

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



MINUTES

January 17, 2017

**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:**

Christine Badger Mele	Neil Johanning	Edward Sim
Brian Casey	David Kiehle	
Rose Gigliello	Leonard Motto	

Members Excused:

Shelle Jaquish
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

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Board President, Mr. Kiehle 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 January 3, 2017 and the Special Meeting of January 10, 2017 be approved.

 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. Grade K-4 Report – Report moved to end of meeting due to technical difficulties.

B. Board Committee Reports

1. Ms. Badger Mele, Committee Chair, provided a report on the Strategic Planning, Accountability & Board Operations Committee meeting held on January 3, 2017.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

Mr. Kiehle

- Reminded members that the Roessleville Math Night will be held on Thursday, January 19 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Mr. Casey

- Reminded members that the Chili Cook-Off will be held on Friday, January 20 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Village Recreational Center.

Mr. Buhner

- Recognized Ms. Fisher who was honored recently as School Business Official of the Year by the Capital Region Chapter of the New York State Association of School Business Officials (NYSASBO). The recognition is given annually to a chapter member who exemplifies honor, commitment, and dedication to the school business official profession.
- Reported that the Colonie Central High School ranked fifth in the Capital Region for having the best teachers according to the education data website Niche, which reviews statistics on schools across the country.

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, “Summer Reading Study Group” (#16-17-61), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held January 11, 2017; February 8, 2017; and March 8, 2017 from 3:15 pm to 5:30 pm at the Lisha Kill Middle School Supervisors Conference Room. The course is restricted to Grade 5-8 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Jennifer Wells (Lisha Kill Middle 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, “ELA Final Exam Study Group” (#16-17–62), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course will be held January 26, 2017; February 2, 2017; and March 2, 2017 from 3:15 pm to 5:30 pm at the Lisha Kill Middle School Supervisors Conference Room. The course is restricted to Grade 5-8 Teachers only. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Jennifer Wells (Lisha Kill 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, “Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom” (#16-17–63), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The course will be held April 7, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm and April 8, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Carey Center for Global Good, Rensselaerville, NY. Participants must sign up on the GCRTC My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Mike Lubbers (Forest Park Elementary School) is the contact person.
4. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Collaborative Approaches to Supporting English Language Learners” (#16-17–64), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The course will be held January 10, 2017; January 24, 2017; February 7, 2017; February 28, 2017; and March 14, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Shaker Road Elementary School. Participants must sign up on the GCRTC My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Valerie Lovelace (Shaker Road Elementary School) is the contact person.
5. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15.0 contact hours course, “Poor Students, Rich Teaching: Mindsets for Change” (#16-17–65), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center (GCRTC). The course will be held April 25, 2017; May 2, 2017; May 9, 2017; May 16, 2017; and May 23, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Troy High School, 1950 Burdett Avenue, Troy, NY. Participants must sign up on the GCRTC My Learning Plan and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Susan Cresanti (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.

C. Seminars on Education

1. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Aligning Pre-Calculus to Common Core–Session 7” (SD2016-17–#43), sponsored by South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended February 9, 2017 from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm at the Colonie Central High School. The workshop is restricted to High School Math Teachers only. Susan Cresanti (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.

2. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Aligning Pre-Calculus to Common Core–Session 8” (SD2016-17–#44), sponsored by South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended March 9, 2017 from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm at the Colonie Central High School. The workshop is restricted to High School Math Teachers only. Susan Cresanti (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
3. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Aligning Pre-Calculus to Common Core–Session 9” (SD2016-17–#45), sponsored by South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended April 6, 2017 from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm at the Colonie Central High School. The workshop is restricted to High School Math Teachers only. Susan Cresanti (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Aligning Pre-Calculus to Common Core–Session 10” (SD2016-17–#46), sponsored by South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended May 11, 2017 from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm at the Colonie Central High School. The workshop is restricted to High School Math Teachers only. Susan Cresanti (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Aligning Pre-Calculus to Common Core–Session 11” (SD2016-17–#47), sponsored by South Colonie Central School District. The workshop may be attended June 8, 2017 from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm at the Colonie Central High School. The workshop is restricted to High School Math Teachers only. Susan Cresanti (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.

D. Agreements

1. Approval of an agreement with Advanced Therapy, One Rapp Road, Albany, NY to provide Special Education Consultant Teacher and Counseling Services to one (1) student on home instruction as per the Individualized Education Plan. Therapist will schedule child and provide appropriate therapy services at the rate of \$72.00 per 60 minute session for Special Education Consultant Teacher and \$50.00 per 30 minute session for counseling services and speech language pathology, if available, for the 2016-2017 school year. The agreement shall commence on October 1, 2016 and continue through June 30, 2017.
2. Agreement with Advanced Therapy, One Rapp Road, Albany, NY, to provide speech, occupational, Teacher of the Deaf (TOD), and Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) services to one (1) South Colonie Student per the Individualized Education Plan. Therapist will provide appropriate services at the rate of \$72.00 per 60 minute SEIT session and \$50.00 per 30 minute session for counseling services and speech language pathology if needed. This agreement shall commence on September 8, 2016 and continuing through June 30, 2017.

