

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



MINUTES

**January 20, 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 was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ryan at 7:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

Brian Casey	Davie Kiehle	James T. Ryan
Rose Gigliello	Christine Mele	Edward Sim
Shelle Jaquish	Leonard Motto	

Members Excused:

Neil Johanning

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 led 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 period of January 20, 2015 through January 23, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the above stated Resolution be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT**Eagle Scout Recognition Award**

Jeffrey Mazzie, a 2014 graduate of Colonie Central High School, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was recently recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Jeffrey is a member of the Twin Rivers Council Troop 1022.

To become an Eagle Scout, Jeffrey earned 23 merit badges, served in a variety of leadership roles, including Senior Patrol Leader, and is a member of the Order of Arrow. Jeffrey also completed a community service project at the Sand Creek Middle School.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Motto and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Enrollment Projections

Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, provided a report on student enrollment/projections, enrollment by grade level and enrollment trends.

B. Grade 7-12 Math Update

Christopher Robilotti, Principal of Colonie Central High School and Greg Bearup, Supervisor of K-8 Math provided a report on the Grade 7–12 Math programs. The program is aligned to the Common Core Standards which were adopted in 2010 and are implemented on a year-by-year basis.

C. Board Committee Reports

- Mr. Motto, Chairperson, provided a report on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting that was held on January 6, 2015.
- Mr. Sim, Chairperson, provided a report on the District Communications Committee meeting that was held on January 13, 2015.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Ryan

- Attended a meeting with Senator Breslin along with Mr. Buhner, Mr. Johanning and representatives from North Colonie and Menands to discuss GEA elimination, unfunded mandates, and charter schools.
- Reminder that public meetings to discuss transportation schedules for the 2015-2016 school year will be held at Shaker Road on January 21 and Forest Park on January 22.

- Student Recognition:
 - Students from the Lisha Kill Character Counts Club: Cheyanne Montalvo, Eliza Zehnder, Carter Bach, Elijah Crosbourne, Zach Blum, Ahmed Abdelrahim, Alex Prezio, Ryan Appleton, Kylee Keegan, Chloe Ploof, Gabrielle Lupe, Kenadie Fish, Sofia Falbo, Danielle Carr, and Shawn Walter.
 - Jake Johnson, CCHS Boy's Indoor Track and Field, for winning the 800m run at the Yale Invitational on January 17. Jake ran a very fast time of 1:55.28, placing him in the No. 4 spot in the USA for the 800m this winter.
 - CCHS Boys Cross Country team placed second in the fall portion of NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Awards program. Colonie runners combined for a 99.01 classroom average to finish second.
 - CCHS Boys Indoor Track and Field team for performing well at the Dartmouth relays. The Sprint Medley relay team finished in second place and are currently ranked as the 9th fastest team in the USA.
 - Sand Creek 7th grade students in Ms. Moskov's class for supporting the military troops.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Lisha Kill drama production of "Shrek" will be held on February 6-8.
 - High Honor Roll breakfast at Lisha Kill on February 12.
 - Colonie Fire Department Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Village Hall on February 13 from 4:00-8:00 pm.
 - CCHS spring musical production of "Beauty and the Beast" will be held March 19-21.
 - Sand Creek spring production of "Disney's Little Mermaid" will be held April 29-May 2.
 - Youth Advisory Board for South Colonie, North Colonie and CBA will be collecting donations for troops during the month of February.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the Communications Committee meeting on January 13.
- Attended the Safe Schools meeting on January 15.

Mr. Sim

- Attended the Communications Committee meeting on January 13.
- Attended the Safe Schools meeting on January 15.

Mr. Casey

- Attended the DARE graduation ceremony at Sand Creek on January 9.

Mr. Kiehle

- Attended two concerts at the High School; commended the Music Department on the great job.
- Attended the boys' basketball game.

Ms. Mele

- Attended the JV girls' and boys' basketball games.
- Attended the Varsity boys' basketball game.

B. Requests to Speak: There were no requests to speak.

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. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, "New York State of Mind/Exploring NYS Museums and Cultural Resources" (#14-15-70), sponsored by the Creative Teacher Institute. The course will be held at various times as an online course. Participants must receive a certificate from the Creative Teacher Institute to receive course credit. Brigham McCutcheon (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
2. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45.0 contact hours course, "Student Centered Learning Environments" (#14-15-71), sponsored by the Creative Teacher Institute. The course will be held at various times as an online course. Participants must receive a certificate from the Creative Teacher Institute to receive course credit. Brigham McCutcheon (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
3. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, "Caldecott Immersion Weekend" (#14-15-72), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course will be held January 16, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm and January 17, 2015 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Carey Conference Center, Rensselaerville, NY. Participants must attend both sessions and receive a certificate form My Learning Plan to receive course credit. Tami Hanley and Sherry Guice (Lisha Kill Middle School) are the contact persons.
4. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, "Veeder Study Group Part 2: Talking About Text and Building a Professional Learning Community" (#14-15-73), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held February 11, 2015, March 30, 2015 and April 27, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm and May 18, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm at the Veeder Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Veeder Elementary Teachers who have completed Part 1. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Stacey Wranesh (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.

C. Health & Welfare Contracts

Approval of contracts with the following school districts to provide health and welfare services for their students who attend An Nur Islamic School, Christian Brothers Academy, Hebrew Academy and Our Saviors' Lutheran School located in the South Colonie Central School District, at a rate of \$637.78.

