

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



MINUTES

**November 3, 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. Kiehle at 7:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

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

Also Present:

Jonathan Buhner, Superintendent of Schools
Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Jamie Mroczko, District Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Kiehle led the pledge to the flag.

3. PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT

The Board of Education recognized Randy Rivera, Colonie Code Enforcement Officer and Village Fire Department member and his wife Cynthia, Teacher Assistant at Lisha Kill Middle School, who recently responded to a neighbor's fire. Mr. Rivera alerted the family and made sure that all members escaped safely while Mrs. Rivera phoned 911. The family included three small children, one of whom attends Forest Park Elementary School. Frank Leak, Mayor of the Village of Colonie and Patty Lockart, Village Trustee also attended the meeting to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Rivera.

Mayor Leak stated that he was proud to see such good people in South Colonie. He recognized Mr. Buhner and Mr. Sim for their support of the Village during their recent solar RFP as well as Mr. Casey for his support at the Village Rec Center. Mayor Leak stated that the District's support of the Village is greatly appreciated. Mr. Buhner stated that the District is fortunate to have good partnerships with the Village.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2015 be approved.

 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Board Committee Reports

- Ms. Badger Mele, Chairperson, provided a report on the Accountability and Board Operations Committee meeting that was held on October 27, 2015.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Kiehle

- Invited Board members to attend a social media awareness program that is scheduled to be held November 9 at 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. Stacey Angell, School Counselor and Chris Smith, Colonie Police Department will be presenting. The program is for adults only.
- Commended Mr. Buhner for his letter that was sent home to Middle and High School parents regarding Halloween safety.
- Reminded Board members of the upcoming CAPSBA meeting that will be held on November 19 at 6:00 pm at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. Members should contact Ms. Mroczko if they are interested in attending.
- Invited Board members to attend the Line & Cue fall production of “Christmas Carol” on November 20 and November 21 at 7:00 pm at the High School Auditorium.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the Faculty Music Recital on November 2 at the High School. The musicians, both students and staff, were very talented and it was a wonderful evening. The event raises funds for Friends of Music scholarships.

Mr. Casey

- Provided a brief update regarding the facilities walk-throughs that are taking place at the school buildings.

Mr. Ryan

- On behalf of the entire Board, Mr. Ryan thanked the SCTA, SCAA and PTA Council for their recognition of the Board at the last meeting.
- Attended the Faculty Music Recital on November 2 at the High School.

Mr. Johanning

- Reported that he plans to attend the New York State PTA Annual Meeting that will be held November 13-15 in Niagara Falls. This event will provide another opportunity for members to lobby legislators on behalf of public schools. Mr. Johanning is the Treasurer for the NYS PTA.

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

7. 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 (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Crochet – Beginner to Intermediate” (#15-16–52), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for ten (10) weeks beginning October 1, 2015 at the Colonie Central High School. Participants must register with the South Colonie Continuing Education Program and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Patrick Kelley (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, “Math 6-8 Common Core Support Network” (#15-16–53), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The course will be held October 6, 2015; November 3, 2015; December 1, 2015; January 5, 2016; February 2, 2016; March 1, 2016; April 5, 2016; May 3, 2016; and June 7, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 6:15 pm at the Colonie Central High School. Participants must register on My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Jacqueline Frank (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
3. Two (2.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 30.0 contact hours course, “Reading Fiction STILL Matters: A Year-Long Study Group of Recently Published Books for Grades 4-12” (#15-16–54), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES. The course will be held October 6, 2015; November 17, 2015; December 15, 2015; January 20, 2016; February 23, 2016; March 30, 2016; April 27, 2016; and June 1, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Lisha Kill Middle School. The snow date will be June 2, 2016. Participants must register on My Learning Plan and attend all sessions to receive course credit. Samantha Scalzo (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

C. Seminars on Education

1. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Applied Verbal Behavior (AVB) Training” (SD2015-16–#30), sponsored by Capital Region BOCES. The workshop may be attended October 21, 2015; October 28, 2015; November 5, 2015; and November 12, 2015 from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm at the Maywood School, 1979 Central Avenue, Albany, NY. Participants must register with Capital Region BOCES and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Jennifer Satin (Forest Park Elementary School) is the contact person.

2. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Classroom” (SD2015-16-#31), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The workshop may be attended October 21, 2015 and October 28, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School, Room 42. Participants must register on My Learning Plan and attend all sessions to receive course credit. Brian Czerpak (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “ASPEN Gradebook – Pages for Veeder Elementary Teachers” (SD2015-16-#32), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended November 9, 2015; November 16, 2015; and November 30, 2015 from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm at the Veeder Elementary School. The workshop is restricted to Veeder Elementary teachers only. Richard Thompson (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.
4. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Secondary Librarian Roundtable” (SD2015-16-#33), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES. The workshop may be attended beginning November 5, 2015 (additional dates to be determined) from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Niskayuna High School Library, 1626 Balltown Road, Niskayuna, NY. The workshop is restricted to Secondary Librarians only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Barbara Brown (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “I Learn America” (SD2015-16-#34), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The workshop may be attended October 27, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Albert Shanker Conference Center, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must register on My Learning Plan. Terri Korb (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
6. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Apps for Education Level I Beginners” (SD2015-16-#35), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The workshop may be attended November 10, 2015 and November 12, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Participants must sign up on My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. David Perry (District Office) is the contact person.
7. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Google Apps for Education Level II Intermediate” (SD2015-16-#36), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The workshop may be attended November 17, 2015 and November 19, 2015 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Lisha Kill Middle School Library. Participants must sign up on My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. David Perry (District Office) is the contact person.

8. Twelve (12.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “NYSSMA 80th Annual Winter Conference (SD2015-16–#37), sponsored by the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA). The workshop may be attended December 4, 2015 through December 6, 2015 at various times at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 East Main Street, Rochester, NY. Alicia Lewis (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.

D. Agreement

Approval of an agreement with Parsons Child & Family Center, Sidney Albert Training & Research Institute (SATRI) and South Colonie Central School District to perform Professional Development Training to the Special Education program staff on an as-needed basis. Training shall include Handle with Care, Behavioral Support Consultation, and additional customized training as needed. This agreement is for the 2015-2016 school year. The South Colonie School District will pay SATRI as per the attached 2015-2016 Services Quote.

E. Student Trips

Group: Grade 5 Students (150 students & 58 chaperones)
School: Lisha Kill Middle School
Destination: Bronx Zoo, New York, NY
Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Responsible: Deena Griffith
Transportation: Charter Bus

F. Tax Refund

Approval of a 2015-2016 tax refund payable to Heather Mashuta in the amount of \$516.00. The property is located at 183 Fieldstone Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (Tax Map #60.19-3-58.2).

G. Donations

Donation from Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenberg Avenue, Troy, NY to the Colonie Central High School of the following items to be used in the Science Department:

One (1) M11 autoclave with automatic door, valued at \$100.00
One (1) Isotemp general purpose freezer, valued at \$1,000.00
One (1) case of Erlenmeyer flasks, 125 ml, valued at \$250.00
One (1) case of Erlenmeyer flasks, 500 ml, valued at \$200.00
Two (2) boxes of beakers, 30 ml, valued at \$150.00
One (1) box of disposable culture tubes, valued at \$150.00
One (1) box of Bunsen burners, valued at \$250.00
One (1) box of igniters, valued at \$150.00
Three (3) volumetric flasks, 2000 ml, valued at \$100.00

H. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – September, 2015

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Pages 9-13)

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

9. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Page 14)

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

10. RESOLUTIONS

American Education Week – November 16-20, 2015
Education Support Professionals Day – November 18, 2015

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **November 11** **District Closed – Veteran’s Day**
- **November 17** Academic Achievement Committee – 6:00 pm – Saddlewood
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – Saddlewood Elementary
- **November 18** Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **November 26-27** **District Closed – Thanksgiving Recess**
- **November 30** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **December 1** Graduation Committee – 6:00 pm – Saddlewood Elementary
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – Saddlewood Elementary
- **December 2** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – District Office
- **December 3** Transportation Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Casey, 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 7:34 pm.

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 8:08 pm.

12. ADJOURN MEETING

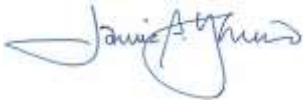
A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk

8. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Leaves of Absence**

1. Name: Michelle Fink
Position: Music Teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: October 23, 2015
Ending Date: June 24, 2016

2. Name: Beth Vernold
Position: Science Teacher
Type: Child Care Leave
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: October 23, 2015
Ending Date: June 30, 2016

B. Appointment

1. Name: Ernest J. Casile, Jr.
Address: 19 Churchill Square, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Temporary
Tenure Area: Administrator
Location: Shaker Road or Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: October 26, 2015
End Date: June 30, 2016
Salary: As per attached Confidential Sheet
Education: B.A. from Siena College; M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification Status: Permanent School Administrator and Supervisor

