

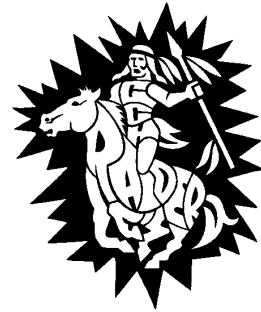
**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



A G E N D A

**October 15, 2013
District Office**

7:00 pm



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, families, students, and community is the key to educational success.

Mission Statement

Preparing successful contributing citizens of the world through school, family and community partnerships, while addressing the diverse needs of all students.

4. COMMUNICATIONS**A. Correspondence/Board Activities**

- B. Requests to Speak** on agenda or non-agenda items should be made on the forms available and should be given to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. The Board will entertain comments from the public on any issue with a time limit of three (3) minutes per person and a maximum of 15 minutes per issue. Persons wishing to address the Board on agenda topics will be provided time when the agenda topic is discussed.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. TAS Report**

Mark Walsh from Transportation Advisory Services will present a summary of the Transportation Efficiency Study.

B. O & M Report

Michael O’Neil, Director of Operations and Maintenance, will provide a status report on the summer building projects.

C. Board Committee Reports

The Audit & Finance Committee has met since the last Board of Education meeting. The Committee Chairpersons will report on the meetings, make recommendations to the full Board, and/or seek clarification on issues. Board members who are liaisons to District-wide committees will also report at this time.

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. In-Service Courses

1. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Introduction to Pixlr” (#13-14-53), sponsored by NERIC Blackboard On-Line Learning/My Learning Plan. The course will be held from October 7, 2013 through November 12, 2013 as an on-line course. Elaine Luizzi (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

2. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Word 2010/2007: The Next Step” (#13-14-54), sponsored by NERIC Blackboard On-Line Learning/My Learning Plan. The course will be held from October 28, 2013 through December 2, 2013 as an on-line course. Elaine Luizzi (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Bullying: Everyone’s Problem” (#13-14-55), sponsored by the Creative Teacher Education Institute. The course will be held from November 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013 as an on-line course. Matt Tarullo (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “PEDC 9012 Common Core: When to Use Technology” (#13-14-56), sponsored by the Creative Teacher Education Institute. The course will be held from December 1, 2013 through December 30, 2013 as an on-line course. Matt Tarullo (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Why Should We Care? Teaching Empathy to Students” (#13-14-57), sponsored by the Creative Teacher Education Institute. The course will be held from December 1, 2013 through December 30, 2013 as an on-line course. Matt Tarullo (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.

C. Student Trips

1. Group: Grade 6 Class (110 students & 25 chaperones)
School: Sand Creek Middle School
Destination: Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
Responsible: Lisa Pollicino, Jennifer Dongelewic, Sue Shank, Bill Luke
Transportation: Chartered Bus
2. Group: Grade 7 Meteorites/Comets (250 students & 25 chaperones)
School: Sand Creek Middle School
Destination: Great Escape, Lake George, NY
Date: Friday, May 30, 2014
Responsible: Stefanie Harrison, Rachel Pollay, Melissa Vogt, Stacy Sebert
Transportation: School Bus
3. Group: Grade 6 Band (85 students & 10 chaperones)
School: Sand Creek Middle School
Destination: Great Escape, Lake George, NY
Date: Friday, May 30, 2014
Responsible: Terri Korb
Transportation: School Bus (2)

4. Group: Grade 7 Band (52 students & 3 chaperones)
School: Sand Creek Middle School
Destination: Great Escape, Lake George, NY
Date: Friday, June 6, 2014
Responsible: Jeffrey Kirsty
Transportation: School Bus

D. Contracts & Agreements

A 60-month installment plan with Capital Region BOCES (NERIC) for the rental and maintenance of five (5) Ricoh copiers/network printers purchased under the Eastern Suffolk BOCES cooperative bidding arrangement: three (3) Ricoh Model 4002SPF, two (2) Ricoh 2852SPF; based on NERIC proposal. Estimated yearly cost is \$6,811.54, less BOCES aid of \$3,433.02, for an annual net cost of \$3,378.52.

