

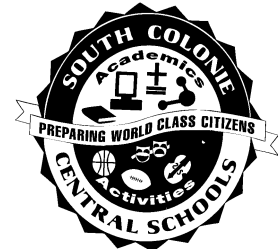
**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

**February 25, 2016
Saddlewood Elementary**

**Public Hearing – 6:00 pm
Board Meeting – Immediately Following**



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 Special Meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Kiehle at 6:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

Brian Casey	Neil Johanning	Edward Sim
Rose Gigliello	David Kiehle	
Shelle Jaquish	Leonard Motto	

Members Excused:

Christine Badger Mele
James T. Ryan

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. Kiehle led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING – ALTERNATIVE VETERANS' EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law, a Public Hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments from interested parties and citizens on the District's proposed adoption of the Alternative Veterans' Exemption for eligible veterans who served during a period of war or have received an expeditionary medal for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status dates occurring on or after March 1, 2016.

Public comments from interested parties and citizens during this Public Hearing were addressed by Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education began at the conclusion of the Public Hearing at 6:15 pm.

3. RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE VETERANS’ EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law was amended on December 18, 2013 to allow school districts within the State of New York to extend the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption to eligible school district taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District has considered the extension of this exemption to eligible veteran property owners residing within the school district; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District on February 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm to consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the implementation of this exemption, as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District, having conducted a Public Hearing and upon due consideration of all comments received, seeks to implement the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption contained within Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption within Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law shall be adopted by the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District and shall be available to qualifying veteran school taxpayers within the school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District hereby adopts the Alternative Veterans’ Exemptions for qualifying residential real property as follows:

1. Basic Exemption – Tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.
2. Combat Zone – An additional tax exemption of 10% of the assessed value of qualifying residential real property of veterans who are documented to have served in a combat zone, not to exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.
3. Disabled Veterans – In addition to the above exemptions, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or Department of Defense based upon a service related disability, the qualifying residential real property will be exempt to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by 50% of the veteran’s disability rating, not to exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gold Star parents, defined as those parents whose child died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war, shall be considered a “qualified owner” for purposes of eligibility for the Alternative Veterans’ Exemption; and

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:38 pm.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 8:11 pm.

6. ADJOURN MEETING

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk