

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



MINUTES

March 21, 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 CALLMembers Present:

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

Members Excused:

Shelle Jaquish

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

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 March 7, 2017 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Transportation Report**

Peter Tunny, Supervisor of Transportation, provided a report on the bus GPS data systems as well as the ridership audit.

Representatives from Tyler Tech also attended the meeting and provided an overview of how the GPS data is collected and what reports may be generated to share pertinent information with District administrators and Board members.

B. 2017-2018 Budget Development

Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning provided a report on the first draft of the 2017-2018 budget. Additional adjustments are expected once State aid revenue information is made available.

C. Board Committee Reports

1. In the Committee Chair's absence, Mr. Sim, Board Vice President provided a report on the Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held March 16, 2017.

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

- Reported on the status of the Curriculum Review decision making. Proposals for summer curriculum have been received and the Instructional Council reported regarding their disciplines. The groups is made up of teachers, students and Board members.
- Forest Park Elementary recently held a Jump for Heart program and raised \$10,000. Their four-year total is over \$36,000.
- Reminded Board members to check the concert schedule as there are several upcoming concerts they may wish to attend.
- Reminded Board members of the Multi-Cultural Festival to be held at Sand Creek Middle School on March 31 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Mr. Casey

- Attended the Robotic competition semi-finals at RPI on March 18 and 19. It's amazing what the students are able to develop. Teams competing were from the Capital Region and around the state as well as South Carolina, Canada, India and Turkey.
- Recognized CCHS Senior Nick Bearup who was recently honored as the 2017 Scholar-Athlete winner by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

Mr. Johanning

- Attended a NYSSBA webinar regarding Board ethics on March 20. He will share the link with Board members so that they may participate.

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. Seminars on Education

1. Six (6.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “NYSUT SRP Education and Learning Trust Instructor Training” (SD2016-17-#58), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers. The workshop may be attended March 25, 2017 from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm at the NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Participants must register with NYSUT. Christine Zostant (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
2. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “Preventing and Treating Concussions Webinar” (SD2016-17-#59), sponsored by exercisetc.com. The workshop may be attended on various dates from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register on exercisetc.com. Kurt Pfaffenbach (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.
3. Two (2.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Understanding Shoulder Dysfunction Webinar on Demand” (SD2016-17-#60), sponsored by exercisetc.com. The workshop may be attended on various dates from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register on exercisetc.com. Kurt Pfaffenbach (Veeder Elementary School) is the contact person.
4. Twelve (12.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Third Annual Tech Retreat” (SD2016-17-#61), sponsored by WSWHE BOCES. The workshop may be attended March 31, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm; April 1, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm; and April 2, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Carey Institute for Global Good, 63 Huyck Road, Rensselaerville, NY. The workshop is restricted to Librarians only. Participants must register with WSWHE BOCES and must attend all sessions to receive course credit. Lucy Menard (Saddlewood Elementary School) is the contact person.
5. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Special Education Basics and Safety Issues Working with Special Education Students” (SD2016-17-#62), sponsored by the New York State United Teachers. The workshop may be attended on March 28, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY; **or** April 12, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Schenectady TA, 740 Union Street, Schenectady, NY; **or** April 24, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Saratoga High School, Distance Learning Room, 1 Bluestreak Boulevard, Saratoga Springs, NY. There is a maximum enrollment of 25 for this workshop. Participants must register with NYSUT. Charlene Bologna (Shaker Road Elementary School) is the contact person.

C. Agreements

1. Approval of an agreement with Capital Region BOCES for GASB Actuarial Services for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. These services are not to exceed \$1,500.00.
2. Approval of an agreement with South Colonie Central School District and a Third Party Contractor providing Academic Intervention Services (AIS) for Title I, Part A Programs to qualified students at AnNur Islamic School, 2195 Central Avenue, Schenectady, NY, 12304. The agreement is for the period of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. The rate of pay shall be \$15.00 per hour. South Colonie Central School District and AnNur Islamic School agree to employ Ashley Richichi as a third party contractor to deliver the AIS Services.
3. Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with Hudson Valley Community College for the 2016-2017 school year to provide High School students with access to higher education through the delivery of College in the High School courses per attached agreement.

D. Student Trip

Group: Robotics Team (24 students & 6 chaperones)
School: Colonie Central High School
Destination: Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY
Date: March 24-26, 2017
Responsible: Thomas Casey, Deborah Saulsbury
Transportation: School Bus

E. Donations

1. Donation from Michael Kane through Mr. Kane's Corporate Employee Giving Campaign to the Colonie Central High School Athletic Department in the amount of \$4.80 to be used towards the purchase of uniforms.
2. Donation from Lisha Kill PTA, 68 Waterman Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 to the Lisha Kill Middle School in the amount of \$216.53 to cover the cost of the Grade 8 Moving-Up Ceremony certificates and covers.

F. Re-Appropriation of 2016-2017 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$328,285. The total re-appropriated budget is \$96,993,831.

G. Clerk & Treasurer Reports – February, 2017

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)

The Board recognized Donna Futia (Item #7-B-1) who will be retiring and thanked her for her 12 years of service to the District.

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 21, 2017 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Pages 11-12)

The Board recognized Rosemarie Bleichert (Item #8-A-1) who will be retiring and thanked her for her 26 years of service to the District.

