

SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

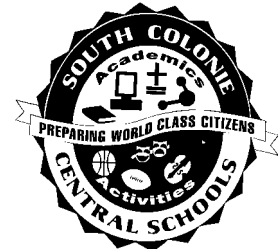


MINUTES

December 1, 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. Kiehle at 7:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

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| Christine Badger Mele | Shelle Jaquish | James T. Ryan |
| Brian Casey | Neil Johannang | Edward Sim |
| Rose Gigliello | David Kiehle | |

Members Excused:

Leonard Motto

Also Present:

Jonathan Buhner, Superintendent of Schools
 Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
 Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning
 Jamie Mroczko, District Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Kiehle led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Ms. Badger Mele, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2015 be approved.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. District Bus Report**

Mark Hanrahan of Matthews Bus Company provided a report on bus replacement options for the District and discussed considerations regarding purchasing buses via capital reserve fund or bonding verses leasing options.

Tina Shukar of Zonar provided a report on their GPS telematics tracking services which include bus fleet tracking, visual inspections and student ridership reporting systems.

B. Tax Collection Report

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning, reviewed the data on taxes collected and unpaid taxes. Board action was taken on Item 9 of this agenda.

C. Board Committee Reports

- Ms. Gigliello, Chairperson, provided a report on the Academic Achievement Committee meeting that was held on November 17, 2015.

5. COMMUNICATIONS**A. Correspondence/Board Activities****Mr. Kiehle**

- Attended the Line & Cue production of “Christmas Carol High School”. The production was amusing and very well done.
- Board members are invited to a Colonial Tea to be held in the Sand Creek Library on December 7 from 8:00 am to 10:30 am and 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.
- The Sand Creek Drama Club will be presenting “Bugsy Malone” at the school on December 3 and 4 at 7:00 pm and December 5 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- A scholarship has been established in honor of former South Colonie teacher, Donna Christmas. Donations to this scholarship fund may be sent to the South Colonie Dollars for Scholars.
- The District’s annual Toys for Tots program is off to a great start. Over 1,000 coats, hats and gloves were donated through the corporate support of SEFCU and Dunkin Donuts. Mr. Buhner also recognized the District’s bus drivers who volunteer their time for this program and are doing a terrific job.
- Colonie Central High School was recently recognized for Project Lead the Way as one of ten original schools to offer this program. Mr. Buhner reported that he attended the recognition ceremony along with CCHS Principal Chris Robilotti, PLTW Teacher Charles Spangler and School Counselor Jason Blind. The group also attended workshops at the conference and had a productive day.

Ms. Gigliello

- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on November 19 at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School.
- Attended the PTA Council meeting on November 30. The Council provided a wonderful presentation regarding food allergies that was very informative. The information would be beneficial for staff who are involved in food services, transportation, maintenance, coaching, etc. It was recommended that the District share this information in training sessions during the Superintendent’s Conference Day.

Mr. Ryan

- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on November 19 at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. The discussion topic was Medicaid in our school districts.
- Attended the PTA Council meeting on November 30.
- Participated in the facilities walk-through at the High School on November 19.

Ms. Jaquish

- Attended the CAPSBA meeting on November 19 at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School.
- Attended the SEPTA parents support group. A workshop for Special Education teachers will be held in January to discuss transitions for students moving from Middle to High School and Elementary to Middle School.

B. Requests to Speak

Peter Cannistraci addressed the Board regarding recent student music achievements and presented the Board with a holiday concert and performance schedule.

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, “Fostering Life-Long Readers: Knowing New Books Matters” (#15-16-55), sponsored by the Capital Region BOCES. The course will be held October 19, 2015; November 30, 2015; January 5, 2016; February 29, 2016; March 21, 2016; April 11, 2016; May 9, 2016; and June 7, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Lisha Kill Middle School. The snow date is June 14, 2016. Participants must register on My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Kristi O’Connor (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.

C. Seminars on Education

1. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Enhancing our Understanding of Students with Disabilities (SWDs) in the Standards-Based Classroom” (SD2015-16-#38), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended December 1, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must enroll through NYSUT.com/ELT. Jodie Fumarola (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

2. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Engaging the Disruptive Student” (SD2015-16–#39), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended December 8, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must enroll through NYSUT.com/ELT. Jodie Fumarola (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Differentiating Instruction: Connecting With All Learners” (SD2015-16–#40), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended January 13, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must enroll through NYSUT.com/ELT. Jodie Fumarola (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Disability Awareness” (SD2015-16–#41), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended November 30, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must enroll through NYSUT.com/ELT. Jodie Fumarola (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Addressing Aggressive Behavior in Schools” (SD2015-16–#42), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT). The workshop may be attended February 2, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must enroll through NYSUT.com/ELT. Jodie Fumarola (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