3. Agreement between the South Colonie Central School District and Third Party Contractors providing Academic Intervention Services (AIS) for Title I, Part A programs to qualified students at AnNur Islamic School, 2195 Central Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304 for the 2016-2017 school year. South Colonie Central School District and AnNur Islamic agree to employ the following tutors as third party contractors to deliver the AIS Services:

Nicole A. Cremo
 Katelyn Loughman
 Zabine Mall
 Alaa Muhiddin
 Najima Muthuvappa
 Carleatha L. Wilson

E. Health & Welfare Contracts

Approval of contracts with the following school districts to provide health and welfare services for their students who attend AnNur Islamic School, Christian Brothers Academy, Hebrew Academy, and Our Saviors' Lutheran School located in the South Colonie Central School District, at a rate of \$688.07 per student.

<u>School District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Albany City	\$ 65,366.65
Amsterdam	\$ 2,064.21
Averill Park	\$ 4,816.49
Ballston Spa	\$ 7,568.77
Bethlehem	\$ 24,770.52
Broadalbin-Perth	\$ 3,440.35
Brunswick/Brittonkill	\$ 2,064.21
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake	\$ 2,915.35
Cairo-Durham	\$ 1,376.14
Canajoharie	\$ 1,376.14
Chatham	\$ 688.07
Cohoes City	\$ 4,816.49
Coxsackie-Athens	\$ 1,376.14
Duanesburg	\$ 1,376.14
East Greenbush	\$ 6,192.63
Fort Plain	\$ 688.07
Galway CSD	\$ 688.07
Gloversville	\$ 688.07
Green Island	\$ 1,376.14
Greenville	\$ 3,440.35
Guilderland	\$ 34,403.50
Hoosick Falls CSD	\$ 688.07
Hudson CSD	\$ 1,376.14
Jefferson	\$ 688.07
Johnstown CSD	\$ 688.07
Kinderhook CSD	\$ 1,376.14

Lansingburgh	\$ 2,752.28
Menands Union Free	\$ 4,816.49
New Lebanon CSD	\$ 1,376.14
Niskayuna	\$ 20,642.10
North Colonie	\$ 48,852.97
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	\$ 10,321.05
Rensselaer	\$ 688.07
Rotterdam-Mohonasen	\$ 13,073.33
Saratoga Springs City	\$ 16,513.68
Schalmont	\$ 7,568.77
Schenectady City	\$ 50,229.11
Schodack	\$ 1,376.14
Schoharie	\$ 688.07
Schuylerville	\$ 3,440.35
Scotia-Glenville	\$ 5,504.56
Shenendehowa	\$ 65,366.65
South Glens Falls	\$ 2,064.21
Stillwater	\$ 2,752.28
Troy City	\$ 4,816.49
Voorheesville	\$ 4,816.49
Waterford-Halfmoon	\$ 4,128.42
Watervliet City	<u>\$ 2,064.21</u>
	\$450,160.85

F. Proposal

Acceptance of a proposal from Needham Risk Management Resource Group, LLC for assistance with the development of compliance Safety and Health programming, and revision of current programs and procedures. Consultant estimates a total of 82 hours to complete the scope of work at a rate of \$110.00 per hour for an estimated cost of \$9,020.00.

G. Use of School Bus

Approval of the use of one (1) school bus with wheelchair accessibility for transportation on the evening of Thursday, February 9, 2017 by the Fuller Road Fire Department, 1342 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, for the annual trip to the FASNY Firemen's Home in Hudson, NY. Pick-up time at the Fuller Road Firehouse will be 5:30 pm and return time will be 10:30 pm. Driver's wages (if applicable) and mileage fees will be waived.

H. Student Trip

Group: Grade 5 Students (160 students & 60 chaperones)
 School: Lisha Kill Middle School
 Destination: Bronx Zoo, New York, NY
 Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017
 Responsible: Deena Griffith, Sam Scalzo
 Transportation: Charter Bus

I. Non-Resident Tuition Rates1. Actual Rates - 2015-2016 School Yeara. Regular Education Students:

Half-Day Kindergarten	N/A
Full Day, Grades K – 6	\$ 9,874.00
Full Day, Grades 7 – 12	\$11,875.00

b. Special Education Students:

Half-Day Kindergarten	N/A
Full Day, Grades K – 6	\$30,318.00
Full Day, Grades 7 – 12	\$32,319.00

2. Estimated Rates - 2016-2017 School Yeara. Regular Education Students:

Half-Day Kindergarten	N/A
Full Day, Grades K - 6	\$10,574.00
Full Day, Grades 7 -12	\$12,755.00

b. Special Education Students:

Half-Day Kindergarten	N/A
Full Day, Grades K – 6	\$34,035.00
Full Day, Grades 7 – 12	\$36,216.00

J. Donations

1. Donations from Arlene Schachter, 325 Altamont Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303 of 556 Single Classical Music Compact Discs, valued at \$1,668.00 and 90 Classical Music Compact Disc Sets, valued at \$900.00.
2. Donation from The Albany Academies, 135 Academy Road, Albany, NY 12208 in the amount of \$350.00 to cover the cost of officials during the holiday basketball tourney.
3. Donation from Albany Diocesan School Board, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 in the amount of \$350.00 to cover the cost of officials during the holiday basketball tourney.

