

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



**A G E N D A**

**April 21, 2015  
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. AMY TISA/CHRISSEY AIDALA MEMORIAL GAME PRESENTATION**

The Amy Tisa/Chrissy Aidala Memorial Basketball Game is an annual charity event held by the Shaker Road and Veeder Elementary Schools. The proceeds raised through this event are used to assist a family, faculty or staff member at Shaker Road Elementary and Veeder Elementary to offset a financial strain caused by extreme medical costs or a catastrophic life changing event.

This year’s proceeds will be awarded to the Seyboth and McDonald families (Shaker Road Elementary) and the Riddick family (Veeder Elementary).

**4. 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 March 31, 2015 be approved.

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

## **5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**

### **A. Green-Screen Technology Presentation** – Shaker Road Elementary School

Staff and students will present videos made with green screen technology using iPads to create mock newscasts reporting from the “finish line” of the Iditarod. The video reports were scripted and recorded by the students.

### **B. 2015-2016 Budget Development**

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning will provide a report on the final draft of the 2015-2016 budget. The Board will take action to adopt the budget on Item #7 of this agenda.

### **C. 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.

- Mr. Johanning, Chairperson, will report on the Policy Committee meeting that was held on March 30, 2015.
- Mr. Johanning, Chairperson, will report on the IT Committee meeting that was held on April 13, 2015.
- Ms. Jaquish, Chairperson, will report on the Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held on March 31, 2015.
- Mr. Casey, Chairperson, will report on the Facilities Committee meeting that was held on April 1, 2015.

## **6. 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.

## **7. ADOPTION OF 2015-2016 BUDGET**

The 2015-2016 Budget was developed through a series of work sessions from January, 2015 through April, 2015 and is presented for adoption.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the above stated 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$96,258,321 be adopted.

Roll Call Vote:    \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Casey            \_\_\_\_\_ Neil Johanning            \_\_\_\_\_ Leonard Motto  
                           \_\_\_\_\_ Rose Gigliello            \_\_\_\_\_ David Kiehle            \_\_\_\_\_ James T. Ryan  
                           \_\_\_\_\_ Shelle Jaquish            \_\_\_\_\_ Christine Mele            \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Sim

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

## **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, “Digging into Word Study” (#14-15–87), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held May 5, 2015 and May 19, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 7:30 pm at the Saddlewood Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Kindergarten–Grade 6 Teachers only. Participants must attend both sessions to receive course credit. Stacey Wranesh (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.
2. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Teaching with Primary Sources 2 – Online” (#14-15–88), sponsored by NERIC: Model School–My Learning Plan. The course will be held May 17, 2015 through June 5, 2015 at various times as an online course. The course has a maximum enrollment of 15. Participants must register on My Learning Plan. Jennifer Szpila (Roessleville Elementary School) is the contact person.
3. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “SRP NYSUT Education and Learning Trust Instructor Annual Training” (#14-15–89), sponsored by NYSUT. The course will be held May 15, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, and May 17, 2015 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the NYSUT Headquarters, Latham, NY. The course is restricted to NYSUT ELT Instructors only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Christine Zostant (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.

4. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Motivating Players: It’s An Art” (#14-15-90), sponsored by Advancement Courses. The course will be held at various times at Advancement Courses Online. Jeremy Eggleston (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.

### **C. Seminars on Education**

1. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Roessleville iPad Training” (SD2014-15-#58), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended April 27, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Roessleville Elementary School OAR Room. Jennifer Szpila (Roessleville Elementary School) is the contact person.
2. Twelve (12.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Creating E-Books for the iPad” (SD2014-15-#59), sponsored by NERIC–My Learning Plan. The workshop may be attended May 15, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm at NERIC, Capital Region BOCES, SLL Room and will continue online through June 9, 2015. The workshop has a maximum enrollment of 15. Jennifer Szpila (Roessleville Elementary School) is the contact person.
3. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Apps and Google Classroom Bootcamp” (SD2014-15-#60), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center–My Learning Plan. The workshop may be attended May 18, 2015, May 26, 2015 and June 8, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at GCRTC – Shaker Road Elementary School. The workshop has a maximum enrollment of 20. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Jennifer Szpila (Roessleville Elementary School) is the contact person.