D. Student Trips

1. Group: Grade 6 Students (46 students & 9 chaperones)
School: Sand Creek Middle School
Destination: Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2016
Responsible: Sue Shank, Bill Luke
Transportation: Charter Bus
2. Group: Grade 6 Students (205 students & 15 chaperones)
School: Sand Creek Middle School
Destination: Bromley Mountain, Peru, VT
Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Responsible: Rachael Rogers, Tristan Kisling
Transportation: Charter Bus

3. Group: Grade 5 Students (138 students & 35 chaperones)
 School: Sand Creek Middle School
 Destination: Bronx Zoo, New York, NY
 Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2016
 Responsible: Tara Kiely, Dan DeMarco
 Transportation: Charter Bus

E. Donations

1. Donation from College Board, 250 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10281 in the amount of \$250.00 to Colonie Central High for the Advanced Placement Program.
2. Donation from Colonie Track & Field Booster Club, 100 Hackett Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 to South Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$103.00 to be used to cover the purchase of the Boys Cross Country awards.
3. Donation from Colonie Track & Field Booster Club, 100 Hackett Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 to South Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$268.50 to be used to cover the purchase of the Girls Cross Country awards.

F. Tax Refunds

1. Approval of a 2015-2016 tax refund payable to Brian R. Whitman in the amount of \$5,425.62. The property is located at 251 New Karner Road, Colonie, NY 12205 (Tax Map #41.1-1-1).
2. Approval of a 2015-2016 tax refund payable to Whitman Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$4,069.21. The property is located at 435 New Karner Road, Colonie, NY 12205 (Tax Map #29.2-1-15).

G. Re-Appropriation of 2015-2016 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$621.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$96,268,463.

H. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – October, 2015

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Pages 9-10)

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated December 1, 2015 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Page 11)

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Ms. Jaquish, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated December 1, 2015 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

9. TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Approval to accept the Tax Collection Reports for the Towns of Colonie, Guilderland, and Niskayuna, and that the list of uncollected taxes be approved for submittal to Albany and Schenectady Counties for the September 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 Tax Collection period.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the above stated Tax Collection Reports be accepted and List of Uncollected Taxes be approved for submittal.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

10. RESOLUTION

Human Rights Day – December 10, 2015

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **December 2** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – Farmer Boy
- **December 3** Transportation Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **December 7** Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **December 9** IT Committee – 6:00 pm District Office
- **December 10** Evaluation Sub-Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **December 15** Audit/Finance Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **December 24-25** **District Closed – Holiday Recess**
- **January 1** **District Closed – New Year’s Day**
- **January 5** Strategic Planning Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, 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 8:47 pm.

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 9:11 pm.

12. ADJOURN MEETING

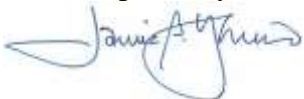
A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A. Long-Term Substitutes

1. Name: Tracy Roberts
Address: 8 Patroon Way, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Social Studies
Location: Community Center
Effective Date: November 16, 2015
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 9 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from SUNY Cortland; M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Permanent in Social Studies (Grades 7-12)

2. Name: Cindy Dodge
Address: 24 Pawling Avenue, Troy, NY 12180
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Childhood Education
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: November 18, 2015
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 1 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.S. from College of St. Rose;
M.S. from Sage Graduate School
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)

3. Name: Sabrina Skotarczak
Address: 1801 Hayner Heights Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long-Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: November 17, 2015
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 2 per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from Notre Dame College;
M.S. from Sage Graduate School
Certification: Permanent in Special Education

B. IT Facilitators for the 2015-2016 School Year

Appoint per Policy 9290:

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| Elementary School Level | Roessleville Elementary School | Kim Ringer |
| Elementary School Level | Saddlewood Elementary School | Amy Ogburn |
| Elementary School Level | Shaker Road Elementary School | Gregory Sherwin |

C. Co-Curricular – 2015-2016 School Year

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

Lisha Kill Middle School

Small Performing Music Group: 5 Total

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| Band (5-6) | Andy Hearn | 1.0 |
| Chorus (7-8) | Janelle Salada | .50 |

D. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Resignation**

1. Name: Leonard Keeler
Address: 20 Locust Park, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Permanent School Bus Driver
Effective Date: November 16, 2015
Reason: Medical

B. Appointments

1. Name: Sarah Auclaire
Address: 75 6th Avenue, 1st Floor, Troy, NY 12180
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute
Effective: November 18, 2015
Salary: \$11.25 per hour
2. Name: June McCauslin
Address: 38 Lockrow Blvd, Colonie, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: December 2, 2015
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
3. Name: Mosammat Sultana
Address: 422 Sand Creek Road, Apt. 523, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: November 9, 2015
Salary: \$10.00 per hour