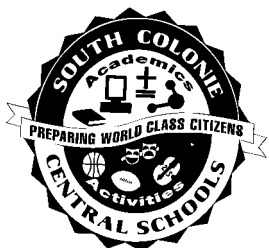


**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**MINUTES**

**March 3, 2015  
District Office**

**Executive Session – 6:30 pm  
Public Session – 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 6:34 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

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Motto, to **enter** Executive Session to discuss legal 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 6:35 pm.

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

9 Yes      0 No      0 Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:08 pm.

The Public Session of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ryan at 7:12 pm.

**2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Ryan led the pledge to the flag.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2015 be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

### 4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

#### A. 2015-2016 Budget Development

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning and Patrick Gunner, Supervisor of Pupil Services provided reports on the 2015-2016 budget development. Topics were: Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services.

#### B. Board Committee Reports

- Mr. Casey, Chairperson, provided a report on the Transportation Committee meeting that was held on February 10, 2015.
- Mr. Johanning, Chairperson, provided a report on the Policy Committee meeting that was held on February 24, 2015.

### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Correspondence/Board Activities

##### Mr. Ryan

- Recognized the following:
  - Our elected officials, Mr. Buhner, Jeff Dutcher, John Ryan, the custodial staff, O&M staff, Colonie Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Singers, John Cogan and all others who participated in and helped to coordinate the Legislative event that was held on February 26. The event was well attended and received good coverage.
  - The Girls High School Basketball team will be heading to the Sectional semi-finals.
  - The Saddlewood Elementary Grade 3-4 Odyssey of the Mind team finished first in the Division I competition. The team will be competing at the State competition on March 23.
  - CCHS Junior Tessa Thomas captured two awards at this year's local SkillsUSA competition, earning second place in the Food and Beverage Service category and third place for Commercial Baking.
  - Five CCHS students were honored with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The students are Oneida Shushe, Allegra Padula, Briela Tollisen, Michelle Luo, and Jacklyn Rinaldi.

- Upcoming Events:
  - A fundraiser for the CCHS Baseball team will be held at O’Toole’s on Friday, March 6 with 10% of the proceeds going to the team.

Mr. Johanning

- Attended the NYS PTA Legislation Education Conference at the Desmond Hotel February 28-March 1. Mike Keane and Tina Bailey also attended from South Colonie. Speakers included Rick Timbs on the GEA, Regent Roger Tilles on education policy from the Boards of Regents’ perspective, and representatives from NYSSBA and NYSUT on APPR, the 3020-a process, and teacher preparation training. There was also a presentation from a representative from NYSED on the latest ELL regulation changes and suggested strategies for districts.
- Attended the Chili Cook-Off on February 13.
- Encouraged Board members to review the Art and Music information on the District’s website.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the PTA Council meeting on February 23.
- Attended the Educational Forum on February 26. Recognized Mike Keane, PTA Council President, for his wonderful presentation
- Attended the Friends of Music meeting on February 25.

Mr. Sim

- Attended the Lisha Kill DARE Graduation on February 13.
- Attended the Educational Forum on February 26.
- Attended the Facilities Committee meeting on March 3.

Mr. Casey

- Attended the Educational Forum on February 26. Mike Keane, PTA Council President, did a phenomenal job.
- Attended the Chili Cook-Off on February 13.
- Attended the Lisha Kill DARE Graduation on February 13.

Mr. Kiehle

- Attended the Lisha Kill DARE Graduation on February 13.
- Attended the Educational Forum on February 26.
- Attended the Curriculum Review Board (CRB) meeting on February 12.
- Viewed the art work displayed at the Colonie Town Library.
- Reminded Board members that the Amy Tisa Memorial Basketball Game will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Mele

- Attended the Sand Creek Honor Roll Breakfast on February 25.
- Attended the Regional Spelling Bee at Proctors on February 24.

Ms. Jaquish

- Attended the Lisha Kill Honor Roll Breakfast on February 12.