### **D. Agreements**

1. Approval of an agreement with CDB Connections, 597 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Troy, NY, to provide Special Education and/or related services for the Summer of 2015 and the 2015-2016 school year. Specialized services of Assistive Technology, Teacher of the Deaf, and Teacher of the Visually Impaired will be \$58.00 per half-hour for individual sessions. The rate structure for Special Education, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Music Therapy, and Social Work Services shall be \$49.00 per half-hour (individual sessions) and \$30.00 per half-hour/per child for group sessions (of 2–5 children).
2. Approval of an agreement with Advanced Therapy, One Rapp Road, Albany, NY, to provide 2.50 days per week of Physical Therapy services to students recommended for services per the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) at the rate of \$4,500.00. The agreement will be in effect for the July 2015 and August 2015 summer program.

3. Approval of an agreement with Advanced Therapy, One Rapp Road, Albany, NY, to provide ten (10) hours of Physical Therapy and one (1) day per week Teacher of the Visually Impaired services to students recommended for services per the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) at the rate of \$146,000.00. The agreement will be in effect from September 9, 2015 through June 23, 2016.

**E. Contract**

Approval of a contract with Maywood School for Capital Region BOCES, with the South Colonie Central School District to provide mowing and weed-eating services one (1) time per week, weather permitting, for the contract period of April 15, 2015 through October 15, 2015. The total amount of this contract will be \$4,000.00. If any extra mowing is requested before or after the contract period, a fee of \$200.00 per mowing will be in addition to the original invoice amount.

**F. Health & Welfare Contracts**

1. Approval of a contract with the North Colonie Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year to provide health and welfare services to one-hundred twelve (112) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the North Colonie Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$565.74. The total cost of the contract shall be \$63,362.88.
2. Approval of a contract with the Averill Park Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year to provide health and welfare services to one (1) South Colonie resident student attending a non-public school located in the Averill Park Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$547.27. The total cost of the contract shall be \$547.27.
3. Approval of a contract with the Niskayuna Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year to provide health and welfare services to four (4) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the Niskayuna Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$531.88. The total cost of the contract shall be \$2,127.52.

**G. BOCES Services**

Approval of the 2015-2016 Capital Region BOCES initial service request form in the amount of \$2,217,952.22.

**H. Health & Dental Insurance Premium Rates**

1. Approval of the premium rate for the Blue Shield Health Insurance Plans for the time period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 based on the attached sheet.
2. Approval of the premium rate for the CDPHP EPO Health Insurance Plan for the time period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 based on the attached sheet.

3. Approval of the premium rate for the CDPHP Medicare PPO Plan for the time period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 based on the attached sheet.
4. Approval of the premium rate for the Delta Dental Plan for the time period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 based on the attached sheet.

### **I. Student Trips**

1. Approval of the cancellation of the student trip for Colonie Central High School Art Classes to New York City museums on April 24, 2015 per the request of the group supervisor, Thomasa Nielsen. This trip was approved by the Board of Education on March 31, 2015.
2. Approval of the cancellation of the student trip for Lisha Kill Middle School Grades 6-8 Band students to the Musical Carousel at the Great Escape, Lake George, NY, per the request of group supervisor, Joel Miller. This trip was approved by the Board of Education on November 18, 2014.
3. Group: Grade 6 (55 students & 6 chaperones)  
 School: Lisha Kill Middle School  
 Destination: Camp Chingachgook, Lake George, New York  
 Date: Monday, May 11, 2015  
 Responsible: Katherine Detrick, Antoinette Corigliano  
 Transportation: Charter Bus
4. Group: Grade 6 (55 students & 6 chaperones)  
 School: Lisha Kill Middle School  
 Destination: Camp Chingachgook, Lake George, New York  
 Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015  
 Responsible: Tanja Iwaneczko, Kim Cerone, Jodie Fumarola  
 Transportation: Charter Bus
5. Group: Grade 6 (55 students & 6 chaperones)  
 School: Lisha Kill Middle School  
 Destination: Camp Chingachgook, Lake George, New York  
 Date: Monday, May 18, 2015  
 Responsible: Nicole Ryan, Debbie Koes  
 Transportation: Charter Bus

### **J. Donation**

Donation from the Special Olympics/Project Unify to the South Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for the purchase of uniforms and other expenses related to the execution of the Unified Sports Program.

### **K. Budget Transfers**

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A1420.400	A1010.410	\$20,000

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

Re-appropriation of the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$2,000.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$95,693,920.

**M. Claims Auditor Quarterly Report – January, 2015 to March, 2015**

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 April 21, 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 April 21, 2015 be approved.

