

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



MINUTES

**January 6, 2015
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	James T. Ryan
Rose Gigliello	Christine Mele	Edward Sim
Shelle Jaquish	Leonard Motto	

Members Excused:

David Kiehle

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 meeting of January 6, 2015.

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

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT

Jacob Haley, an eighth grade student at Lisha Kill Middle School, was recently presented with a certificate by Albany County District Attorney David Soares, recognizing him for his efforts to end bullying and his commitment to the values of our community. Jacob was declared the October winner of the monthly Words Hurt/Heal grand prize.

District Attorney Soares attended the meeting and presented a proclamation recognizing Jacob for his efforts toward eliminating bullying and spreading kindness in the community and Mr. Wetzel, Lisha Kill Middle School Principal, for the school's efforts toward encouraging and supporting positive student initiatives.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2014 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. 2015-2016 Budget Development

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning provided an update on the current status of the 2015-2016 budget development process.

B. Board Committee Reports

- Ms. Jaquish, Chairperson, provided a report on the Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held on December 10, 2014.
- Ms. Fisher provided a report on the Audit/Finance Committee meeting that was held on December 16, 2014.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Ryan

- Noted that the District Communications Committee meeting has been rescheduled and will be held on January 13th at 6:00 pm.
- Notified Board members that DARE Graduation for Sand Creek Grade 5 students will be held on January 9th at 1:00 pm at the school.
- Thanked all involved in this year's Toys for Tots campaign. There was a great effort by the bus drivers and the entire school community; thousands of toys were distributed to needy families and children throughout northern New York State. Mr. Ryan also recognized Dunkin Donuts and SEFCU who were co-sponsors for the Coats for Kids drive.
- Recognized Emma York, fifth grade student at Lisha Kill Middle School, who was the grand prize winner in this year's Times Union holiday card art contest.

- Recognized Mrs. Shank and Mr. Luke, Sand Creek Middle School teachers, who accompanied their sixth grade students for a visit to the Bright Horizons program at the Beltrone Living Center.
- Encouraged everyone to view the art galleries, coordinated by Ms. Nielsen, on the Art home page of the District's website.

Mr. Johanning

- Continues to enjoy the students' art work on the District website.
- Commented that in lieu of Mr. DiNapoli's recent statement that funding hold back through the GEA could be considered debt to schools, the District may wish to follow up with Assemblyman Steck regarding the use of financial settlement funds to restore school aid.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the High School winter concert on December 22.
- Attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on January 6.

Mr. Sim

- Attended the Facilities Committee walk-through at the Bus Garage on December 22.

Ms. Mele

- Attended three winter concerts at the Middle Schools and High School.
- Attended the Spelling Bee at Sand Creek Middle School on December 23. Her daughter placed second in the competition.

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. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, "iPad Bootcamp Grades K-2" (#14-15-68), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC) – My Learning Plan. The course will be held February 10, 2015, February 24, 2015 and March 3, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and March 17, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School. The course is restricted to Grade K-2 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions and receive a certificate from My Learning Plan to receive course credit. Karen Amundsen (Shaker Road Elementary 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, “iPad Bootcamp Grades 3–4” (#14-15–69), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC) – My Learning Plan. The course will be held February 12, 2015, February 26, 2015 and March 5, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and March 19, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School. The course is restricted to Grade 3–4 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions and receive a certificate from My Learning Plan to receive course credit. Karen Amundsen (Shaker Road Elementary School) is the contact person

C. Seminars on Education

1. Nine (9.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Cool Tools for School Track 1 – Tools 1–5” (SD2014-15–#42), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES Library System. The workshop may be attended on November 10, 2014; December 1, 2014, December 29, 2014; January 19, 2015 and February 9, 2015 at various times as an online course (<https://cooltoolsforschool.wordpress.com/>). The workshop is restricted to Librarians only. Participants must complete all sessions to receive course credit. Lucy Menard (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.
2. Nine (9.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Cool Tools for School Track 1 – Tools 6–10” (SD2014-15–#43), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES Library System. The workshop may be attended on March 2, 2015; March 23, 2015; April 6, 2015, April 27, 2015 and May 18, 2015 at various times as an online course (<https://cooltoolsforschool.wordpress.com/>). The workshop is restricted to Librarians only. Participants must complete all sessions to receive course credit. Lucy Menard (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.

D. Agreements

Approval of a Retainer Agreement with Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC for representation in negotiations with the South Colonie Teachers’ Association, at a rate of \$180.00 per hour.

E. Transportation Contracts

1. Approval of a second 31-day emergency contract with Center Transportation Services, 700 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202, for Route #2014-8 from Cohoes, NY to Colonie Central High School, Sand Creek Middle School and Forest Park Elementary School. Pick-up will be for morning only. Transportation is to begin January 2, 2015 and end February 1, 2015 at a rate of \$90.00 per day. The anticipated cost is \$1,710.00.

