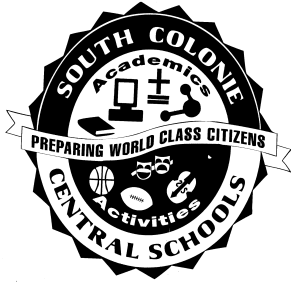


**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**April 1, 2014
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 was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ryan at 7:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

Brian Casey	Neil Johanning	Leonard Motto
Rose Gigliello	David Kiehle	James T. Ryan
Shelle Jaquish	Christine Mele	

Members Excused:

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 led the pledge to the flag.

3. AMY TISA MEMORIAL GAME PRESENTATION

The Amy Tisa Memorial Basketball Game is an annual charity event initiated by the Veeder Elementary School held in the memory of Amy Tisa, a South Colonie teacher. The proceeds raised through this event are used to assist a family, faculty or staff member at Veeder Elementary and Shaker Road Elementary to offset a financial strain caused by extreme medical costs or a catastrophic life changing event. This year's event raised \$9,200.

Shaker Road Elementary donated their portion of this year's proceeds to Veeder Elementary due to the needs of two families from the school. Ms. Gottschalk, Principal at Veeder Elementary presented the awards to the Barcomb/Perez and the Aidala families. Mr. Aidala returned his award to Veeder Elementary who will be building a pavilion in memory of his wife, Chrissy Aidala.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 18, 2014, be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Budget Discussion

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning presented a report on the second draft of the 2014-2015 budget.

B. Board Committee Reports

There were no scheduled Board Committee meetings since the last Board of Education meeting. No reports were made at this time.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Ryan

- Expressed appreciation to Mr. Buhner and Cabinet members regarding the amount of work they have put into the budget development process.
- Recognized Lisa Juliano's second grade class at Shaker Road Elementary who received a technology grant in the amount of \$600 from Stewart's as part of their Holiday Match program. The funds will be used further enhance the use of classroom technology using iPads and interactive whiteboards.
- Recognized the following students who recently completed their GED requirements: Daniel J. Hoogkamp, Ryan Sheehy, Mitchell Daniels, Alicia Mennillo, and Di'Andre Murray.
- Recognized the Colonie Central High School Key Club who received six awards at the 2014 Key Club Leadership Training Conference.
- Recognized Rachel Kim, eighth grade student at Sand Creek Middle School, who has been selected to participate in the New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) Middle School Honor Band on clarinet.
- Reported that South Colonie has been ranked among the best communities for music education in the country by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) for the second year in a row.
- Attended the Craft Fair at Colonie Central High School.

Mr. Johannig

- Has been watching the progress of the State budget negotiations and lobbying via webinars, blogs, websites and e-mail.

Mr. Motto

- Attended the Craft Fair at Colonie Central High School.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the PTA Council meeting on March 31.

Mr. Casey

- Attended the Kids Night Out event on March 28 at the Colonie Village Rec Center that was hosted by the Colonie Central High School iCARE students. The CCHS students showed great enthusiasm for the 80 elementary students who attended. Mr. Casey also recognized the Village for donating the facilities for the event.

Mr. Kiehle

- Attended the Craft Fair at Colonie Central High School.
- Attended the performance of *Xanadu* at Colonie Central High School. Mr. Kiehle recognized the fine performances by the cast and crew both onstage and those working backstage.

Ms. Mele

- Attended the performance of *Xanadu* at Colonie Central High School; the event was fantastic.
- Reported that the Shaker Road Springtime Raffle raised \$5,000 for the PTA.

Ms. Jaquish

- Attended the PTA Council meeting on March 31.

B. Requests to Speak

Suzanne Morand – Ms. Morand, Colonie Central High School Math Department, spoke regarding changes that are being implemented in Algebra 1. She would like to suggest changing the structure of the Math Lab (similar to Science) to assist student in reaching their goals – change the philosophy to benefit the students. Mr. Backus responded that he agreed with her statements and would look into addressing the programmatic structure.

Susan Kelly – Ms. Kelly, UPK/Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, spoke regarding the loss of transportation for the Pre-Kindergarten program. She believes the loss of transportation will negatively impact the program and presents a potential logistical problem for school buildings with the increase of parent vehicle traffic. She also believes there is the potential loss of instructional time due to inclement weather. Mr. Buhner responded that he agreed with her statements but with the difficult fiscal climate, the options are not great due to the loss of funding.