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

**11. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE**

Approval of the schedule of the regular Board of Education meetings for the 2015-2016 school year to be held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the District Offices located at 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, New York per attached schedule. Some exceptions, which are noted on the schedule, have been made to avoid conflicts with holy days of various religious groups, state and national conferences, or school recess periods.

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the above stated 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Schedule be approved.

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



**12. CR BOCES – ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE**

Resolved, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$8,092,607 during the school year 2015-2016 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

Yes       No

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

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

**13. CR BOCES – ELECTION BALLOT FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

The persons identified below have been nominated to serve on the Capital Region (Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties) BOCES Board of Education. Each component school district Board of Education may cast one vote each for up to three (3) individual candidates, but there is no statutory requirement that they cast one (1) vote per vacancy. Only one vote may be cast for any one candidate. Three (3) positions for the term of three (3) years.

- Mr. Jeffrey Bradt  
2 Paradise Court  
Cohoes, NY 12047  
Home District: Cohoes City School District
  
- Mr. Robert E. Fiorini  
1495 Barton Hill Road  
Duanesburg, NY 12053  
Home District: Duanesburg Central School District
  
- Mrs. Lynne Lenhardt  
13 Magdalen Road  
Delmar, NY 12054  
Home District: Bethlehem Central School District
  
- Mrs. Barbara Mauro  
1233 Viewmont Drive  
Niskayuna, NY 12309  
Home District: Niskayuna Central School District

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the Board of Education cast one Election Ballot Vote for each of the above stated candidates.

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

**14. PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD**

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the attached 2015-2016 Property Tax Report Card be approved.

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

**15. POLICIES**

**A. First Reading**

Policy 5310.1 – Bring Your Own Device  
Policy 5431 – Suicide Prevention

**B. Single Reading & Approval**

Policy 5300 – Code of Conduct  
▪ *(Updates to Grades P-4 and Grades 5-8, Use of Electronic Devices)*

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the above stated Policy (5300) be approved.

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

**16. RESOLUTIONS**

National Physical Education & Sports Week – May 1-7, 2015  
National Teacher Day – May 5, 2015  
National School Nurse Day – May 6, 2015  
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – May, 2015

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:



**19. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – SCHOOL MONITORS**

Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the South Colonie Central School District and the Teamsters Local 294, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL-CIO, School Monitors Unit, for the time period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 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 Collective Bargaining Agreement be approved.

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

**20. 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. **Creation of Positions**

**Create** the following probationary positions for the 2015-2016 school year:

- (1) 1.0 Physical Education
- (1) 1.0 Elementary Education
- (1) 1.0 Teaching Assistant

### B. **Substitute Teachers**

**Approve** Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

### C. **Co-Curricular – 2014-2015 School Year**

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

#### **Sand Creek Middle School**

##### **Intramurals:**

Season III – Boys Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Peter Paquette	1.0
Season V – Flag Football (5-8)	Matthew Tarullo	1.0

### D. **ESL Afterschool Program Coordinators for the 2014-2015 School Year**

**Approve** per Board Policy 9290:

Mary Rosetti	Shaker Road
April Mlambi	Sand Creek

**10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT****A. Retirement**

1. Name: Michael J. Deukmejian Jr.  
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker  
Effective Date: July 31, 2015

**B. Appointments**

1. Name: Mackenzie Wetzel  
Address: 34 Hadel Road, Glenville, NY 12302  
Position: Occasional Worker – Laborer  
Effective: April 22, 2015  
Salary: \$9.75 per hour
2. Name: Patricia Gosch  
Address: 3 Heath Court, Schenectady, NY 12309  
Position: Temporary School Monitor  
Effective: April 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015  
Salary: \$11.34 per Teamsters Contract  
Hours: 6.5 hours per day  
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
3. Name: Catherine Blanchard  
Address: 33 Delafield Drive, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: February 10, 2015  
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
4. Name: Susan Sendzicki  
Address: 3 Birch Tree Road, Albany, NY 12205  
Position: School Monitor Substitute  
Effective: April 22, 2015  
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

**C. Change of Hours**

*Effective April 22, 2015 to June 30, 2015:*

Christine Finnerty	School Bus Driver	6.0 hours per day to 8.0 hours per day	BG
James Kochan	School Bus Driver	6.0 hours per day to 8.0 hours per day	BG