<u>School District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albany City	\$ 82,273.62
Amsterdam	\$ 1,275.56
Averill Park	\$ 2,551.12
Ballston Spa	\$ 6,377.80
Berlin	\$ 1,275.56
Berne-Knox-Westerlo	\$ 637.78
Bethlehem	\$ 23,597.86
Bolton	\$ 637.78
Brittonkill	\$ 1,275.56
Broadalbin-Perth	\$ 2,551.12
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake	\$ 3,188.90
Cairo-Durham	\$ 2,551.12
Cambridge CSD	\$ 637.78
Canajoharie	\$ 637.78
Catskill	\$ 637.78
Cohoes City	\$ 1,913.34
Coxsackie-Athens	\$ 3,188.90
Duanesburg	\$ 637.78
East Greenbush	\$ 1,275.56
Glens Falls	\$ 637.78
Green Island	\$ 1,913.34
Greenville	\$ 3,826.68
Guilderland	\$ 28,700.10
Hoosic Valley CSD	\$ 1,275.56
Hudson CSD	\$ 1,913.34
Ichabod Crane	\$ 637.78
Lansingburgh	\$ 3,188.90
Mechanicville CSD	\$ 1,275.56
Menands Union Free	\$ 6,377.80
Niskayuna	\$ 21,046.74
North Colonie	\$ 39,706.26
North Greenbush	\$ 637.78
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	\$ 6,377.80
Rensselaer	\$ 637.78
Rotterdam-Mohonasen	\$ 8,928.92
Saratoga Springs City	\$ 8,291.14
Schalmont	\$ 10,204.48
Schenectady City	\$ 33,802.34
Schodack	\$ 637.78

Schoharie	\$ 1,275.56
Schuylerville	\$ 1,275.56
Scotia-Glenville	\$ 5,102.24
Shenenedehowa	\$ 42,093.48
South Glens Falls	\$ 1,275.56
Stillwater	\$ 637.78
Troy City	\$ 11,480.04
Voorheesville	\$ 5,740.02
Waterford Halfmoon	\$ 1,275.56
Watervliet City	\$ 1,913.34
Total:	\$389,209.70

D. Agreement

Approval of Amendment A to ASPEN Student Information System Agreement dated February 11, 2014 with X2 Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Follett Software Company, 1391 Corporate Drive, McHenry, IL, to change three (3) consulting days from Schedule Build-District on-site consulting days to three (3) General District on-site consulting days at no change in cost.

E. Use of School Bus

Approval of the use of one (1) school bus on Saturday, February 14, 2015, by the International Center of the Capital Region, located at Siena College Campus, for a local tour of places of worship. Pick-up time will be 8:45 am and drop-off time will be 4:00 pm. Driver's wages and mileage fees will be paid in accordance with the District fee and rate schedule.

F. Capital Project

1. Approval of a final payment to Titan Roofing in the amount of \$41,010.00 for the Sand Creek Middle School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-015-015.
2. Approval of a final payment to Harold R. Clune in the amount of \$8,808.00 for the Colonie Central High School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-001-025.

G. Bid Award – Food Services

Pizza

Recommended award from February 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 to the low bidder meeting specifications as follows:

To: Wolfe's Pizza, 2403 State Route 7, Cobleskill, NY 12043
Item: 51000A

10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Motto and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 20, 2015 be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

11. RESOLUTIONS

African-American History Month – February, 2015

National School Counseling Week – February 2-6, 2015

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Kiehle, that the above stated Resolutions be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **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
- **March 3** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topics: Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
- **March 10** Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – Saddlewood Elementary School
Budget Topics: Fringe Benefits, Instructional Program:
Enrollment Projections, Instructional Staffing, Support Staffing,
Textbooks, Curriculum Development, Staff Development,
Library & Media Technology, Building Budgets, Summer
School, Alternative Education and Information Technology

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Motto, to **enter** Executive Session to discuss fiscal 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 8:25 pm.

9. **PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

A. **Long-Term Substitute**

1. Name: Alyssa Ruggiero
Address: 22 Mallards Landing South, Waterford, NY 12188
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Physical Education
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: January 6, 2015
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Cortland; M.S. from West Virginia University
Certification: Initial in Physical Education

B. **Substitute Teachers**

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

C. **Study Hall Supervisor– 2014-2015 School Year**

Rescind the following previously approved position:

Colonie Central High School

Meghann Gordon	1.0	01/05/15
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Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation:

Colonie Central High School

Megan Carlin	1.0	01/05/15
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10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Appointments**

1. Name: Joseph George
 Address: 3 Felicia Court, Albany, NY 12205
 Position: Probationary School Bus Driver
 Effective: January 6, 2015
 Salary: \$17.72 per hour per CSEA Contract
 Hours: 5.5 hours per day
 Probationary Period: January 6, 2015 through September 8, 2015

2. Name: Sandra Geier
 Address: 1909 Euclid Ave, Schenectady, NY 12306
 Position: School Nurse Substitute
 Effective: January 21, 2015
 Salary: \$20.00 per hour

3. Name: Kelly Lyman
 Address: 18 Dogwood Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211
 Position: School Monitor Substitute
 Effective: January 21, 2015
 Salary: \$10.00 per hour

4. Name: Terry Engelhardt
 Address: 9 Farnsworth Drive, Apt 24, Slingerlands, NY 12159
 Position: Custodial Working Foreperson
 Effective: January 15, 2015
 Salary: \$1,150 stipend (pro-rated)
 Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School