

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**A G E N D A**

**December 2, 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**

_____ Brian Casey	_____ Neil Johanning	_____ Leonard Motto
_____ Rose Gigliello	_____ David Kiehle	_____ James T. Ryan
_____ Shelle Jaquish	_____ Christine Mele	_____ 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 Perry, Director of Human Resources, Safe Schools & IT  
 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 of November 18, 2014 and the Special Board Meeting of November 24, 2014 be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. Tax Collection Report**

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning, will review the data on taxes collected and unpaid taxes. Board action on this item may be found on Item 9 of this agenda.

**B. Board Committee Reports**

Board Committees have met since the last Board of Education 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.

- Ms. Gigliello, Chairperson, will report on the Academic Achievement Committee meeting that was held on November 18, 2014.

**5. 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.

**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 Education**

1. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Childhood Traumatic Grief” (SD2014-15-#40), sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina. The workshop may be attended at various times as an online course ([tfcbt@musc.edu](mailto:tfcbt@musc.edu)). Participants must have a Master’s level degree in Social Work/Counseling. Donna Davidson (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
2. Nine (9.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavior Therapy (SD2014-15-#41), sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina. The workshop may be attended at various times as an online course ([tfcbt@musc.edu](mailto:tfcbt@musc.edu)). Participants must have a Master’s level degree in Social Work/Counseling. Donna Davidson (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

**C. Student Trips**

Group: Grade 5 (200 students & 30 chaperones)  
School: Sand Creek Middle School  
Destination: Baseball Hall of Fame/Farmer's Museum, Cooperstown, NY  
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2015  
Responsible: Alicia Guardino  
Transportation: Charter Bus

**D. Use of School Bus**

Approval of the use of one (1) school bus with wheelchair accessibility on Thursday evening, December 18, 2014 by the Fuller Road Fire Department, 1342 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, to transport members to the Annual Fire Department and Auxiliary Event at the FASNY Firemens' Home in Hudson, New York. Driver's wages and mileages fees will be in accordance with the District's fee and rate schedule.

**E. Agreement**

Approval of a proposal for Professional Services Agreement with the Chazen Companies, 21 Fox Street, Poughkeepsie, New York for the completion of a partial topographic and utility survey of Roessleville Elementary School in relation to Phase I of the 2014 capital construction project. Estimated cost of \$4,950.00 for the topographic and utility survey and \$1,975.00 for optional on-site underground utility mark out.

**F. Change Orders**

1. Approval of Change Order #EC-03 for Harold R. Clune, Inc., in the amount of \$805.00 for the installation of exterior lighting controls at Colonie Central High School. The contract is increased from \$118,705.00 to 119,510.00. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-001-025.
2. Approval of Change Order #MC-02 for T. McElligott, Inc., in the amount of (\$2,979.00) to credit the District for unused contract allowance at Colonie Central High School. The contract is decreased from \$46,847.00 to \$43,868.00. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-001-025.

**G. Tax Correction**

Approval of an application RP-553 for Corrected Taxes for the 2014-2015 tax roll on property owned by Agatha Novak, located at 178 Fieldstone Drive, Schenectady, NY 12304 (Tax Map #60.19-3-60.3). No refund will be made as the Town of Niskayuna will correct the tax bill prior to payment being made by taxpayer.

**H. Donations**

1. Donation from Colonie Central High School Track & Field Booster Club in the amount of \$158.80 to cover the cost of awards.
2. Donation from Colonie Central High School Basketball Booster Club in the amount of \$1,900.00 to cover the cost of basketball warm-ups.
3. Donation from Roesseville Elementary PTA in the amount of \$6,500.00 to cover the cost of purchasing iPads to be used at Roesseville Elementary.
4. Donation from CollegeBoard, 45 Columbia Avenue, New York, NY 10023 to Colonie Central High School in the amount of \$250.00. Donation is to be used to defray the costs of proctor fees and test fees for the economically disadvantaged students.

**I. Re-Appropriation of 2014-2015 Budget**

Re-appropriation of the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$8,808.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$95,292,941.

**J. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – October, 2014**

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 December 2, 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 December 2, 2014 be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**9. TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

Approval to accept the Tax Collection Reports for the Towns of Colonie, Guilderland, and Niskayuna, and that the list of uncollected taxes be approved for submittal to Albany and Schenectady Counties for the September 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 Tax Collection period.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the above stated Tax Collection Reports be accepted and List of Uncollected Taxes be approved for submittal.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**10. RESOLUTION**

Human Rights Day – December 10, 2014

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **December 3**                      Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – District Office
- **December 8**                      IT Committee – 5:00 pm – District Office
- **December 16**                     Audit/Finance Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office  
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **January 6**                         Strategic Planning Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office  
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **January 7**                         Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office

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

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to **enter** Executive Session to discuss fiscal 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

1. Name: Susan Gierthy
- Position: Music Teacher
- Type: Child Care Leave Extension
- Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
- Effective Date: January 26, 2015
- Ending Date: June 30, 2015

### B. Substitute Teachers

Approval of Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

### C. Lunch Supervision for the 2014-2015 School Year

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

#### Colonie Central High School

Mike Ambrosio

### D. Co-Curricular – 2014-2015 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position:

#### Sand Creek Middle School

Small Performing Group-Fall MP Director                      Starr Norman

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

#### Sand Creek Middle School

Small Performing Group-Fall MP Director                      DeLynn Wickham

#### Colonie Central High School

Art    Patrick Kelley  
STEM/Science Club    Michele Famoso

### E. Interscholastics for Fall – 2014-2015 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position:

#### Colonie Central High School

Coach Varsity Girls Basketball                                      Sarah Carciobolo



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

**Colonie Central High School**

Coach Junior Varsity Girls Basketball	Sarah Carciobolo	1.0
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**F. Study Hall Supervision for the 2014-2015 School Year**

**Rescind** the following previously approved positions:

**Colonie Central High School**

Megan Carlin	1.0	10/20/14
Jennifer Jette	1.0	11/20/14

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

**Colonie Central High School**

Meghann Gordon	1.0	10/20/14
Alyssa Ruggiero	1.0	11/20/14

**G. Personal Care Assistant – 2014-2015 School Year**

Appointment of the following Personal Care Assistant (IEP driven) per Board of Education Policy 9290:

**Colonie Central High School**

Ronald Lockett

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT****A. Appointments**

1. Name: Jill LaRosa  
Address: 7 Heath Court, Niskayuna, NY 12309  
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper  
Effective: November 17, 2014  
Salary: Schedule N, Step 1 of CSEA Contract  
Hours: 3.5 hours per day  
Probationary Period: November 17, 2014 to May 18, 2015  
Current Location: Colonie Central High School – West Wing
2. Name: Joshua DiPiazza  
Address: 245 Vly Road, Albany, NY 12309  
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute  
Effective: November 21, 2014  
Salary: \$10.75 per hour
3. Name: Dallon Morris  
Address: P.O. Box 6717, Albany, NY 12206  
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute  
Effective: November 24, 2014  
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

**B. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Gary Strait  
Address: 3 Amboy Drive, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: Permanent School Bus Driver  
Location: Bus Garage  
Type: Personal Leave  
Effective: August 12, 2014 to June 30, 2015  
Reason: Accepted another position within District

**C. Appointment**

1. Name: Gary Strait  
Address: 3 Amboy Drive, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: Temporary School Bus Driver/Trainer  
Effective: August 12, 2014 to June 30, 2015  
Salary: Schedule V, Off Step per CSEA contract  
Hours: 8.0 hours per day  
Probationary Period: August 12, 2014 through February 12, 2015