

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



A G E N D A

**March 18, 2014
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.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education will be called to order by Board President, Mr. Ryan.

1. ROLL CALL

<input type="checkbox"/> Brian Casey	<input type="checkbox"/> Neil Johanning	<input type="checkbox"/> Leonard Motto
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose Gigliello	<input type="checkbox"/> David Kiehle	<input type="checkbox"/> James T. Ryan
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelle Jaquish	<input type="checkbox"/> Christine Mele	<input type="checkbox"/> Edward Sim

Also Present:

Jonathan Buhner, Superintendent of Schools
 Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
 Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning
 David Seaver, Director of Human Resources
 Jamie Mroczko, District Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Ryan will lead the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 4, 2014, be approved.

Yes No Abstain Carried:

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. Budget Discussion

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning will provide a report on the first draft of the 2014-2015 budget. Additional adjustments are expected once the State aid revenue information is made available.

B. School Facility Report Card

The School Facility Report Card contains general information about each building in the District, including size, construction date, operation and maintenance records, energy costs, health and safety environmental awareness. This document is part of the mandated Five Year Facility Plan. Mr. Buhner will review the report.

C. 2014-2015 School Calendar

The 2014-2015 School Calendar (Policy 4110) provides for 181 days of student attendance and four (4) staff development days for a total of 185 days. The Board reviewed the 2014-2105 School Calendar at the March 4, 2014 meeting and will take action on Item 9 of this agenda.

D. Board Committee Reports

The Strategic Planning and District Communications Committees have met since the last Board of Education meeting. Mr. Motto, Committee Chairperson, will report on the March 4, 2014 Strategic Planning Committee meeting and Mr. Sim, Committee Chairperson, will report on the March 5, 2014 District Communications meeting. Chairpersons will 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. Five (5.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 75.0 contact hours course, “Dudley Observatory Rising Star Internship Program (#13-14–95), sponsored by the Bender Scientific Fund and NY Space Grant Consortium. The course will be held April, 2014 through April, 2015 twice a month at various times, (6-7 hours per month) at the Dudley Observatory, 107 Nott Terrace, Suite 201, Schenectady, NY. Lisa Thayer (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

2. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “The 21st Century Classroom” (#13-14–96), sponsored by the New York Center for Teacher Development (NYCTD). The course will be held from April 2, 2014 through May 6, 2014 at various times as an online course. Gianleo Duca (Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek 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, “Dealing with Parents: Fostering Positive Relationships” (#13-14–97), sponsored by the New York Center for Teacher Development (NYCTD). The course will be held from April 30, 2014 through June 3, 2014 at various times as an online course. Gianleo Duca (Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Common Core Standards” (#13-14–98), sponsored by the New York Center for Teacher Development (NYCTD). The course will be held from May 14, 2014 through June 17, 2014 at various times as an online course. Gianleo Duca (Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Data Driven Instruction” (#13-14–99), sponsored by the New York Center for Teacher Development (NYCTD). The course will be held from June 25, 2014 through July 15, 2014 at various times as an online course. Gianleo Duca (Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
6. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Common Core Standards and the Special Education Student”, (#14-15–03), sponsored by the New York Center for Teacher Development (NYCTD). The course will be held from July 9, 2014 through July 29, 2014 at various times as an online course. Gianleo Duca (Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
7. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Understanding Learning Disabilities” (#14-15–04), sponsored by the New York Center for Teacher Development (NYCTD). The course will be held from August 6, 2014 through August 26, 2014 at various times as an online course. Gianleo Duca (Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

C. Health & Welfare Contracts

1. Approval of a contract with the Lansingburgh Central School District for the 2013-2014 school year to provide health and welfare services to nine (9) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the Lansingburgh Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$455.71. The total cost of the contract shall be \$4,101.39.
2. Approval of a contract with the North Greenbush Common School District for the 2013-2014 school year to provide health and welfare services to eight (8) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the North Greenbush Common School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$216.00. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,728.00.

D. Transportation Contracts

1. Approval of a thirty-one (31) day emergency transportation contract with Star & Strand Transportation, Inc., 360 Fifth Street, Troy, NY, for transportation of one (1) student from St. Margaret's Center, 27 Hackett Boulevard, Albany, NY, to Forest Park Elementary, 100 Forest Drive, Albany, NY. Transportation will begin February 24, 2014 and end March 29, 2014, at a cost of \$200.00 per day. The total cost of the contract shall be \$4,200.00.
2. Approval of a thirty-one (31) day emergency transportation contract with Brown Transportation, 12 South Bridge Street, Fonda, NY, for transportation of one (1) student from 259 Division Street, Amsterdam, NY, to Northeast Parent and Child Society, 1821 Hamburg Street Schenectady, NY. Transportation will begin March 12, 2014 and end April 11, 2014, at a cost of \$150.00 per day. The total cost of the contract shall be \$3,300.00.