**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. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind Book Study Group” (#14-15–78), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District/ Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course will be held March 5, 2015, March 12, 2015, March 26, 2015 and April 1, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:40 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.
2. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind Implementation Study Group” (#14-15–79), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District/Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course will be held March 16, 2015, March 23, 2015, March 30, 2015 and April 7, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 5:40 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.
3. One-half (0.5) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 7.5 contact hours course, “Mentoring Mondays: A Panel Discussion led by NYS Master Teachers” (#14-15–80), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course will be held February 23, 2015, March 2, 2015, March 23, 2015, April 20, 2015, May 4, 2015 and May 18, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at a location to be determined by the GCRTC. Participants must register with Jennifer Hogan ([jhogan2@albany.edu](mailto:jhogan2@albany.edu)) and attend at least five (5) sessions to receive course credit. Laura Yerou (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

**C. Seminars on Education**

1. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Conversations with Charlie: An Evening With the 2015 NYS Teacher of the Year” (SD2014-15-#49), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The workshop may be attended March 4, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School Library. Lynne Ogren (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.

**D. Health & Welfare Contracts**

1. Approval of a contract with the Guilderland Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year to provide health and welfare services to one (1) South Colonie resident student attending St. Madeleine Sophie School located in the Guilderland Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$528.21. The total cost of the contract shall be \$528.21.
2. Approval of a contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year to provide health and welfare services to two (2) South Colonie resident students attending Meekel Christian Academy located in the Scotia-Glenville Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$872.26. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,744.52.

**E. Transportation Contract**

Approval of a thirty-one (31) day emergency contract with Star & Strand, 360 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12182, for Route 2014-11 from 712 Sixth Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189 to Colonie Central High School, Sand Creek Middle School and Forest Park Elementary School. Transportation to begin February 26, 2015 and end March 28, 2015 at a daily rate of \$224.00 per day. The anticipated cost is \$4,928.00.

**F. Student Trips**

Group: Grade 7 Students (162 students & 15 chaperones)  
School: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Destination: Fort William Henry, Lake George, NY  
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
Responsible: Susan Campbell, Stephanie Copeland  
Transportation: Charter Bus

**G. Donation**

1. Donation from Veeder PTA that was earned thru Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$745.82 to purchase iPads and accessories.
2. Donation from South Colonie Friends of Music, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 as a thank you donation for using the school for their summer program.

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

Re-appropriation of the 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$945.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$95,307,077.

**I. Clerk & Treasurer's Report – January, 2015**

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

The Board recognized Ms. McGinn, Ms. Desanctis, Ms. O'Neal, Ms. Peabody and Ms. Miller, who plan to retire at the end of the 2014-2015 school year (Item #7-A), and thanked them for their combined 117 years of service to the District.

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 3, 2015 be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**

The Board recognized Ms. Carter, who plans to retire at the end of the 2014-2015 school year (Item #8-A), and thanked her for her 22 years of service to the District.

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Johannning, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 3, 2015 be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**9. POLICIES****A. Single Reading & Approval**

Policy 4110 – Student Attendance Calendar (2015-2016)

A motion was made by Mr. Johannning and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the above stated Policy (4110) be approved.

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**10. RESOLUTIONS**

National Women's History Month – March, 2015  
 National Music in our Schools Month – March, 2015  
 National Youth Art Month – March, 2015

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

**11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **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
- **March 17**                      Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office  
    Budget Topics: Presentation of First Draft of Budget
- **March 19**                      Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office  
    Budget Topics: 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 Topics: Presentation of Second Draft of Budget

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

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

  9   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0**

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 9:51 pm and returned to Public Session.



**12. ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Ms. Mele, 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 9:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko  
District Clerk

**7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION****A. Retirements**

1. Name: Michele McGinn  
Position: Reading Teacher  
Location: Roessleville Elementary School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2015
2. Name: Debra Desanctis  
Position: Teaching Assistant  
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Effective Date: June 30, 2015
3. Name: Barbara O’Neal  
Position: Special Education Teacher  
Location: Roessleville Elementary School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2015
4. Name: Betty Jane Peabody  
Position: Elementary Education Teacher  
Location: Shaker Road Elementary School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2015
5. Name: Elaine Miller  
Position: Elementary Education Teacher  
Location: Saddlewood Elementary School  
Effective Date: July 1, 2015

**B. Temporary Per Diem Appointment**

1. Name: Meredith Schoenblum  
Address: 24 Huntswood Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077  
Type: Per Diem (2 days per week)  
Teaching Area: School Psychologist  
Location: Sand Creek Middle School or District Location  
Effective Date: February 27, 2015  
Ending Date: May 15, 2015  
Salary: Per-diem rate of \$43.75 per hour (\$350.00 per day)  
Education: B.A. from College of Staten Island, M.S. from Queens College  
Certification: Permanent School Psychologist

