

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



A G E N D A
January 6, 2015
Saddlewood Elementary
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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Ryan will lead the pledge to the flag.

3. DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEM

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning, District Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk for the meeting of January 6, 2015.

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:

4. PRESIDENT’S SPOTLIGHT

Jacob Haley, an eighth grade student at Lisha Kill Middle School, was recently presented with a certificate by Albany County District Attorney David Soares, recognizing him for his efforts to end bullying and his commitment to the values of our community. Jacob is in the running to win the monthly Words Hurt/Heal grand prize.

District Attorney Soares will also be in attendance and will be recognizing Jacob for his Acts of Kindness.

5. 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 December 16, 2014 be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. 2015-2016 Budget Development**

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning will provide a review of the current status of the 2015-2016 budget development process.

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. Jaquish, Chairperson, will report on the Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held on December 10, 2014.
- Mr. Buhner will report on the Audit/Finance Committee meeting that was held on December 16, 2014.

7. 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.

8. 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-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “iPad Bootcamp Grades K–2” (#14-15–68), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC) – My Learning Plan. The course will be held February 10, 2015, February 24, 2015 and March 3, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and March 17, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School. The course is restricted to Grade K–2 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions and receive a certificate from My Learning Plan to receive course credit. Karen Amundsen (Shaker Road Elementary School) is the contact person.
2. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “iPad Bootcamp Grades 3–4” (#14-15–69), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC) – My Learning Plan. The course will be held February 12, 2015, February 26, 2015 and March 5, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and March 19, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School. The course is restricted to Grade 3–4 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions and receive a certificate from My Learning Plan to receive course credit. Karen Amundsen (Shaker Road Elementary School) is the contact person

C. Seminars on Education

1. Nine (9.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Cool Tools for School Track 1 – Tools 1–5” (SD2014-15–#42), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES Library System. The workshop may be attended on November 10, 2014; December 1, 2014, December 29, 2014; January 19, 2015 and February 9, 2015 at various times as an online course (<https://cooltoolsforschool.wordpress.com/>). The workshop is restricted to Librarians only. Participants must complete all sessions to receive course credit. Lucy Menard (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.
2. Nine (9.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Cool Tools for School Track 1 – Tools 6–10” (SD2014-15–#43), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES Library System. The workshop may be attended on March 2, 2015; March 23, 2015; April 6, 2015, April 27, 2015 and May 18, 2015 at various times as an online course (<https://cooltoolsforschool.wordpress.com/>). The workshop is restricted to Librarians only. Participants must complete all sessions to receive course credit. Lucy Menard (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.

D. Agreements

Approval of a Retainer Agreement with Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC for representation in negotiations with the South Colonie Teachers’ Association, at a rate of \$180.00 per hour.

E. Transportation Contracts

1. Approval of a second 31-day emergency contract with Center Transportation Services, 700 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202, for Route #2014-8 from Cohoes, NY to Colonie Central High School, Sand Creek Middle School and Forest Park Elementary School. Pick-up will be for morning only. Transportation is to begin January 2, 2015 and end February 1, 2015 at a rate of \$90.00 per day. The anticipated cost is \$1,710.00.
2. Approval of a 31-day emergency contract with Star and Strand Services, 360 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12182, for Route #2014-10. Transportation will be to the Neil Hellman School at Parson's, 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208. Transportation is to begin January 5, 2014 and end February 4, 2015 at a rate of \$148.00 per day. The anticipated cost is \$3,404.00.
3. Approval of a transportation contract with Center Transportation Services, 700 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202, for Rt. #2014-8 from Cohoes, NY to Colonie Central High School, Sand Creek Middle School and Forest Park Elementary School. Pick-up will be for morning only. Transportation to begin on January 7, 2015 and end on June 26, 2015 at a rate of \$89.90 per day, \$2.00 per mile and a daily aide cost of \$73.00 if needed. The anticipated cost is \$9,799.10.
4. Approval of a transportation contract with Brown Transportation, Inc., 50 Venner Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010, for Rt. #2014-9 from Schenectady, NY to Colonie Central High School. Transportation to begin on January 7, 2015 and end on June 26, 2015 at a rate of \$186.00 per day, \$2.92 per mile and a daily aide cost of \$75.00 if needed. The anticipated cost is \$20,274.00.