K. Re-Appropriation of 2016-2017 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$700.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$96,665,151.

L. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – December, 2016

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Page 12)

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 17, 2017 be approved.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Pages 13-14)

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 17, 2017 be approved.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

9. CERTIFICATION OF LEAD EVALUATOR – CLASSROOM TEACHERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that Jonathan Buhner is hereby certified as a Lead Evaluator of Classroom Teachers as per requirements prescribed in 8 NYCCR 30-2.9(b).

This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying Lead Evaluators described in the South Colonie Central School District's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan.

- * Mr. Buhner requires certification as a Lead Evaluation pursuant to APPR, Education Law § 3012-d to assist with classroom teacher evaluations as needed.

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the above stated Certification of Lead Evaluator for Classroom Teachers be approved.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

10. RESOLUTION – RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Approval of a resolution that the Annual Re-Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education be held on the second Tuesday in July. Pursuant to New York State Education Law § 1707(2) the meeting may be held, by resolution, at any time during the first fifteen (15) days in July. The Re-Organizational meeting will be held on July 11, 2017, immediately followed by the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

11. RESOLUTIONS

African American History Month – February, 2017

National School Counseling Week – February 6-10, 2017

- * Mr. Backus provided historical background and building activities related to the resolutions. Additionally, the Board of Education requested that Administration extend their appreciation to School Counselors for their work.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Grade K-4 Report**

Bill Dollard, Shaker Road Elementary Principal and Jennifer Wells, Supervisor of UPK-8 English Language Arts, Literacy & Social Studies provided a report on programs at the Elementary Schools.

Topics presented were new standards in Social Studies, new standards and hands-on learning for Science, computational fluency in Math, new strategies in ELA with an emphasis on reading, AIS Math, remedial reading, co-teaching, and ENL.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **January 20** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – Farmer Boy Diner
- **January 27** Transportation Committee – 7:30 am – Farmer Boy Diner
- **January 30** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **February 7** Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topics: Transportation, Operations & Maintenance,
Secure Youth Detention Facility
- **February 20** **District Closed – President’s Day Observance**
- **February 27** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **February 28** Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topics: Support Services: Board of Education & Central
Office Expenses, Public Information/Printing/Postage, Legal
Expenses, Insurance, Debt Service, Interfund Transfers,
Continuing Education, and Interscholastic Athletics

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Motto, 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 8:25 pm.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0**

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 9:27 pm.

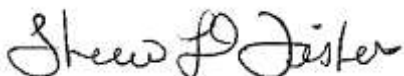
13. ADJOURN MEETING

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sherri L.D. Fisher
District Clerk Pro-Tem

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Increase of Appointments**

1. Name: Krista Jiampetti
Teaching Area: Reading/Literacy
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Increase: .05
Effective Dates: January 23, 2017 to June 30, 2017

2. Name: Hope Bigwarfe
Teaching Area: Science
Location: Community Center
Increase: .10
Effective Dates: January 3, 2017 to June 30, 2017

B. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

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

1. Name: Claudia Burnham
Position: Cook Manager I (SC)
Effective: July 1, 2017
Years of Service: 1998-2017
2. Name: Susan Yelle
Position: School Monitor (LK)
Effective: July 1, 2017
Years of Service: 1989-2017

B. Resignation

1. Name: Doreen Smith
Position: Probationary School Monitor (LK)
Effective: January 21, 2017
Reason: Accepted position outside the District

C. Appointments

1. Name: Jean Benoit
Address: 36 Oxford Circle, Troy, NY 12180
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: January 4, 2017
Salary: Not paid during training
2. Name: Erica Blakley
Address: 36 Concord Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Position: Clerk Typist 1 – Part-Time (Substitute)
Effective: January 5, 2017
Salary: \$11.00 per hour
3. Name: Mercedes Buhner
Address: 18 Huntington Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: January 18, 2017
Salary: \$10.00 per hour
4. Name: Elizabeth Hufland
Address: 15 Hawley Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Part-Time School Bus Driver
Effective: January 18, 2017
Salary: \$18.08 per hour per CSEA Contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Probationary Period: January 18, 2017 through September 7, 2017

5. Name: Kathryn Novak
Address: 22 Wicken Square, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Clerk Typist 1 – Part Time (Substitute)
Effective: January 18, 2017
Salary: \$11.00 per hour

6. Name: Kathryn Novak
Address: 22 Wicken Square, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: January 18, 2017
Salary: \$10.00 per hour