Park Elementary School to the Merrilac Shelter at a cost of \$90.00 per diem. Transportation begins November 8, 2010, and ends December 7, 2010. The total cost of the contract shall be \$2,070.00.
2. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for afternoon transportation only of homeless students from Forest Park Elementary School to 99 Lark Street, Albany, NY, at a cost of \$45.00 per diem. Transportation begins November 1, 2010 and ends November 30, 2010. The total cost of the contract shall be \$810.00
3. A 30- day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation of homeless students to and from Roessleville Elementary School and Orange Street, Albany NY, at a cost of \$90.00 per diem. Transportation begins Friday, November 5, 2010, and ends Friday, December 3, 2010. The total cost of the contract shall be \$ 1,530.00
4. A 30-day emergency contract with Chalet Services, Inc., 3206 Rt. #81, Surprise, NY 12176, for transportation to and from Berkshire Farms School at a cost of \$189.00 per diem and includes the cost of the required aide. Transportation begins Monday, November 15, 2010, and ends December 14, 2010. The total cost of this contract shall be \$3,591.00.

E. Student Trips

1. Group: Sand Creek Grade 7 Students (180)
Destination: Great Escape, Lake George NY
Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011
Responsible: Melissa Vogt, Stacy Sebert
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals (approximately \$45.00)
2. Group: Sand Creek Grade 6 Students (270)
Destination: Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2011
Responsible: Sue Shank, Jen Donglewic
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals (approximately \$125.00)

F. Tax Refunds

1. An application RP-554 for Corrected Taxes for the 2010 tax roll on property is located at 1 Red Lane Drive, Tax Map #43.17-5-20, Albany. New York 12205. Due to a processing error the subject parcel did not receive the benefit of the basic STAR exemption. Director recommends that this clerical error which is defined in the RPTL Section 550-2C be corrected, that the basic STAR exemption of \$20,370 be processed and the tax liability due be re-calculated resulting in a corrected tax bill in the amount of \$2,227.76. Director further recommends that the value of the BASIC STAR exemption in the amount of \$489.90 be submitted to the State of New York for reimbursement.

G. Contracts

1. A contract for the 2010-11 school year with the Lansingburgh Central School District to provide health and welfare services to fifteen (15) South Colonie resident students attending Catholic Central High School located in the Lansingburgh school district. The total cost of this contract shall be \$7,038.00.

H. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – October 2010

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

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Motto, seconded by Ms. Jaquish, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 16, 2010, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Johanning, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 16, 2010, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

Human Rights Day (December 10)

Motion made by Ms. Jaquish, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the above resolution be approved.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Buhner acknowledged the following people present at the meeting: Director of Human Resources David Seaver, SCTA President Jeff Dutcher, SCTA Vice President John Ryan, ELA Supervisor Suzanne Moore.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- November 17, 2010 – Accountability & Board Operations – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- November 18, 2010 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- November 29, 2010 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- December 1, 2010 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- December 7, 2010 – Academic Achievement Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- December 7, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- December 8, 2010 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- December 21, 2010 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office

12. ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Motto, and carried unanimously (9-0), that the regular meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Joyce Gay
District Clerk
11/30/10

A. Leaves of Absence

1. Name: Kathryn Botta-Raso
Position: Social Studies Teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 28, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
2. Name: Amy Sillings
Position: Elementary Education Teacher
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: February 28, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
3. Name: Lauren Stratton
Position: Guidance Counselor
Type: Child Care Leave
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Revised Effective Date: October 25, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011

B. Appointments

1. Name: Jennifer Brooks
Address: 52 Morning Glory Way, Schenectady, NY 12306
Type: 3 Year Probationary
Tenure Area: School Psychologist
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: November 22, 2010
End of Probationary Period: November 22, 2013
Salary: Schedule V, Step 13 (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from Siena; M.S. and Ph.D. from SUNY Albany
Certification Status: Provisional as School Psychologist

C. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Eric Mazzone
Address: 38 Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 1A., Watervliet, NY 12189
Type: Temporary Part-time (.80)
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: November 16, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule III, Step 1, (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from Siena College; M.A. from College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Professional in Students with Disabilities (Grades 5-12)

D. Long-Term Replacements

1. 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: December 23, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
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)