2. Approval of a 31-day emergency contract with Star and Strand Services, 360 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12182, for Route #2014-10. Transportation will be to the Neil Hellman School at Parson's, 60 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208. Transportation is to begin January 5, 2014 and end February 4, 2015 at a rate of \$148.00 per day. The anticipated cost is \$3,404.00.
3. Approval of a transportation contract with Center Transportation Services, 700 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202, for Rt. #2014-8 from Cohoes, NY to Colonie Central High School, Sand Creek Middle School and Forest Park Elementary School. Pick-up will be for morning only. Transportation to begin on January 7, 2015 and end on June 26, 2015 at a rate of \$89.90 per day, \$2.00 per mile and a daily aide cost of \$73.00 if needed. The anticipated cost is \$9,799.10.
4. Approval of a transportation contract with Brown Transportation, Inc., 50 Venner Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010, for Rt. #2014-9 from Schenectady, NY to Colonie Central High School. Transportation to begin on January 7, 2015 and end on June 26, 2015 at a rate of \$186.00 per day, \$2.92 per mile and a daily aide cost of \$75.00 if needed. The anticipated cost is \$20,274.00.

F. Student Club Trip

1. Group: Ski Club Students (33 students & 4 chaperones)
 School: Colonie Central High School
 Destination: Hancock, MA
 Dates: January 8, 2015, January 15, 2015, January 22, 2015,
 February 5, 2015, February 12, 2015
 Responsible: John Gehres
 Transportation: Charter Bus
 Cost: \$525.00 per trip
2. Group: Ski Club Students (30 students & 2 chaperones)
 School: Lisha Kill & Sand Creek Middle Schools
 Destination: Hancock, MA
 Dates: January 7, 2015, January 14, 2015, January 21, 2015,
 January 28, 2015, February 4, 2015
 Responsible: Brook Bourgeois & Charles Nagel
 Transportation: Charter Bus
 Cost: \$530.00 per trip

G. Capital Project

1. Approval of a final payment to Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$9,199.35 for the Sand Creek Middle School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-015-015.
2. Approval of a final payment to Stilsing Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$3,483.00 for the Sand Creek Middle School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-015-015.

3. Approval of a final payment to T. McElligott, Inc. in the amount of \$2,193.40 for the Colonie Central High School. NYSED Project #01-06-01-06-0-001-025.

H. Tax Refund

Approval of a 2014-2015 tax refund payable to Dorothy Foley, in the amount of \$257.10. The property is located at 778 Westmoreland Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309. (Tax Map #60.16-2-7).

I. Donations

1. Donation from Mark Fisher, 87 Osborne Road, Albany, NY, of a violin, make and model unknown, valued at \$250.00 for use in the K-12 Music Program.
2. Donation from the Veeder PTA in the amount of \$720.00 to purchase iPads to be used at Veeder Elementary School.
3. Donation from South Colonie SEPTA, 1 Raider Boulevard, Albany, NY 12205 in the amount of \$675.00 to fund the Bizzy Beez Activity Center monthly field trips at Forest Park Elementary School.
4. Donation from the Colonie Central High School Student Activity Class of 2014 in the amount of \$7,000.00 for improvements to the Colonie Central High School auditorium and the cost of a new television to be located in the West Wing Cafeteria.

J. Claims Auditor Quarterly Report – October, 2014 to December, 2014

K. Re-Appropriation of 2014-2015 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$8,395.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$95,302,998.

L. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – November, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Motto 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

9. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 6, 2015 be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Johanning and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 6, 2015 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

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

Policy 9131 – Employee/Student Non-Fraternization
Policy 9253.1 – Staff Reductions

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the above stated Policies (9131, 9253.1) be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **January 13** Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **January 20** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **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

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Johanning, 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 7:43 pm.

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

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 8:07 pm and returned to Public Session.

13. ADJOURN MEETING

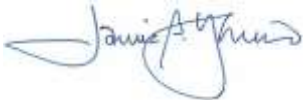
A motion was made by Mr. Johanning and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk

9. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Elizabeth O’Clair
Position: Teaching Assistant
Type: Child Care Leave Extension
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: January 26, 2015
Ending Date: June 30, 2015

B. Temporary Appointment

1. Name: Kimberly DonVito
Address: 23 Churchill Square, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Temporary
Teaching Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: January 26, 2015
Ending Date: June 30, 2015
Salary: As per the SCTA Teaching Assistant Contract
Certification: Teaching Assistant Level III

C. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Cynthia Noble
Address: 44 Wertman Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: Permanent School Monitor (SR)
Effective: January 1, 2015 to April 12, 2015
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Marie Smith
Address: 114 Paddock Circle, Schenectady, NY 12306
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: January 6, 2015
Salary: \$20.00 per hour
2. Name: Stephen Brown
Address: 216 Meadowlark Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Position: Custodial Worker Trainer
Effective: December 12, 2014
Salary: \$900 Stipend per Board of Education Policy 9290
3. Name: Alex Luizzi
Address: 2 Ausable Forks, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: December 19, 2014
Salary: \$10.75 per hour
4. Name: Alex Luizzi
Address: 2 Ausable Forks, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 19, 2014
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

C. Salary Revision

1. Name: Lisa Mosca
Address: 3 Brinker Drive South, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: January 5, 2015 until June 30, 2015
Salary: \$12.77 per hour as per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School

D. Change of Hours

Effective January 6, 2015:

William O'Toole	School Bus Driver	5.5 hours per day to 5.0 hours per day	BG
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