E. Tax Refunds

1. Approval of a 2013-2014 tax refund payable to Nicholas Belcastro in the amount of \$807.90. The property is located at 770 Huntington Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (Tax Map #61.13-1-70).
2. Approval of a 2012-2013 tax refund payable to Robert L. Jacobson Law Firm, P.C., on behalf of Rite Aid Corporation, in the amount of \$2,068.94. The property is located at 484 Albany Shaker Road, Albany NY 12205 (Tax Map #43.13-1-13).
3. An application RP-556 for Corrected Taxes for the 2011-2012 tax roll on property owned by George Kojac located at 11 Ellendale Drive, Albany, NY 12205 (Tax Map #42.18-2-33). Director recommends that the petition (RP-556) submitted by Mr. Kojac be denied. The Director has discussed the Senior Citizens Exemption matter with Mr. Kojac and Assessor Ron Monfils. Assessor Monfils has advised the Director that when Mr. Kojac submitted his exemption application he indicated that his two-family home was being occupied as a four-unit dwelling and he was advised that the exemption would be provided only to that portion of the parcel occupied by Mr. Kojac resulting in a 12.50% exemption. Assessor Monfils advised that if Mr. Kojac was dissatisfied with the determination of the Assessor he could bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Assessment Review by filing a grievance application (RP-524) on or before May 24, 2011. As Mr. Kojac failed to file a grievance and the Assessor indicates no error on his part, the Director recommends denial of the relief sought in the (RP-556) application.
4. An application RP-554 for Corrected Taxes for the 2013 tax roll on property owned by Barbera Homes, Inc. located at 429 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205 (Tax Map #42.1-2-20.1). Due to a clerical error it was not deleted from the roll. Director recommends that this clerical error as defined in Real Estate Tax Law (RPTL) Section 550-2F is a correctable error and recommends that tax liability due in the amount of \$23,737.18 be cancelled as of September, 2013.

- 5. An application RP-554 for Corrected Taxes for the 2013 tax roll on property owned by TW Telecom of New York, L.P., located at Poles Wire Cables, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (Tax Map #624.-9-701./1881). NYS Office of Real Property has determined that parcels that support fiber optics are no longer taxable and should be removed from the 2013 assessment roll. Taxes are cancelled pursuant to ORPTS directive.
- 6. An application RP-554 for Corrected Taxes for the 2013 tax roll on property owned by Target Corporation, located at 428 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (Tax Map #60.15-1-1-112). An incorrect assessment was placed on the 2013 assessment roll.

F. Declare as Surplus

One (1) GBC 4260X Shredder, Asset# 100527. Equipment is located at Pupil Services office and is in non-working order.

G. Donations

- 1. The following donation has been made to Veeder Elementary School in memory of Christine “Chrissy” Aidala:

Mary Rogers \$20.00

- 2. Donation from Target, “Take Charge of Education”, in the amount of \$492.55 to Forest Park Elementary.
- 3. Donation from New York State Education Department, CREATE Program, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany , NY of fifty (50) Dell and ten (10) Gateway 17” flat panel monitors valued at \$2,400 for use in the K-12 instructional program.

H. Re-Appropriation of 2013-2014 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$512.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$92,340,761.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Reports and Recommendations be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated October 15, 2013 be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated October 15, 2013 be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

9. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Colonie Teachers' Association outlining revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement dated April 23, 2013 as specified per attached agreement.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Memorandum of Agreement be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

10. RESCIND SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Recommendation to rescind the extension of the employment contract dated February 25, 2008 between the South Colonie Central School District and Jonathan W. Buhner, Superintendent of Schools, dated September 17, 2013.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Superintendent's Contract be rescinded.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

11. SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

RESOLVED that the Board of Education agrees to extend the employment contract dated February 25, 2008 between South Colonie Central School District and Jonathan W. Buhner on the terms specified in the attached agreement. The amendments contained in this contract shall be effective July 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Resolution to extend the Superintendent’s Contract be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

12. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE RESULTS

Proposition – Student Transportation Vehicle Resolution: PASSED (73.09%)

Machine Totals:	YES:	576
	NO:	189
Absentee Ballots:	YES:	65
	NO:	47
Totals:	YES:	641
	NO:	236

