

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



MINUTES

**November 4, 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 was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ryan at 7:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

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

Members Excused:

Leonard Motto

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

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Mike Keane, PTA Council President, recognized the Board of Education for their commitment to the students of the District. Students from the Elementary schools also made posters and signs of appreciation which were hung in the Board Room.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Ryan led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014 be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Board Committee Reports

- Mr. Johanning, Chairperson, provided a report on the Information Technology Committee meeting that was held on October 14, 2014.
- In Mr. Motto's absence, Mr. Kiehle, Committee Member, provided a report on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting that was held on October 15, 2014.
- Mr. Buhner will report on the Accountability & BOE Operations Committee meeting that was held on October 21, 2014.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Ryan

- Attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York.
- Thanked the PTA Council and the Elementary students for their Board appreciation recognition.
- Thanked Mr. O'Neil and his staff for their efforts with the Special Olympics event.
- Recognized Coach Brown on his retirement after 28 years of service to the students of South Colonie.
- Recognized Jacob Haley, 8th grade student at Lisha Kill Middle School, who was recently presented with certificate by Albany County District Attorney David Soares for his efforts to end bullying.
- Recognized Sophia Dong, Madilyn Allen, Dev Vudugula, Will Carroll, Lyric Mongerard, Elizabeth Steinhorst, Ketty Wang, and Joseph Moore for being named as Sand Creek Middle School students of the week.
- Noted that Dollars for Scholars will be holding a fundraiser on December 2 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the McDonald's on Wolf Road.
- Reported that the Times Union printed a very nice article about the District's ESL students.

Ms. Jaquish

- Attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York.

Ms. Mele

- Attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York.
- Attended parent/teacher conferences.

Mr. Kiehle

- Participated in Facilities walk-throughs.
- Attended the faculty music recital.

Mr. Casey

- Attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York.
- Thanked the community for their support of the Capital Project proposition.

Mr. Sim

- Attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York.
- Attended the Transportation Committee meeting on November 3.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the NYSSBA Conference in New York.
- Attended the faculty music recital.
- Attended the High School concert on October 22.
- Attended the Transportation Committee meeting on November 3.
- Attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Mr. Johanning

- Attended the PTA Council meeting.
- Attended the Northeastern Region PTA meeting.

B. Requests to Speak:

Trish Washburn, addressed the Board of Education regarding the protocol for suicide ideation and discussed ways the District may appropriately respond to crisis situations.

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. In-Service Courses

1. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “Between Shades of Gray Study Group” (#14-15-62), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held January 12, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm; January 26, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm; February 9, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm; and March 2, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm at a location to be determined. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Erin Lasky (Colonie Central High 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, “Veeder Study Group: Talking About Text and Building a Professional Learning Community” (#14-15-63), sponsored by the South Colonie

Central School District. The course will be held November 5, 2014 from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm; November 24, 2014 from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm and December 8, 2014 from 3:4 5pm to 6:15 pm at the Veeder Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Veeder teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Stacey Wranesh (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.

3. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, “Digital Citizenship” (#14-15-64), sponsored by the Creative Teacher Institute. The course will be held November 1-30, 2014 at various times as an online course. Shawn Durant (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
4. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Teaching with Poverty in Mind Book Study” (#14-15-65), sponsored by the Grater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The course will be held November 13, 2014; November 24, 2014; December 8, 2014; December 16, 2014 and December 22, 2014 from 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm at the Roessleville Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Roessleville teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Marybeth Tedisco (Roessleville Elementary School) is the contact person.

C. Seminars on Education

1. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “CDCSS Future of Social Studies Conference” (SD2014-15-#32), sponsored by the Capital District Council for Social Studies. The workshop may be attended on September 27, 2014 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Capital Region BOCES. Eric Obermayer (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
2. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Making Sense of the Middle East” (SD2014-15-#33), sponsored by the Jewish Federation Community Services. The workshop may be attended on October 23, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Jewish Federation Community Building, Albany, NY. Nina Rosen (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Mentor/Mentee Workshop” (SD2014-15-#34), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended November 19, 2014; January 14, 2015; March 11, 2015 and April 15, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the Colonie Central High School, Room 135. Participants must be part of the current 2014-2015 mentor/mentee program and must attend at least three sessions to receive course credit. Thomasa Nielsen (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.

4. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Project WILD” (SD2014-15–#35), sponsored by the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. The workshop may be attended November 8, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, NY. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

D. Student Trips

1. Group: Grade 6 Students (115 students & 25 chaperones)
 School: Sand Creek Middle School
 Destination: Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
 Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015
 Responsible: Lisa Pollicino, Jennifer Dongelewic, Sue Shank, Bill Luke
 Transportation: Charter Bus

2. Group: Grade 6 Students (100 students & 14 chaperones)
 School: Sand Creek Middle School
 Destination: Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NY
 Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015
 Responsible: Tristan Kisling
 Transportation: Charter Bus

E. Agreement

Approval of a cooperative agreement with Hudson Valley Community College for the 2014-2015 school year to provide High School students with access to higher education through the delivery of College in the High School courses per attached agreement.

F. Change Order

Approval of Change Order #GC-04 for Titan Roofing, Inc., in the amount of (\$318.00) to credit the District for investigatory work completed at Sand Creek Middle School by an another contractor. The contract is reduced from \$991,328.00 to \$991,010.00. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-015-015.