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 21, 2017 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

9. POLICIES - Approval**A. Final Reading & Approval**

Policy 1050 – Annual District Election and Budget Vote

Policy 1240 – Visitors to Schools

Policy 2120 – School Board Elections

Policy 2120.1 – Board Candidates and Campaigning

Policy 4110 – Student Attendance Calendar (2017-2018)

On behalf of the Policy Committee, upon the motion made by Committee Chair Mr. Johanning, recommendation that the revisions made to the above stated Policies (1050, 1240, 2120, 2120.1, 4110) be approved as presented.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

10. RESOLUTIONS

National Autism Awareness Month – April, 2017

National School Library Month – April, 2017

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

11. RESOLUTION – NYSSBA CHAMPION FOR CHANGE AWARD

The NYSSBA Champion for Change Award is presented annually to a current school board member to recognize that individual's innovative and ethical leadership in fostering ground-breaking improvements in school district programs and operations. For 2017 the award will be presented to a dedicated, innovative and effective elected first term school board member. The award is presented at the end of the school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District nominates Rose Gigliello of the South Colonie Board of Education for the 2017 NYSSBA Champion for Change Award.

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

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **March 28** Policy Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topic: Work Session (to include budget adjustments)
- **March 30** Community Budget Forum – 7:00 pm – Shaker Road Elementary
- **April 4** Budget Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topic: Presentation of Second Draft of Budget
- **April 10** Facilities Committee – 7:30 am – District Office
Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **April 11** Communications Committee – 6:00 pm – District Office
Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
Budget Topic: Adoption of Budget
- **April 14** **District Closed – Good Friday**
- **April 17-21** **Spring Recess – No School**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Motto, 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 8:41 pm.

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 9:28 pm.

13. 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 9:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie S. Mroczko
District Clerk

7. **PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**

A. **Creation of Position**

Create the following probationary position for the 2017-2018 school year:

(1) 1.0 Administrator

B. **Retirement**

1. **Name:** Donna Futia
Position: Special Education Teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: March 15, 2018
Years of Service: 12 years

C. **Substitute Teachers**

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

D. **Summer School Appointments**

Approval of the following Summer School appointments, per the Board of Education Policy 9290. Each person is certified and understands that the appointment is contingent upon sufficient enrollment for the 2017 Summer School program:

Jill Penn Special Education Summer School Principal
 Brian Scalzo 5-12 Summer School Principal

E. **Co-Curricular – 2016-2017 School Year**

Rescind the following previously approved position effective January 30, 2017:

Colonie Central High School

Productions:

Director	Nicholas Mastromarchi	1.0
Technical Director (Set construction)	Kage Allen	1.0
Electrical/Lighting	Kage Allen	1.0

Appoint the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation effective January 30, 2017:

Colonie Central High School

Productions:

Director	Susan Vatararo	.34
Director	Jackie Lupe	.33
Director	Carol Anne Weeks	.33

Technical Director (set construction)	Jackie Lupe	.34
Technical Director (set construction)	Carol Anne Weeks	.33
Technical Director (set construction)	Susan Vatalaro	.33
Electrical/Lighting	Carol Anne Weeks	.34
Electrical/Lighting	Susan Vatalaro	.33
Electrical/Lighting	Jackie Lupe	.33

F. Interscholastics for Spring – 2016-2017 School Year

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

Colonie Central High School

Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Baseball	Joseph Sportman	1.0
Coach Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Michael McCulloch	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Andy Roemer	.25
Assistant Coach Varsity Boys Outdoor Track	Christopher Schultz	.20
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Andy Roemer	.25
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Jamie Ferrari	.20

Sand Creek and Lisha Kill Middle Schools/Modified

Coach Girls Lacrosse	Lisa McGee	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Sand Creek	Gregory Lanni	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Lisha Kill	Wendy Kelley	1.0
Coach Coed Track-Lisha Kill	Peter Paquette	1.0

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

1. **Name:** Rosemarie Bleichert
Position: School Bus Driver
Effective: June 30, 2017
Years of Service: 1991-2017

B. Resignation

1. **Name:** Catherine Carras
Position: Probationary School Monitor (SC)
Effective: March 13, 2017
Reason: Personal

C. Appointments

1. **Name:** Amy Smith
Address: 51 Reber Street, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Temporary School Monitor
Effective: March 13, 2017 through June 30, 2017
Salary: \$11.45 per hour per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 2.5 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
2. **Name:** Bruce Wilhelm
Address: 1 Pommel Road, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary School Bus Driver
Effective: March 22, 2017
Salary: \$18.08 per hour per CSEA Contract
Hours: 5.0 hours per day
Probationary Period: March 22, 2017 through November 22, 2017
3. **Name:** Catherine Blanchard
Address: 57 Parkwood Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary School Monitor
Effective: March 22, 2017
Salary: \$11.45 per hour per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: March 22, 2017 through November 22, 2017

4. Name: Keri Taylor
Address: 51 Plaske Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Probationary School Monitor
Effective: March 22, 2017
Salary: \$11.45 per hour per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 5.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage
Probationary Period: March 23, 2017 through November 22, 2017
5. Name: Jocelyn Clark
Address: 35 Delafield Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: March 22, 2017
Salary: \$10.00 per hour

D. Change of Appointment

1. Name: Eva Legato
Address: 6 Glenmore Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Permanent Special Education Assistant
Effective: March 22, 2017
Hours: 7.5 hour per day
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School – Pupil Services