

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



**MINUTES**

**March 17, 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 7:01 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:

Brian Casey	Neil Johanning	Leonard Motto
Rose Gigliello	David Kiehle	James T. Ryan
Shelle Jaquish	Christine Mele	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. Ryan led the pledge to the flag.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2015 be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY****A. School Facility Report Card**

The School Facility Report Card contains general information about each building in the District, including size, construction date, operation and maintenance records, energy costs, health and safety environmental awareness. This document is part of the mandated Five Year Facility Plan. Mr. Buhner provided a review the report.

**B. 2015-2016 Budget Development**

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning provided a report on the first draft of the 2015-2016 budget. Additional adjustments are expected once State aid revenue information is made available.

### C. Board Committee Reports

- Mr. Casey, Chairperson, provided a report on the Facilities Committee meeting that was held on March 3, 2015.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Correspondence/Board Activities

#### Mr. Ryan

- A former student contacted the District requesting that we dig up a time capsule which was placed near the entrance of the Shaker Road Elementary School in 1959. More information will follow regarding the status of this request and any events that may be planned.
- Recognized Brianna Smith, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Lisha Kill Middle School, who was honored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York as one of the organization's 2015 Winning Kids.
- Recognized Dr. Perry and the Safe Schools Committee for their efforts in receiving approval for a \$10,000 grant related to child abduction prevention.
- Upcoming Events:
  - CCHS Line and Cue production of "*Beauty and the Beast*" will be held March 19, 20 and 21 at 7:00 pm.
  - CR BOCES Annual Meeting will be held on April 1 at 5:30 pm.
  - Forest Park Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 17 at 8:50 am.
- Encouraged all BOE members to visit the District website for stories on individual students as well as group accomplishments and school events.

#### Ms. Jaquish

- Attended the budget meeting at Saddlewood Elementary on March 10.
- Attended the SEPTA meeting on March 16.

#### Mr. Kiehle

- Attended the budget meeting at Saddlewood Elementary on March 10.
- Attended the Amy Tisa charity basketball game on March 6 with teams from Veeder and Shaker Road Elementary playing. Proceeds from the game will assist families in the South Colonie community. There was great enthusiasm on the part of all – participants and spectators.
- Attended the Curriculum Review Board meeting on March 12. The Instructional Council provided a report.

#### Mr. Casey

- Attended the Forest Park Elementary "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser. Over the past two years, Forest Park students have raised \$17,000 as part of this program.
- Recognized the School Monitors and Teaching Assistants for their great work, especially while working outside during the winter months. Thank you for your service to the students in our schools.

Mr. Sim

- Attended the budget meeting at Saddlewood Elementary on March 10.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the budget meeting at Saddlewood Elementary on March 10.

Mr. Johanning

- Attended the Capital Conference on March 16. Among the topics that are part of the budget negotiations are the STAR exemption, the DREAM Act, APPR, and the educational tax credit.
- Plans to visit Assemblyman Steck to follow up regarding the status of the grant for bleachers in the MUG and the PIT at the High School.

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

**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. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30.0 contact hours course, “Authorized Google Education Trainer Bootcamp” (#14-15-81), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course will be held May 2, 2015, May 16, 2015 and May 30, 2015 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Colonie Central High School. The course has a maximum enrollment of 20. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Jeff Dutcher (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
2. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Introduction to Pixlr” (#14-15-82), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES/NERIC–My Learning Plan. The course will be held March 23, 2015 through May 4, 2015 at various times as an online course. The course has a maximum enrollment of 18. Lauren Gunner (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
3. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “iPhoneography 101–Online” (#14-15-83), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES/NERIC–My Learning Plan. The course will be held April 13, 2015 through May 18, 2015 at various times as an online course. The course has a maximum enrollment of 15. Jeffrey Kirsty (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

**C. Seminars on Education**

1. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Building Enthusiasm for Reading: Tools for the Librarian, Reading Teacher, Classroom Teacher and Administrator” (SD2014-15-#50), sponsored by the Albany City Area Reading Council. The workshop may be attended March 10, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Century House, 997 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY. Dawn Baker (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
2. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “NYSUT Professional Issues Forum on Health Care” (SD2014-15-#51), sponsored by New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended April 18, 2015 from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY. Donna Davidson (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
3. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “The Four Levels of Engagement” (SD2014-15-#52), sponsored by Mediation Matters. The workshop may be attended March 14, 2015 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Skidmore College, LADD Building 206, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY. Donna Davidson (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “SRP Roundtable: Best Practices for School Related Professionals” (SD2014-15-#53), sponsored by New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended March 10, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Lillian’s Restaurant, 408 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY or March 24, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Raindancer Restaurant, 4582 NY 30, Amsterdam, NY. Participants must register through NYSUT and may attend one session only to receive course credit. Charlene Bologna (Shaker Road Elementary School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “STEM Education – Making Sense of Sound” (SD2014-15-#54), sponsored by the Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci). The workshop may be attended March 26, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at miSci, 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady, NY. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

**D. Contract**

Approval of a contract between Hope House, Inc., 573 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY and South Colonie Central School District to provide education services to South Colonie resident students while he/she is a client at Hope House. The cost for services will be \$52.00 per hour for the 2014-2015 academic school year.