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Vote Results be certified.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

13. RESOLUTIONS

America’s Safe Schools Week – October 20-26, 2013
Native American Heritage Month – November, 2013

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Resolutions be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **October 17** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – Delma’s Diner
CAPSBA Meeting – 6:00 pm – Shaker Senior High School
- **October 28** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **November 5** IT Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **November 12** Accountability Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **November 13** Transportation Committee – 7:30 am – Delma’s Diner
- **November 14** Strategic Planning Committee – 5:30 pm – District Office
- **November 19** Academic Achievement Committee – 5:45 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office

15. ADJOURN MEETING

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the regular meeting be adjourned

Time: _____

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Long-Term Substitute**

1. Name: Paige Tyksinski
Address: 830 Creek Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: October 2, 2013
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta; M.S. SUNY Albany
Certification: Permanent in Elementary Education (N-6)

2. Name: Amanda Ralston
Address: 1001 Louis Road, Schenectady, NY 12303
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Childhood Education
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: October 2, 2013
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta, M.S. from College of St. Rose
Certification: Professional in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

3. Name: Cari Treziak
Address: 51 Whipple Way, Altamont, NY 12009
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Foreign Language
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: October 2, 2013
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from SUNY Cortland, M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Permanent in Spanish 7-12

4. Name: Sara Vann
Address: 1763 Norfolk Avenue, Rotterdam, NY 12303
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Elementary Education
Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: October 4, 2013
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from Towson University
Certification: Initial Conditional Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
5. Name: Molly Swan
Address: 11 Tamarack Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Guidance Counselor
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: September 25, 2013
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from St. Lawrence University, M.S. from St. Rose
Certification: Provisional in School Counselor
6. Name: Georgios Athanassiadis
Address: 24 Holmesdale, Albany, NY 12203
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Science (Physics)
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: October 2, 2013
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. and M. S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Professional in Physics (Grades 7-12)

B. Substitute Teachers

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

C. Department Chairpersons – 2013-2014 School Year

Approve per the SCTA Contract:

Music District Wide
 Special Education (PreK-6)
 Special Education (7-12)

Peter Cannistraci
 Nancy Marmet
 Matt Raso

D. Energy Analyst – 2013-2014 School Year

Approve per policy 9290:

James Brown

Effective July 1, 2013 to
September 30, 2013

E. Odyssey of the Mind Coordinators for the 2013-2014 School Year

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

Building Coordinator

Veeder Elementary School

Cristal Slater

F. Saturday Detention – 2013-2014 School Year

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

Colonie Central High School

James Boland

Patricia Clark

Gianelo Duca

Lisa Eichholzer

Donna Futia

Michael Klett

Kimberly Moutray

Thomas Nielsen

Maribel Crespo-Ortega

Susan Vatalaro

Chris Zostant

Doug Kilmer

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Creation of Position**

Effective October 15, 2013 – June 30, 2014

- 1 0.81 Temporary Part-Time School Monitor (6.5 hour)

B. Retirements

1. Name: Susan L. Matuszak
Position: Permanent Secretary II (DO)
Effective: December 28, 2013

C. Resignation

1. Name: Rudi Gerstenberger
Position: Permanent School Bus Driver
Effective: October 7, 2013
Reason: Personal

D. Appointments

1. Name: Robin Thomas
Address: 29 Dowling Road, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: September 17, 2013
Salary: Not paid during training
2. Name: Daniel McCullough
Address: 220 Consaul Road, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: September 15, 2013
Salary: Not paid during training
3. Name: Richard Nielsen, Jr.
Address: 32 Milkyway Road, Troy, NY 12182
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: September 16, 2013
Salary: Not paid during training
4. Name: Daniel McCullough
Address: 220 Consaul Road, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: October 1, 2013
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

5. Name: Richard Nielsen, Jr.
Address: 32 Milkyway Road, Troy, NY 12182
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: October 2, 2013
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

6. Name: Leonard Ordon, Jr.
Address: 11 Garfield Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Cafeteria Truck Driver/Motor Vehicle Operator Substitute
Effective: October 2, 2013
Salary: \$12.00 per hour