F. Student Club Trip

1. Group: Ski Club Students (33 students & 4 chaperones)
 School: Colonie Central High School
 Destination: Hancock, MA
 Dates: January 8, 2015, January 15, 2015, January 22, 2015,
 February 5, 2015, February 12, 2015
 Responsible: John Gehres
 Transportation: Charter Bus
 Cost: \$525.00 per trip
2. Group: Ski Club Students (30 students & 2 chaperones)
 School: Lisha Kill & Sand Creek Middle Schools
 Destination: Hancock, MA
 Dates: January 7, 2015, January 14, 2015, January 21, 2015,
 January 28, 2015, February 4, 2015
 Responsible: Brook Bourgeois & Charles Nagel
 Transportation: Charter Bus
 Cost: \$530.00 per trip

G. Capital Project

1. Approval of a final payment to Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$9,199.35 for the Sand Creek Middle School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-015-015.
2. Approval of a final payment to Stilsing Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$3,483.00 for the Sand Creek Middle School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-015-015.
3. Approval of a final payment to T. McElligott, Inc. in the amount of \$2,193.40 for the Colonie Central High School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-001-025.

H. Tax Refund

Approval of a 2014-2015 tax refund payable to Dorothy Foley, in the amount of \$257.10. The property is located at 778 Westmoreland Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309. (Tax Map #60.16-2-7).

I. Donations

1. Donation from Mark Fisher, 87 Osborne Road, Albany, NY, of a violin, make and model unknown, valued at \$250.00 for use in the K-12 Music Program.
2. Donation from the Veeder PTA in the amount of \$720.00 to purchase iPads to be used at Veeder Elementary School.
3. Donation from South Colonie SEPTA, 1 Raider Boulevard, Albany, NY 12205 in the amount of \$675.00 to fund the Bizzy Beez Activity Center monthly field trips at Forest Park Elementary School.
4. Donation from the Colonie Central High School Student Activity Class of 2014 in the amount of \$7,000.00 for improvements to the Colonie Central High School auditorium and the cost of a new television to be located in the West Wing Cafeteria.

J. Claims Auditor Quarterly Report – October, 2014 to December, 2014**K. Re-Appropriation of 2014-2015 Budget**

Re-appropriation of the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$8,395.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$95,302,998.

L. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – November, 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:

9. 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 January 6, 2015 be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

10. 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 January 6, 2015 be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

11. POLICIES**A. Final Reading & Approval**

Policy 9131 – Employee/Student Non-Fraternization
Policy 9253.1 – Staff Reductions

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated Policies (9131, 9253.1) be approved.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain Carried:

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **January 13** Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **January 20** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **January 26** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **February 10** Transportation Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topics: Transportation, Operations & Maintenance,
Secure Youth Detention Facility
- **February 24** Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topics: Support Services: BOE & DO Expenses, Public
Information/Printing/Postage, Legal Expenses, Insurance, Debt
Service, Interfund Transfers, Continuing Education, and
Interscholastic Athletics

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: _____

13. 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:

9. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Elizabeth O’Clair
Position: Teaching Assistant
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: January 26, 2015
Ending Date: June 30, 2015

B. Temporary Appointment

1. Name: Kimberly DonVito
Address: 23 Churchill Square, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Temporary
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: January 26, 2015
Ending Date: June 30, 2015
Salary: As per the SCTA Teaching Assistant Contract
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level III

C. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Cynthia Noble
Address: 44 Wertman Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SR)
Effective: January 1, 2015 to April 12, 2015
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Marie Smith
Address: 114 Paddock Circle, Schenectady, NY 12306
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: January 6, 2015
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
2. Name: Stephen Brown
Address: 216 Meadowlark Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Position: Custodial Worker Trainer
Effective: December 12, 2014
Salary: \$900 Stipend per CSEA Contact
3. Name: Alex Luizzi
Address: 2 Ausable Forks, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: December 19, 2014
Salary: \$10.75 per hour
4. Name: Alex Luizzi
Address: 2 Ausable Forks, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 19, 2014
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

C. Salary Revision

1. Name: Lisa Mosca
Address: 3 Brinker Drive South, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: January 5, 2015 until June 30, 2015
Salary: \$12.77 per hour as per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School

D. Change of Hours

Effective January 6, 2015:

William O'Toole	School Bus Driver	5.5 hours per day to 5.0 hours per day	BG
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