**C. Long-Term Substitute**

1. Name: Peter Demarco  
Address: 6 Gould Drive, Scotia, NY 12302  
Type: Long-Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Elementary Education  
Location: Roessleville Elementary School  
Effective Date: February 4, 2015  
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 7 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)  
Education: B.A. from Marist College, M.A. from SUNY Albany  
Certification: Professional in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
  
2. Name: Sabrina Skotarczak  
Address: 1801 Hayner Heights Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065  
Type: Long-Term Substitute  
Teaching Area: Special Education  
Location: CBA  
Effective Date: February 25, 2015  
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)  
Education: B.A. from Notre Dame College, M.S. from Sage Colleges  
Certification: Permanent in Special Education

**D. Substitute Teachers**

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

**E. Co-Curricular – 2014-2015 School Year**

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

**Colonie Central High School**

Athletic Trainer - Spring	Kurt Pfaffenbach	.10
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**Sand Creek Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season IV – Girls Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Lisa McGee	1.0
Season IV – Coed Volleyball (5-8)	Heather Fiore	1.0
Small Performing Group - Spring MP Director	DeLynn Wickham	1.0
Small Performing Group –Spring Musical Director	Starr Norman	1.0
Small Performing Group –Spring Musical Producer	Pam Roberts	1.0
Small Performing Group –Spring Musical Producer	Dolores Valenti	1.0
Small Performing Group –Spring Technical Director	DeLynn Wickham	1.0

**Lisha Kill Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season IV – Girls Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Nick Southworth	1.0
Season IV – Boys Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Mike Trimarchi	1.0
Season IV – Coed Volleyball (5-6)	Wendy Kelley	1.0
Season V – Flag Football (5-6)	Eric Rouleau	1.0
Variety Show Coordinator	Penny Bartlett	.70
Variety Show Coordinator	Linda Kennedy	.30

**F. Interscholastics for Fall – 2014-2015 School Year**

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

**Colonie Central High School**

Coach Varsity Boys Baseball	Kevin Halburian	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Baseball	Ronald Lockett	1.0
Coach Junior Varsity Boys Baseball	Jonathan LaPoint	.80
Coach Junior Varsity Boys Baseball	Dave Fields	.20
Coach Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Michael Joyce	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Gregory Sherwin	1.0
Coach Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Joseph Repko	1.0
Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Jason Blind	1.0
Coach Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Allison Anaya	1.0
Coach Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Andrew Monin	1.0
Coach Varsity Girls Softball	Kevin Jette	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Softball	Sean Merchant	1.0
Coach Freshman Girls Softball	Alicia Dott	1.0
Coach Varsity Boys Tennis	David Conway	1.0
Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Thomas Greene	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Michael Palmer	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Glen Wolin	.90
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	MaryAnn Reilly-Johnson	.10
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	John Ashley	.70
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Matthew Tarullo	.30
Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jason Bissonette	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jamie Ferrari	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Frank Myers	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Michael Caccuitto	.10
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Sarah Thomas	.10
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	MaryAnn Reilly-Johnson	.20
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Matthew Tarullo	.20
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	John Ashley	.20

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

Assistant Coach Boys Lacrosse	Michael Ambrosio	1.0
Coach Girls Lacrosse	Lisa McGee	1.0
Assistant Coach Girls Lacrosse	Traci Cornwell	1.0
Coach Girls Softball	Tracey Johnas	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Sand Creek	Kathy Conway	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Sand Creek	Gregory Lanni	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Lisha Kill	Sherri Long	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Lisha Kill	Joan Lipscomb	1.0

**8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT****A. Retirement**

1. Name: Carol Carter  
Position: Permanent Keyboard Specialist (SC)  
Effective: July 1, 2015

**B. Resignations**

1. Name: Robert Poole Jr.  
Position: Temporary School Bus Driver (6 hour)  
Effective: January 22, 2015  
Reason: Personal
2. Name: Euphemia Adams  
Position: Permanent Food Service Helper (HS-Main)  
Effective: June 30, 2015  
Reason: Personal

**C. Appointment**

1. Name: Misti Carlton  
Address: 343 Hamilton Street, Albany, NY 12210  
Position: School Nurse Substitute  
Effective: March 4, 2015  
Salary: \$20.00 per hour