E. Tax Refund

Approval of a 2013-2014 tax refund payable to Debra L. Kuebler in the amount of \$344.17. The property is located at 1101 Clute Crest Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (Tax Map #60.12-1-71).

F. Donation

Donation from CREATE, the State Education Department, the University of the State of New York, Albany, New York 12234, of ten (10) Dell Optiplex GX620 computers valued at \$400.00 for use in the District's technology program.

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 March 18, 2014 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 March 18, 2014 be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

9. POLICY**A. Second Reading & Approval**

Policy 4110 – School Calendar (2014-2015)

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Policy (4110) be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

10. RESOLUTIONS

National Autism Awareness Month – April, 2014
School Library Month – April, 2014

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:

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **March 20** Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topics: Work Session (to include budget adjustments)
- **March 24** Policy Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **March 25** Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – Shaker Road Elementary School
Budget Topics: Work Session/Discussion Groups
- **April 1** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topic: Presentation of Second Draft of Budget
- **April 22** Academic Achievement Committee – 5:45 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **April 23** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – Delma’s Diner
- **April 28** Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **May 6** Information Technology Committee – 6:00 pm – Saddlewood
Public Hearing on Recommended Budget – 7:00 pm – Saddlewood
Board of Education Meeting – 7:30 pm – Saddlewood Elementary
- **May 14** Communications Committee – 4:30 pm – District Office
- **May 19** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **May 20** Annual Budget Vote & School Board Elections: 11:00 am – 9:00 pm
District Elementary Schools

It is anticipated that the Board may enter Executive Session at this time.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to **enter** Executive Session to discuss fiscal matters and employment matters relating to particular persons.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

Time: _____

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to **adjourn** Executive Session.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

Time: _____

12. 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. Leave of Absence**

- Name: Jessica Maguire
Position: Special Education Teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: March 13, 2014
Ending Date: March 28, 2014

B. Long-Term Replacement

- Name: Rachael Mann
Address: 42 Mordella Road, Albany, NY 12205
Type: Long-Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: March 13, 2014
Ending Date: March 28, 2014
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1, per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from Siena College, M.S. from College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

C. Long-Term Substitute

- Name: Adrianna Gaeta
Address: 201 Park Avenue, Apt. 28, Albany, NY 12202
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: English
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: February 28, 2014
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in English Language Arts 7-12
- Name: Nicole Provost
Address: 2015 Michael Lane, Schenectady, NY 12306
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: March 14, 2014
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from Siena College, M.S. from College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (grades 1-6)

D. Substitute Teachers

Approval of Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular, conditional or emergency conditional appointments.

E. Lunch Supervision for the 2013-2014 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective 03/21/14:

Forest Park Elementary School

Patricia Vardaro

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective 03/21/14:

Forest Park Elementary School

Mary Anne Snyder

F. Interscholastics for Fall – 2013-2014 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position:

Sand Creek & Lisha Kill Middle Schools/Modified

Coach Girls Softball

Heather Fiore

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

Colonie Central High School

Coach 9th Grade Girls Softball

Elyse Weiglhofer

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Sand Creek & Lisha Kill Middle Schools/Modified

Coach Girls Softball

Tracey Johnas

G. Notification

Notification with regret of the death on March 9, 2014 of Mr. Donald Walton, a Social Studies Teacher at Colonie Central High School. Mr. Walton was an employee of the District for over 15 years.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Retirements**

1. Name: Gail Fiato
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SC)
Effective: June 30, 2014

B. Appointments

1. Name: Huaning Wang
Address: 69 Mary Hadge Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: March 6, 2014
Salary: \$15.00 per hour
2. Name: Christopher Barlette
Address: 2 Robinson Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: March 3, 2014
Salary: Not paid during training
3. Name: Paula Pitcherello-Miner
Address: 20 Dory Lane, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Food Service Helper
Hours: 3.5 hours per day
Effective: March 19, 2014
Salary: \$11.23 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Current Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Probationary Period: March 19, 2014 through November 26, 2014
4. Name: Joseph George
Address: 3 Felicia Court, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: March 10, 2014
Salary: Not paid during training
5. Name: Cassidhe Whalen
Address: 513 Shaker Run, Albany, NY 12309
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: March 17, 2014
Salary: \$10.75 per hour

- 6. Name: Krystal Close
Address: 1129 Central Ave. Apt. 1, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Food Service Helper
Hours: 3.5 hours per day
Effective: March 19, 2014
Salary: \$11.23 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Probationary Period: March 19, 2014 through November 26, 2014

- 7. Name: John Kelly
Address: 69 Tennessee Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: March 10, 2014
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

C. Change of Hours

Effective March 19, 2014:

Joanne McManus	Food Service Helper	3.0 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day	LK
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