

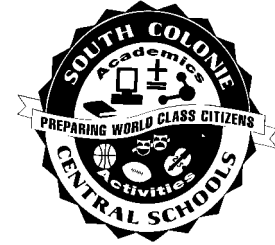
**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

November 7, 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. Sim at 7:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

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| 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
Sherri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning
David Perry, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Safe Schools & IT
Jamie Mroczko, District Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Board President, Mr. Sim led the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2017 be approved.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

4. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**A. Food Services Report – Annette Chamberlain**

Annette Chamberlain, Director of Food Services, provided an update on the status of the program.

B. Middle Level STEM Report – Greg Bearup

Greg Bearup, Supervisor of K-8 Math, Science & Technology, along with James Brown, Sand Creek Middle School STEM Teacher and Courtney Hynes, Lisha Kill Middle School STEM Teacher, provided a report on the interactive and student-centered aspects of the Middle Level STEM program.

C. 2017-2018 District Operational Plan

Mr. Buhner provided a brief report on the District's Operational Plan, including annual goals, targets, and management statements.

D. Board Committee Reports

1. Mr. Motto, Committee Chairperson, provided a report on the District Communications Committee meeting that was held on October 24, 2017.
2. Mr. Ryan, Committee Chairperson, provided a report on the Facilities Committee meeting that was held on October 27, 2017.

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

- Thanked the groups who recognized the Board for School Board Recognition Week.

Mr. Kiehle

- Attended the Fall Concert at the High School on October 25. The groups performing were the Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra and the Mixed Chorus. The event was very nice.

Ms. Jaquish

- Attended the SEPTA meeting. The discussion centered on bullying and strategies for prevention and intervention.

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. Five (5.0) contact hours of credit for participation in "Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR)" (2017-18–#116), sponsored by the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network. The course may be attended at various times as an online course. Participants must register at link below. Lisa Bennett (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

<https://learn.nctsn.org/course/index.php?categoryid=11>

2. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “New Developments in Understanding, Managing and Treating Suicidal Behavior” (2017-18–#117), sponsored by Four Winds. The course may be attended on November 10, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Four Winds Saratoga, 30 Crescent Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY. Participants must register at link below. Keri Audino (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
https://fourwindshospital.com/about_four_winds/saratoga/educational_events.html
3. Two (2.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Gas/Diesel Engine Mechanical Diagnosis and Measurement 1” (2017-18–#118), sponsored by GM Training. The course may be attended from October 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017 at various times as an online course. Participants must be an Automotive Tech Instructor and must register at <https://www.gmtraining.com/>. Christopher Hanley (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
4. Three (3.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Engine Management Systems” (2017-18–#119), sponsored by GM Training. The course may be attended from October 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017 at various times as an online course. Participants must be an Automotive Tech Instructor and must register at <https://www.gmtraining.com/>. Christopher Hanley (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
5. Two (2.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “New and Updates for RPO LT4 and LOA” (2017-18–#120), sponsored by GM Training. The course may be attended from October 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017 at various times as an online course. Participants must be an Automotive Tech Instructor and must register at <https://www.gmtraining.com/>. Christopher Hanley (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
6. Two (2.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Body Systems – Air Conditioning” (2017-18–#121), sponsored by GM Training. The course may be attended from October 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017 at various times as an online course. Participants must be an Automotive Tech Instructor and must register at <https://www.gmtraining.com/>. Christopher Hanley (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
7. Two (2.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Body Systems - Infotainment” (2017-18–#122), sponsored by GM Training. The course may be attended from October 20, 2017 to December 20, 2017 at various times as an online course. Participants must be an Automotive Tech Instructor and must register at <https://www.gmtraining.com/>. Christopher Hanley (Colonie Central High School) is the contact person.
8. Two (2.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Saddlewood iPad Focus Group” (2017-18–#123), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course may be attended October 23, 2017 and a second session to be determined from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the Saddlewood Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Saddlewood First Grade Teachers only. Tara Martin/James Lovett (Saddlewood Elementary School) are the contact persons.

9. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “What Are The Whales Doing?” (2017-18–#124), sponsored by Polar-ICE. The course may be attended on November 1, 2017 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register at <https://tinyurl.com/polar-data>. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
10. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “How Do Glaciers Change Over Time?” (2017-18–#125), sponsored by Polar-ICE. The course may be attended on December 6, 2017 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register at <https://tinyurl.com/polar-data>. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
11. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “What Is The Oceans Impact on Animals?” (2017-18–#126), sponsored by Polar-ICE. The course may be attended on January 3, 2018 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register at <https://tinyurl.com/polar-data>. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
12. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “How Does Warming Arctic Affect Animals?” (2017-18–#127), sponsored by Polar-ICE. The course may be attended on February 2, 2018 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register at <https://tinyurl.com/polar-data>. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
13. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “What Is The Vegetation Like In The Arctic?” (2017-18–#128), sponsored by Polar-ICE. The course may be attended on April 4, 2018 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register at <https://tinyurl.com/polar-data>. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
14. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “What Are The Genetics and Life Science In The Arctic?” (2017-18–#129), sponsored by Polar-ICE. The course may be attended on May 2, 2018 from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm as an online course. Participants must register at <https://tinyurl.com/polar-data>. Stacey Sebert (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
15. Twelve (12.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “CASDA – The Alternative Education Roundtable” (2017-18–#130), sponsored by CASDA. The course may be attended on November 9, 2017; December 17, 2017; January 11, 2018; February 15, 2018; March 8, 2018; April 12, 2018; May 10, 2018; and June 7, 2018 from 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm at the University of Albany East Campus, Room A407, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY. Participants must attend all sessions to receive course credit and must register at <https://www.casdany.org/alternativeroundtable>. Jamie Ferrari (Colonie Academy) is the contact person.

16. Four (4.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Keep it Moving: Traditional World Dances and Rhythm Games” (2017-18–#131), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center/American Orff-Schulwerk Association. The course may be attended on October 28, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the College of St. Rose Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY. Participants must register at <https://goo.gl/EfE41Y>. Donna Davidson (Sand Creek Middle School) is the contact person.
17. Eight (8.0) contact hours of credit for participation in “Using Google Classroom to Achieve a Paperless Classroom” (2017-18–#132), sponsored by the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. The course may be attended on November 13, 2017; November 15, 2017; November 20, 2017; and November 27, 2017 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at a South Colonie Central School District location to be determined. Participants must register at <https://goo.gl/WYTh8s>. Amy Thomas (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
18. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “i-Ready Reports Training” (2017-18–#133), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course may be attended on November 16, 2017 **OR** November 21, 2017 from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm at the Forest Park Elementary School Open Access Room. The course is restricted to those teachers who did not attend the session on Superintendent’s Conference Day. James Lovett (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
19. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “Introduction to the Hour of Code” (2017-18–#134), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course may be attended on November 27, 2017 **OR** November 28, 2017; **OR** November 29, 2017; **OR** November 30, 2017 from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm at the Forest Park Elementary School Open Access Room. Participants are to attend **one** session only. James Lovett (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.
20. One (1.0) contact hour of credit for participation in “Second Grade Lucy Calkins’ Study Group” (2017-18–#135), sponsored by the South Colonie Central School District. The course may be attended on November 13, 2017; November 20, 2017; November 27, 2017; December 4, 2017; December 11, 2017; December 18, 2017; January 8, 2018; January 15, 2018; January 22, 2018; January 29, 2018; February 5, 2018; February 12, 2018; February 26, 2018; March 5, 2018; and March 12, 2018 from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm at the Saddlewood Elementary School Library. The course is restricted to Second Grade Teachers and Special Education Co-Teachers only. Jennifer Wells (Lisha Kill Middle School) is the contact person.

C. **Inter-Agency Agreement**

Approval of an Inter-Agency Agreement between the South Colonie Central School District and Tech Valley High School for the transportation of students to the Ciccotti Center for the 2017-2018 school year.

D. Medicare Advantage Plan Health Insurance Premiums & Contracts

1. Approval of the premium rates and contracts for the CDPHP Medicare Choices Group PPO Medicare Advantage Plan for the time period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 based on the attached sheets.
2. Approval of the premium rates and contracts for the Blue Shield Forever Blue MA PPO 799 Medicare Advantage Plan for the time period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 based on the attached sheets.
3. Approval of the premium rates and contracts for the Blue Shield Forever Blue MA PPO 799-OOA Medicare Advantage Plan for the time period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 based on the attached sheets.

E. Transportation Contracts

1. Approval of a transportation contract with Durham School Services, 830 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12180 for Route 2017-4 to Wildwood School, 2999 Curry Road Extension, Guilderland, NY 12303. Transportation is to begin November 16, 2017 and end June 22, 2018, at a rate of \$320.00 per day including Aide. Total anticipated cost of the contract is \$43,520.00.
2. Approval of a parent-negotiated transportation contract with, Manmeet Monica Giggetts, 125 Exchange Street, Albany, NY 12205 for Route 2017-13 to Saddlewood Elementary School, 100 Loralee Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Transportation is to begin November 13, 2017 and end June 22, 2018, at the rate of \$0.535 per mile. This is allowed for a maximum of two round trips daily. The anticipated cost is \$1,509.74.