2. Name: Susan Weiss
Address: 5560 Gardner Road, Altamont, NY 12009
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: February 28, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 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

3. Name: Leatrice Westdal
Address: 2020 Riverview Road, Green Island, NY 12183
Type: Long Term Replacement
Teaching Area: School Counselor
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Revised Effective Date: October 25, 2010
Ending Date: June 30, 2011
Revised Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2, (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from Southern CT State; M.S. from Sage
Certification: Provisional School Counselor

E. Long-Term Substitute

1. Name: Robert Augstell
Address: 32 Cherry Tree Road, Loudonville, NY 12211
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Art
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: November 3, 2010
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step I
Education: B.A. from SUNY Albany, M.S. from College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Visual Arts

F. Substitute Teachers

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

G. Co-Curricular – 2010-11 School Year**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Rescind the appointment of the following previously approved position:

Student Council Jodie Ferrara

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

Student Council Rocky Tassie

H. Interscholastic for Winter – 2010-11 School Year

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

Colonie Central High School

Coach Varsity Boys Basketball	Doug Kilmer	
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Basketball	James Boland	
Coach Junior Varsity Boys Basketball	Darko Sedlar	
Coach 9 th Grade Boys Basketball	Corey Wright	
Coach Varsity Girls Basketball	Heather Fiore	
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Basketball	Tanya DeLaMater	
Coach Junior Varsity Girls Basketball	Greg Sulz	
Coach 9 th Grade Girls Basketball	Renee Blot	
Coach Boys Bowling	Dan Ahl	
Coach Girls Bowling	Owen Grugan	
Coach Varsity Cheerleading Winter	Linda Kennedy	.6
Coach Varsity Cheerleading Winter	Keri O'Neil	.4
Coach Junior Varsity Cheerleading Winter	Jennifer Schubert	
Coach 9 th Grade Cheerleading Winter	Rachel Blaine	
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Jason Bissonette	
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Jamie Carr	
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	John Ashley	.8
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Canaan Harvey	.8
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Tom Greene	.7
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Dennis King	.7
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Mary Ann Reilly-Johnson	.3
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Jason Willis	.3
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Michael Caccuitto	.2
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Brooke Brady	.1
Assistant Coach Indoor Track	Gretchen Oliver	.1
Coach Varsity Wrestling	Matt Stein	
Assistant Coach Varsity Wrestling	Andrew Monin	

Assistant Coach Varsity Wrestling	Matt Stenglein	.5
Assistant Coach Varsity Wrestling	Matthew Tarullo	.5
Coach Junior Varsity Wrestling	Jeremy Eggleston	
Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Wrestling	Matthew Stuart	

Lisha Kill Middle School

Coach Boys Basketball	Matt Maes	.5
Coach Boys Basketball	Eric Obermayer	.5
Coach Girls Basketball	Wendy Kelley	
Coach Boys Wrestling	Joseph Repko	

Sand Creek Middle School

Coach Boys Basketball	Greg Lanni	
Coach Girls Basketball	Karen Bonitatibus	.5
Coach Girls Basketball	Christine Devine	.5
Coach Boys Wrestling	Gary Bohl	

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

Rescind the appointment of the following previously approved position effective 11/15/10:
Peter Taormina

Appointment of the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective 11/15/10:
Thomas Alexander

A Resignation

- Name: Jeanne Van Patten
Position: School Monitor (VR)
Effective: November 8, 2010
Reason: Accepted another position within the District

B. Appointments

- Name: Laurie Brantigan
Address: 12 Pateman Circle, Albany, NY 12204
Position: Break-In Bus Driver
Effective: November 3, 2010
Salary: Not paid during training
Current Location: Bus Garage
- Name: Alexander Rinaldi
Address: 15 Toronado Drive, Latham, NY 12110
Position: Break-In Bus Driver
Effective: November 5, 2010
Salary: Not paid during training
Current Location: Bus Garage
- Name: Lori Gardy
Address: 6 Walnut Street, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Effective: November 2, 2010
Salary: \$10.43 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 3.0 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
Probationary Period: November 2, 2010 – May 3, 2011
- Name: Jeanne Van Patten
Address: 1611 12th Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12180
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: November 9, 2010
Salary: \$9.50 per hour
- Name: Amanda Trance
Address: 27 Maplewood Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: November 10, 2010
Salary: \$9.50 per hour