**E. Health & Welfare Contract**

Approval of a contract with the Lansingburgh Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year to provide health and welfare services to eleven (11) South Colonie resident students attending private schools in the Lansingburgh Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$480.41. The total cost of the contract shall be \$5,284.51.

**F. Student Trip**

1. Group: Grade 5 (200 students & 30 chaperones)  
School: Sand Creek Middle School  
Destination: Baseball Hall of Fame/Farmer's Museum, Cooperstown, NY  
Date: Monday, May 18, 2015  
Responsible: Alicia Guardino  
Transportation: Charter Bus

*\* This trip was approved by the Board of Education on December 2, 2014. The date has been revised due to a scheduling conflict at the Baseball Hall of Fame. All other information is accurate as approved.*

2. Group: Robotics Team (20 students & 10 chaperones)  
School: Colonie Central High School  
Destination: Rochester Institute of Technology  
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2015  
Responsible: Deborah Saulsbery, Thomas Casey  
Transportation: School Bus

**G. Donations**

1. Donation from Target "Take Charge of Education" in the amount of \$170.40 to the Forest Park Elementary School to be used towards the purchase of accessories for the iPad Lab.
2. Donation from the American Legion Dept. of New York, 112 State Street, Albany, NY 12205 to the Sand Creek Middle School in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used for the music department.
3. Donation from Target "Take Charge of Education" in the amount of \$747.75 to the Veeder Elementary School to be used towards the purchase of iPads and accessories for the iPad.
4. Donation from Michael Kane through his AT&T Employee Giving Campaign to the Colonie Central High School in the amount of \$6.00 to be used towards the purchase of uniforms.

**H. Re-Appropriation of 2014-2015 Budget**

Re-appropriation of the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$1,923.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$95,309,000.

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Sim, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 17, 2015 be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Motto and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 17, 2015 be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**9. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **March 19**                      Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office  
   Budget Topic: Work Session (to include budget adjustments)
- **March 23**                      Community Budget Forum – 7:00 pm – Shaker Road Elementary
- **March 30**                      Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **March 31**                      Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office  
   Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office  
   Budget Topic: Presentation of Second Draft of Budget
- **April 1**                              Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – District Office  
   CR BOCES Annual Meeting – 5:30 pm – CTE Center
- **April 13**                              IT Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **April 14**                              Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **April 21**                              Academic Achievement Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office  
   Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office  
   Budget Topic: Adoption of Budget

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 9:20 pm and returned to Public Session.

#### **10. ADJOURN MEETING**

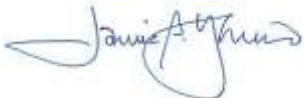
A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko  
District Clerk



## 7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

### A. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

### B. Study Hall Supervisor– 2014-2015 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position:

#### Colonie Central High School

Kristi Picard	1.0	03/05/15
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Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation:

#### Colonie Central High School

Jennifer Jette	1.0	03/05/15
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### C. NYSPHSAA/Special Olympics Unified Sports Program/Activities for the 2014-2015 School Year

Approve per Policy 9290:

Unified Sports Basketball Coach	Matthew Tarullo	.50
Unified Sports Basketball Coach	Michael Ambrosio	.50
Faculty Assistant to Basketball Coach	Cheryl Nunamacher	1.0
Youth Activation Committee Advisor	William Roemer	1.0

### D. Interscholastics for Spring – 2014-2015 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved positions:

#### Colonie Central High School

Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Maryann Reilly-Johnson	.30
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Sarah Thomas	.10

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

#### Colonie Central High School

Coach Freshman Boys Baseball	Joshua Colafemina	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Alayna Kaiser	1.0
Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Matthew Botta	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Maryann Reilly-Johnson	.40
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Sarah Thomas	.20

**Sand Creek and Lisha Kill Middle Schools/Modified**

Coach Boys Baseball	John Moak	1.0
Coach Boys Lacrosse	Michael McCulloch	1.0

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT****A. Change of Appointment**

1. 

<u>Name:</u>	Jennifer Casabonne
<u>Address:</u>	20B Old Pine Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
<u>Position Change:</u>	Account Clerk – Part-Time to Account Clerk I – Part-Time
<u>Effective:</u>	March 18, 2015
<u>Hours:</u>	2.25 hours per day
<u>Salary:</u>	\$18.10 per hour
<u>Current Location:</u>	District Office
<u>Probationary Period:</u>	March 18, 2015 – November 18, 2015