André Ellman – Mr. Ellman, Colonie K-12 Football / Junior Raiders / High School Booster Club, spoke regarding concerns relating to budget cuts. He questioned if there were priorities for restoration, what the deadline for any such restorations would be, and if there would be another Board/budget meeting scheduled prior to the meeting of April 22 to share information relating to any budget cuts or restorations in a transparent manner. Mr. Ellman questioned why concessions were not requested from the SCTA, of either a freeze or furlough days. Mr. Buhner responded that he did not anticipate another Board/budget meeting being scheduled and that all budget information is presented to the public in a transparent manner. In addressing concessions, Mr. Buhner stated that several of the District's labor groups have given concessions over the years and that South Colonie has done better than most. Most of the money in the District's budget is being spent where it should be – in the classroom.

Mr. Ellman questioned whether there was a way to contact Board members directly without using the District e-mail account. Mr. Buhner responded that the District does not release private contact information for Board members. The District Clerk monitors any correspondence or e-mail that comes in to the Board and forwards the information to all members in a timely manner.

7. 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, “Grade 2-5 Study Group 2014: ‘ELA All Day’ Integrating the Curriculum/Literacy in the Content Areas to Provide Authentic Test Prep” (#13-14–100), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held April 29, 2014, May 6, 2014 and May 12, 2014 from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm at the Veeder Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Grade 2 – Grade 5 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Stacey Wranesh (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.

C. Seminar on Educational Issues

1. Twelve (12.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Securing Funds to Support Innovative Common Core Curriculum Planning” (SD2013-14–#51), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop may be attended March 20, 2014, March 27, 2014, April 3, 2014 and April 10, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Terri Korb (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

D. Transportation Contract

Approval of a transportation contract with Brown Transportation, Inc., 50 Venner Road, Amsterdam, NY, for Route #2013-11 to Special Education student from 259 Division Street, Amsterdam, New York to Northeast Parent & Child Society, 1821 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, NY 12304. Transportation to begin on April 14, 2014 and end on June 27, 2014 at a daily rate of \$150.00 and \$2.92 per mile. The anticipated total cost of the contract is \$7,800.00.

E. Health & Welfare Contracts

1. Approval of a contract with the North Colonie Central School District for the 2013-2014 school year to provide health and welfare services to 129 South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the North Colonie Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$458.70. The total cost of the contract shall be \$59,172.30.
2. Approval of a contract with the Niskayuna Central School District for the 2013-2014 school year to provide health and welfare services to five (5) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the Niskayuna Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$491.08. The total cost of the contract shall be \$2,455.40.

F. Agreement

Approval of an agreement with Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC, Attorneys at Law, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY for Special Education legal services for the 2013-2014 school year at an hourly rate of \$160.00 per hour for litigation and hearings and \$140.00 per hour for all other legal services, plus disbursement costs.

G. Student Trips

1. Group: Grade 5 (215 students & 36 chaperones)
 School: Lisha Kill Middle School
 Destination: The Bronx Zoo, New York, NY
 Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2014
 Responsible: Deena Griffith, Peter DeMarco
 Transportation: Charter Bus
2. Group: Section 604 & 607 (100 students & 8 chaperones)
 School: Lisha Kill Middle School
 Destination: Camp Chingachgook, Lake George, NY
 Date: Monday, June 9, 2014
 Responsible: Katherine Detrick
 Transportation: School Bus

H. Donation

1. Donation from the Capital District Association of Civil Engineers, 257 Ushers Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065, in the amount of \$600.00 for the Student Achievement in Annual Model Bridge Contest.
2. Donation from the Colonie Track & Field Booster Club, 100 Hackett Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, to Colonie Central High School Indoor Track in the amount of \$122.88 to cover the cost of awards.
3. Donation from the Stewarts Foundation, P.O. Box 435, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, to Shaker Road Elementary School in the amount of \$600.00 to support the school program.

I. Re-Appropriation of 2013-2014 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$1,323.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$92,404.528.

J. Internal Claims Auditor Quarterly Report – January, 2014 to March, 2014**K. Clerk & Treasurer's Reports – February, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Johanning and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the above stated Reports and Recommendations be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 1, 2014 be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

9. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 1, 2014 be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

10. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, has called a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 20th day of May, 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of Permanent Chairmen, Chief Election Inspectors, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said special District meeting at each polling place;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York, as follows:

Section 1: The following named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed as District Clerk Pro-Tem and Permanent Chairpersons of the special District meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

DeNeen Bogdanowicz
Deborah Galdun
Linda Kennedy
Cindy Lupe
Jamie Mroczko

Section 2: The following named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed as Chief Election Inspectors:

LeeAnn Dunn
Madonna Katsares
Shirley Kelty
Lauri Powalyk
JoElla Ziele

Section 3: The attached list of named duly qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election and/or Assistant Clerks at said Special District Meeting.