C. Increase of Appointments

1. Name: Barry Witte
Teaching Area: Industrial Arts
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Date: October 21, 2015 to December 31, 2015

2. Name: Charles Spangler, Jr.
Teaching Area: Industrial Arts
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Date: October 21, 2015 to December 31, 2015

3. Name: John Gehres
Teaching Area: Industrial Arts
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Date: October 21, 2015 to December 31, 2015
4. Name: Thomas Casey
Teaching Area: Industrial Arts
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Date: October 21, 2015 to December 31, 2015
5. Name: Christopher Hanley
Teaching Area: Industrial Arts
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Date: October 21, 2015 to December 31, 2015

D. Long-Term Replacements

1. Name: Rachele Prawdzik
Address: 738 Huntingdon Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309
Type: Long-Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Music
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: October 23, 2015
Ending Date: June 24, 2016
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1, per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.M. from Ithaca College
Certification: Initial in Music
2. Name: Jessica Narkiewicz
Address: 23 Windy Hill, Apt. C, Ballston Lake, NY 12019
Type: Long-Term Replacement
Teaching Area: Science
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: October 23, 2015
Ending Date: June 30, 2016
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 1, per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. and M. S. from Stony Brook University
Certification: Initial in Physics (7-12)

E. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

F. Athletic Equipment Manager– 2015-2016 School Year

Approve per Policy 9290:

High School Andrew Monin

G. Odyssey of the Mind Coordinators for the 2015-2016 School Year

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

Building Coordinator	Lisha Kill Middle School	Michael Mensching	.50
Building Coordinator	Lisha Kill Middle School	Anne Grab	.50
Building Coordinator	Roessville Elementary School	Ann Kubizne	1.0
Building Coordinator	Shaker Road Elementary School	Erika Bushey	1.0
Building Coordinator	Veeder Elementary School	Cristal Slater	1.0
District Coordinator	District-Wide	John Moak	1.0

H. Special Needs Integration Coordinators for the 2015-2016 School Year

Rescind per Policy 9290 effective October 19, 2015:

Colonie Central High School	Jennifer Lewicki	.33
Colonie Central High School	Deirdre Locke	.33

Revise per Policy 9290 effective October 19, 2015:

Colonie Central High School	Keri Martinez	.34 to 1.0
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I. Lunch Supervision for the 2015-2016 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective October 19, 2015:

Colonie Central High School

Deirdre Locke	1.0
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Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective October 19, 2015:

Colonie Central High School

Carol Barry	1.0
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J. Study Hall Supervision for the 2015-2016 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective October 21, 2015:

Colonie Central High School

John Gehres 1.0

Rescind the following previously approved position effective October 26, 2015:

Community Center

Jamie Ferrari 1.0

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective October 21, 2015:

Colonie Central High School

Michael Joyce 1.0

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective October 26, 2015:

Community Center

Tracy Roberts 1.0

K. Co-Curricular – 2015-2016 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective October 23, 2015:

Sand Creek Middle School

Small Performing Music Group: 3 Total
Orchestra (7-8)

Michelle Fink 1.0

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective October 23, 2015:

Sand Creek Middle School

Small Performing Music Group: 3 Total
Orchestra (7-8)

Rachele Prawdzik 1.0

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

Sand Creek Middle School

Intramurals:

Season III – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8) Greg Lanni 1.0

Lisha Kill Middle School**Intramurals:**

Season III – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8)	Todd Sitterly	1.0
Season III – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8)	Wendy Kelley	1.0

L. Chaperones 2015-2016 School Year

Appoint the following staff as volunteer chaperones at no compensation for the following ski clubs:

Colonie Central High School

John Gehres
Tom Casey

9. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Resignation**

1. Name: Anita Johnson
Address: 807 Rainbow Drive, Apt. 3, Schenectady, NY 12303
Position: Permanent Custodial Worker
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: October 22, 2015
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Ana VanDeusen
Address: 23 Brook Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: October 26, 2015 to June 30, 2016
Salary: \$11.39 per hour as per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Probationary Period: October 26, 2015 to April 25, 2016
2. Name: Joyce Peterson
Address: 3267 Marilyn Street, Guilderland, NY 12303
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: November 4, 2015
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
3. Name: Nancy Farley
Address: 10 Berkshire Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: November 4, 2015
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
4. Name: Olivia Slavin-Discipio
Address: 320 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: November 4, 2015
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
5. Name: Carol Ann Aulicino
Address: 18 St. Joseph Street, Schenectady, NY 12303
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: November 4, 2015
Salary: \$9.75 per hour