G. Tax Refund

Approval of a 2014-2015 tax refund payable to Jeffrey L. Dyber, in the amount of \$299.95. The property is located at 5 Breanna Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12304. (Tax Map #60.19-5-31).

H. Budget Transfer

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A1310.161	A1320.402	\$4,581.00

I. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – September, 2014

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Ms. Mele, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 4, 2014 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 4, 2014 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

9. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE RESULTS

Proposition – Capital Project Resolution: PASSED (76.63%)

Machine Totals:	YES:	570
	NO:	148
Absentee Ballots:	YES:	40
	NO:	38
Totals:	YES:	610
	NO:	186

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the above stated Vote Results be certified.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

10. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – CSEA

Approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, for the South Colonie School Unit of the Albany County Local 801 and the South Colonie Central School District for the time period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015 as specified per attached agreement.

A motion was made by Ms. Mele and seconded by Mr. Kiehle, that the above stated Collective Bargaining Agreement be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

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

Policy 4520 – Parents’ Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

A motion was made by Mr. Johanning and seconded by Mr. Sim, that the above stated Policies (4520) be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

12. RESOLUTIONS

American Education Week – November 17-21, 2014

School-Related Professionals Recognition Day – November 18, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Ms. Mele, that the above stated Resolution be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **November 18** Academic Achievement Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **November 24** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **December 2** Graduation Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **December 3** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – District Office
- **December 15** IT Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **December 16** Audit/Finance Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office

14. ADJOURN MEETING

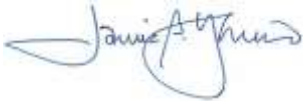
A motion was made by Mr. Kiehle and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk

7. **PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

A. **Substitute Teachers**

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

B. **Greater Capital Region Teacher Center Teacher Leadership Coaches for the 2014-2015 School Year – REVISED**

Approve per Policy 9290 effective October 1, 2014:

Teacher Leadership Coach-Elementary Education Level 2

Debra Hoffmann

C. **SIS Trainers for the 2014-2015 School Year**

Approve per Policy 9290:

Elementary Schools

Forest Park Elementary School	Kelli Budney
Roessleville Elementary School	Kim Ringer
Saddlewood Elementary School	Donna Killiany
Shaker Road Elementary School	Greg Sherwin
Veeder Elementary School	Rich Thompson

Lisha Kill Middle School

Calvin Pitts	Brook Bourgeois
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Sand Creek Middle School

Dan DeMarco	Brian Czerpak
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Colonie Central High School

Art/Music	Justin DeFazio
English	Kevin Ruane
Foreign Language	Deborah Paniccia
Library/Media	Jeffrey Dutcher
Mathematics	MaryAnn Reilly-Johnson
Physical Education	Jennifer Jette
Science	Connie Wyotowich
Social Studies	Erin Lasky
Special Education	Christa Lukasik
Technology	Jennifer Lewicki

D. Lunch Supervision for the 2014-2015 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved positions effective October 20, 2014:

Forest Park Elementary School

Maureen Hogan	.50	Mary Ann Snyder	.50
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Appoint the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation effective October 20, 2014:

Forest Park Elementary School

Maureen Hogan	1.0	Mary Ann Snyder	1.0
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8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Creation of Position**

Effective October 30, 2014 through June 30, 2015:

- (1) .75 (6.0 hour) Temporary School Monitor (VR)

B. Resignation

1. Name: Kathleen Charbonneau
Address: 2115 Central Avenue #55, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Permanent Food Service Helper (LK)
Effective: October 22, 2014
Reason: Personal

C. Appointments

1. Name: Kim Thomas
Address: 19 Warren Avenue, W. Coxsackie, NY 12192
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper
Effective: October 20, 2014
Salary: \$11.29 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 3.5 hours per day
Probationary Period: October 20, 2014 through April 20, 2015
2. Name: David TenEyck
Address: 2760 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303
Position: Master Maintenance Mechanic
Effective: September 22, 2014
Stipend: \$2,000
Current Location: Bus Garage
3. Name: Allen (Scott) Egnaczyk
Address: 47 Snake Hill Road, Glenville, NY 12302
Position: Master Maintenance Mechanic
Effective: August 12, 2014
Stipend: \$2,000
Current Location: District Office
4. Name: Mary Ann Gerstenberger
Address: 2 Kenmore Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: October 30, 2014 through June 30, 2015
Salary: \$12.77 per hour, per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.0 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School

5. Name: Kathleen Charbonneau
Address: 2115 Central Avenue #55, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: October 22, 2014
Salary: \$9.75 per hour
6. Name: Paula O'Donnell
Address: 29 Mallard Road, Glenmont, NY 12077
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: November 5, 2014
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
7. Name: Rita Archina
Address: 42 Gail Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: November 5, 2014
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
8. Name: Steven Meservey
Address: 11 Cottonwood Place, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: October 20, 2014
Salary: \$15.00 per hour
9. Name: Thomas Morris
Address: 2169 Grand Blvd, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Probationary School Bus Driver
Effective: October 22, 2014
Salary: \$17.72 per hour, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 5.0 hours per day
Probationary Period: October 22, 2014 through April 22, 2015

D. Change of Hours

Effective October 22, 2014:

Laurie Brantigan	School Bus Driver	5.0 hours per day to	BG
		6.0 hours per day	

E. Excessed Personnel

Rescind the following excessed support staff:

1. One School Monitor has been re-instated. The following staff will be re-instated to a temporary School Monitor position effective October 30, 2014.

Mary Ann Gerstenberger