Section 4: Each Inspector of Election and Assistant Clerk appointed for said Special District Meeting, as herein provided, shall serve without compensation. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairmen, Chief Election Inspectors, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said Special District Meeting.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Mr. Kiehle, that the above stated Resolution for the Appointment of Election Personnel be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

11. RESOLUTION – PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

RESOLVED, that James Boland is to be placed on paid administrative leave effective March 21, 2014 and shall remain on paid administrative leave until further action by the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehle and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the above stated Resolution for Paid Administrative Leave be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **April 8** Information Technology Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **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
- **April 29** Policy 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

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehle and seconded by Mr. Motto, to **enter** Executive Session to discuss fiscal matters and employment matters relating to particular persons.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Motto and seconded by Mr. Kiehle to **adjourn** Executive Session.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 9:48 pm and returned to Public Session.

13. ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie S. Mroczko". The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk

8. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A. Long-Term Substitutes

1. Name: Karie Ravida
Address: 82 Lancaster Street, Apt. 1, Cohoes, NY 12047
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: English
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: March 18, 2014
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. and M.S. from Siena College
Certification: Initial in English Language Arts 7-12

2. Name: Taylor Teal
Address: 252 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: March 19, 2014
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Cortland
Certification: Initial in Physical Education

B. Substitute Teachers

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

C. Subject Coordinators – 2013-2014 School Year

Rescind the previously approved position per the SCTA Contract effective 1/21/14:

Colonie Central High School

English	Shawn Durant	.20
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Rescind the previously approved position per the SCTA Contract effective 2/7/14:

Colonie Central High School

English	Melissa Dunn	.20
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D. Study Hall Supervision for the 2013-2014 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective 02/07/14:

Colonie Central High School

Melissa Dunn

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective 02/07/14:

Colonie Central High School

Karie Ravida

E. Co-Curricular – 2013-2014 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved positions:

Sand Creek Middle School

Small Performing Group-Spring Technical Director	DeLynn Wickham	.50
Small Performing Group-Spring Technical Director	Cathy Vigars	.50

Rescind the following previously approved position effective 1/7/14:

Sand Creek Middle School

Student Council	Jessica Maguire	
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Rescind the following previously approved positions effective 1/21/14:

Colonie Central High School

Class Dean (Senior)	Kerri Audino	.50
Class Dean (Senior)	Shawn Durant	.50

Rescind the following previously approved positions effective 2/7/14:

Colonie Central High School

Class Dean (Freshman)	Julie Hecht	.50
Class Dean (Freshman)	Melissa Dunn	.50

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

Sand Creek Middle School

Small Performing Group–Spring Musical Producer	Pam Roberts
Small Performing Group–Spring Musical Director	Adam Fine
Small Performing Group–Spring Technical Director	Linda Kennedy

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective 1/21/14:

Colonie Central High School

Class Dean (Senior)	Kerri Audino	1.0
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Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective 2/7/14:

Colonie Central High School

Class Dean (Freshman)	Julie Hecht	1.0
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9. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Retirements**

1. Name: Raymond Hoffman
Position: Permanent Building Maintenance Mechanic (DO)
Effective: June 30, 2014
2. Name: Rainer Hoyka
Position: Permanent Building Maintenance Mechanic (DO)
Effective: June 30, 2014

B. Appointments

1. Name: Hannah DuJack
Address: 1751 Washington Ave Ext, Apt 2, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: April 2, 2014
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
2. Name: Cindy Rosenthal
Address: 3160 Marra Lane, Apt 6, Schenectady, NY 12303
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: April 2, 2014
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
3. Name: Shelly Frye
Address: 35 Oliver Street, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary Part-Time Food Service Helper
Hours: 3.0 hours per day
Effective: March 24, 2014
Salary: \$11.23 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Current Location: Colonie Central High School – Main Cafeteria
Probationary Period: March 24, 2014 through December 1, 2014
4. Name: Donna Parker
Address: 513 Watervliet Shaker Rd, Latham, NY 12110
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: March 25, 2014
Salary: \$9.75 per hour
5. Name: Raymond Hoffman
Address: 37 Van Buren Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Part-Time Building Maintenance Mechanic
Effective: July 1, 2014
Salary: Schedule K, Step 2 (pro-rated @ 50%)
Hours: 4 hours daily (.50)
Location: District Office

6. Name: Rainer Hoyka
Address: 1 Pierce Street, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Part-Time Building Maintenance Mechanic (.50)
Effective: July 1, 2014
Salary: Schedule K, Step 2 (pro-rated @ 50%)
Hours: 4 hours daily (.50)
Location: District Office