F. Declare as Surplus

1. One (1) Titmus II-S Vision Tester, Serial #4050, located at Saddlewood Elementary School Health Office. Item is no longer in working order.
2. One (1) Titmus II-S Vision Tester, Serial #6752, Asset Tag #100499, located at Veeder Elementary School Health Office. Item is no longer in working order.
3. One (1) Titmus II-S Vision Tester, Serial #22164, Asset Tag #100768, located at Shaker Road Elementary School Health Office. Item is no longer in working order.
4. One (1) Titmus II-S Vision Tester, Model # 11444, located at Our Savior's Lutheran School Health Office. Item is no longer in working order.
5. One (1) Titmus II-S Vision Tester, Model # #13102, located at Hebrew Academy School Health Office. Item is no longer in working order.

G. Tax Refund

1. Approval of a 2017-2018 tax refund payable to David & Kathleen Cyr, Sr. in the amount of \$754.67. The property is located at 1 Greenlawn Court, Schenectady, NY 12304 (Tax Map #16.7-4-40).
2. Approval of a 2017-2018 tax refund payable to Paul & Judith Kubik in the amount of \$70.72. The property is located at 708 Hampshire Court, Niskayuna, NY 12309 (Tax Map #61.17-1-55).

H. Budget Transfer

Approval of budget transfer as per attached sheet.

I. Donations

1. Donation from Latham Community Baptist Church, 109 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110 of (75) Hygiene Kits, valued at \$600.00.
2. Donation from Guilderland Central School District, 8 School Road, Guilderland Center, NY 12085 to Colonie Central High School Athletic Department in the amount of \$180.00. Donation is to be used to cover the costs of the officials during the Girls' Volleyball Tournament.
3. Donation from Guilderland Central School District, 8 School Road, Guilderland Center, NY 12085 to South Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$350.00. Donation is to be used to cover the costs of the officials during the Pep Sand Holiday Basketball Tourney.
4. Donation from Albany Diocesan School Board, 40 North Main Street, Albany, NY 12203 to South Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$350.00. Donation is to be used to cover the costs of the officials during the Girls' Basketball Tourney.
5. Donation from Lisha Kill Middle School PTA, 68 Waterman Avenue, Albany, NY 12205 as a gift to the Lisha Kill Middle School 8th Grade in the amount of \$605.00

J. Re-Appropriation of the 2017-2018 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$1,485.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$99,463,722.

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Page 11)

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 7, 2017 be approved.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Pages 12-13)

A motion was made by Ms. Jaquish and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated November 7, 2017 be approved.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

9. RESOLUTION – SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

RESOLVED that the Board of Education agrees to extend the employment agreement between the South Colonie Central School District and Jonathan W. Buhner as specified per the attached agreement, effective July 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehle and seconded by Mr. Motto, that the above stated Resolution to extend the Superintendent's Contract be approved.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

10. RESOLUTIONS

American Education Week – November 13-17, 2017

Education Support Professionals Day – November 15, 2017

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

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A. Substitute Teachers

Approve Substitute Teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

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

1. Name: Diane Stazio
Position: School Monitor (BG)
Effective: November 9, 2017
Years of Service: 2005-2017

B. Appointments

1. Name: Deborah Fountain
Address: 26 Knapp Terrace, Colonie, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: October 6, 2017
Salary: \$10.40 per hour
2. Name: Teresa Meridy
Address: 220 Jackson Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: October 13, 2017
Salary: \$15.25 per hour
3. Name: Matthew Looker
Address: 146 Winthrop Avenue, Albany, NY 12203
Position: School Bus Driver Substitute
Effective: October 19, 2017
Salary: \$18.26 per hour
4. Name: Stephanie Flood
Address: 799 Pearse Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: October 20, 2017
Salary: \$10.40 per hour
5. Name: Yolanda Gonzalez
Address: 29 Corning Street, Colonie, NY 12205
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper (.62)
Effective: October 25, 2017
Salary: \$11.56 per hour per CSEA Contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School – Main Cafeteria
Probationary Period: October 25, 2017 through April 25, 2018
6. Name: Yolanda Gonzalez
Address: 29 Corning Street, Colonie, NY 12205
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: October 25, 2017
Salary: \$10.40 per hour

7. Name: Yolanda Gonzalez
Address: 29 Corning Street, Colonie, NY 12205
Position: Clerk Typist- Part-Time (Substitute)
Effective: October 25, 2017
Salary: \$11.25 per hour
8. Name: Bryar Knox
Address: 49 Union Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: November 8, 2017
Salary: \$22.50 per hour
9. Name: Janet Shaughnessy
Address: 35 Buchman Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211
Position: School Nurse Substitute
Effective: November 8, 2017
Salary: \$22.50 per hour

C. Change of Hours

Effective October 24, 2017:

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| Elizabeth Ferrer-Blanco | Food Service Helper | 4.0 hours per day to 4.25 hours per day | HS |
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