

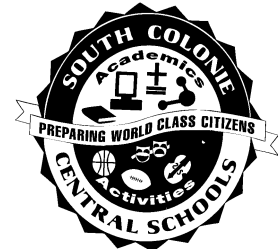
**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



A G E N D A

**February 25, 2016
Saddlewood Elementary**

**Public Hearing – 6:00 pm
Board Meeting – Immediately Following**



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 Special Meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education will be called to order by Board President, Mr. Kiehle.

1. ROLL CALL

_____ Christine Badger Mele	_____ Shelle Jaquish	_____ Leonard Motto
_____ Brian Casey	_____ Neil Johannig	_____ James T. Ryan
_____ Rose Gigliello	_____ David Kiehle	_____ 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. Kiehle will lead the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING – ALTERNATIVE VETERANS’ EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, a Public Hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving public comments from interested parties and citizens on the District’s proposed adoption of the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption for eligible veterans who served during a period of war or have received an expeditionary medal for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status dates occurring on or after March 1, 2016.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education will begin at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

3. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. 2016-2017 Budget Development**

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning will provide a review of the 2016-2017 budget development process. The topics are Support Services: Board of Education & Central Office Expenses, Public Information/Printing/Postage, Legal Expenses, Insurance, Debt Service, Interfund Transfers, Continuing Education, and Interscholastic Athletics.

4. RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE VETERANS’ EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law was amended on December 18, 2013 to allow school districts within the State of New York to extend the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption to eligible school district taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District has considered the extension of this exemption to eligible veteran property owners residing within the school district; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District on February 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm to consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the implementation of this exemption, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District, having conducted a Public Hearing and upon due consideration of all comments received, seeks to implement the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption contained within Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption within Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law shall be adopted by the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District and shall be available to qualifying veteran school taxpayers within the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District hereby adopts the Alternative Veterans’ Exemptions for qualifying residential real property as follows:

1. Basic Exemption – Tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.
2. Combat Zone – An additional tax exemption of 10% of the assessed value of qualifying residential real property of veterans who are documented to have served in a combat zone, not to exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.
3. Disabled Veterans – In addition to the above exemptions, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or Department of Defense based upon a service related disability, the qualifying residential real property will be exempt to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the veteran’s disability rating, not to exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gold Star parents, defined as those parents whose child died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war, shall be considered a “qualified owner” for purposes of eligibility for the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the District Clerk and shall be applicable to all assessment rolls prepared on or after May 1, 2016 and shall continue until rescinded or amended by Resolution of the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this Resolution to Albany County and the assessors for the other taxing jurisdictions located within this School District.

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

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

Yes No Abstain Carried:

5. ADJOURN MEETING

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

Time: _____

Yes No Abstain Carried: