

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



A G E N D A

**January 31, 2012
District Office**

7:00 p.m.



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, parents, students, and community is the key to educational success

Mission Statement

Preparing World Class Citizens for the 21st Century through school and community partnerships while addressing the diverse needs of all students

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education will be called to order by Mr. Motto.

Roll Call

Brian Casey	_____	Robert Domenici	_____	Richard Dunn	_____
Shelle Jaquish	_____	Neil Johanning	_____	David Kiehle	_____
Leonard Motto	_____	James T. Ryan	_____	Edward Sim	_____

Also present: Superintendent Jonathan Buhner, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning Sheri Fisher, and District Clerk Joyce Gay.

It is anticipated that the Board may enter Executive Session at this time.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to **enter** executive session to discuss employment matters relating to particular persons. Time: _____.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to **adjourn** executive session. Time: _____.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Motto will lead the pledge to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2012, be approved.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence/Board Activities

B. Requests to speak on agenda or non-agenda items should be made on the forms available at the door and should be given to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of the meeting. This information will be passed on to the meeting chairperson so that sufficient time will be allotted. Persons wishing to address the Board on agenda topics will be provided time when the agenda topic is discussed. Time is provided during the **PUBLIC COMMENTS** section of the agenda for discussion of **non-agenda topics**.

5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. China

An update will be provided on the work that has taken place to secure a partnership with a school in China, along with an update on the visit to the Schoadack school district to learn more about distance learning and Chinese language instruction.

B. Budget Discussion**C. Board Committee Reports**

The Policy Committee has met since the last board meeting. The committee chairperson will report on the meeting, make recommendations to the full Board, and/or seek clarification on issues. Board members who are liaison to district-wide committees will also report at this time.

6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

A. Committee on Special Education

1. Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. In-Service Courses

1. Three (3.0) in-service credits for participation in and completion of the 45-contact hour course, "Photovoltaic Systems Theory & Design" (#11-12-44), sponsored by Hudson Valley Community College. The course will be held at HVCC TechSmart Campus, Malta NY, on the following dates: January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 27, April 3, 17, 24, May 1 and May 8, 2012. John Gehres (CCHS) is the contact person.

C. Contracts

1. A contract with the North Greenbush Central School District for the 2011-12 school year to provide health and welfare services to 8.1 South Colonie resident students attending LaSalle Institute located in the North Greenbush Central School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$236.07. The total cost of the contract shall be \$1,912.17.
2. Contract with Northeast Associates in Rehabilitation, LLC, 1721 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12205, for services to South Colonie Schools to provide staff (Job Coaches) to work at employment sites with students during the school day. Job Coaches will be responsible for providing orientation to work tasks, developing and implementing strategies for completion of work tasks, monitoring student behavior, and generally assisting students in being competent workers. Rate to be billed is \$32.50 per hour with a maximum amount of \$125,400 per contract year. The contract year will be July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

D. Donations

1. Donation of \$250 from Colonie Boys' Lacrosse Booster Club for the *Bigger, Faster, Stronger* Program

E. Tax Refunds

1. Refund of 2011-12 property taxes, payable to Koepfel Martone & Leistman, LLP, attorneys for the petitioner, in the amount of \$4,932.52 as follows:
1814 Central Avenue (Tax Map #29.14-1-23) Colonie Realty Associates
1818 Central Avenue (Tax Map #29.14-1-22) Colonie Realty Associates
Properties were improperly assessed. Refund is in compliance with a January 17, 2012, New York State Supreme Court Decision and is made without interest.

F. Re-Appropriation of 2011-12 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2011-12 budget in the amount of \$250. The total re-appropriated budget is \$91,179,584. Information is on the attached sheet.

G. Clerk's and Treasurer's Reports – December 2011

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** be approved.

7. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 31, 2012, be approved.

8. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 31, 2012, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

National School Counseling Week – February 6-10, 2012

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above stated resolutions be approved.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Note: The Board will entertain comments from the public on any issue with a time limit of three (3) minutes per person and a maximum of 15 minutes per issue.

11. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

- February 7, 2012 – Strategic Planning Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- February 7, 2012 – **BUDGET MEETING** – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPICS: Support Services, Debt Service, Continuing Ed, Interscholastic Athletics
- February 8, 2012 – District Communications Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- February 9, 2012 – **BUDGET MEETING** – 7:00 p.m. – Veeder Elementary School
Open Discussion with Q & A Session
- February 14, 2012 – Audit-Finance Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- February 14, 2012 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- February 16, 2012 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- March 1, 2012 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- March 6, 2012 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
BUDGET TOPICS: Special Education & Pupil Personnel Services
- March 13, 2012 – **BUDGET MEETING** – 7:00 p.m. – Shaker Road Elementary School
Open Discussion with Q & A Session
- March 15, 2012 – **BUDGET MEETING** – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPICS: Fringe Benefits and Instructional Program
- March 20, 2012 – Graduation/Hall of Fame Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- March 20, 2012 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
TOPIC: Presentation of 1st draft of 2012-13 Budget
- March 26, 2012 – Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m. – District Office

13. ADJOURN

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the regular meeting be adjourned. Time: _____

JWB/jg
1/30/2012

A. Tenure Appointment

Tenure appointment to the following personnel, having satisfactorily completed appropriate probationary period, effective on the date indicated.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
Gregory Sulz	Teaching Assistant	03/01/2012

B. Retirement

1. <u>Name:</u>	Grace Lucas
<u>Position:</u>	Elementary Education Teacher
<u>Location:</u>	Forest Park Elementary School
<u>Effective Date:</u>	July 1, 2012

C. Long-Term Substitutes

1. <u>Name:</u>	Danielle Brancato
<u>Address:</u>	347 Ushers Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019
<u>Type:</u>	Long Term Substitute
<u>Teaching Area:</u>	Elementary Education
<u>Location:</u>	Sand Creek Middle School
<u>Effective Date:</u>	January 9, 2012
<u>Salary:</u>	Salary Schedule I, Step 1
<u>Education:</u>	B.S., University of Hartford, M.S., Nova Southeastern University
<u>Certification:</u>	Permanent in Elementary Education (PK-6)
2. <u>Name:</u>	Stephanie Deeb
<u>Address:</u>	84 Dane Court, Latham, NY 12110
<u>Type:</u>	Long Term Substitute
<u>Teaching Area:</u>	Childhood Education
<u>Location:</u>	Lisha Kill Middle School
<u>Effective Date:</u>	January 24, 2012
<u>Salary:</u>	Salary Schedule I, Step 1
<u>Education:</u>	B.S., SUNY Plattsburgh
<u>Certification:</u>	Initial in Childhood Education (1-6)

D. Salary Adjustment

Salary adjustment for additional duties/class coverage at \$26.00 per day:

<u>Name:</u>	Joseph Coleman
<u>Position:</u>	Teaching Assistant
<u>Location:</u>	Lisha Kill Middle School
<u>Effective Dates:</u>	January 23, 2012 to April 5, 2012

E. Substitute Teachers

Approval of substitute teachers on the attached list for regular, conditional or emergency conditional appointments.

F. Lunch Supervision for the 2011-12 School Year

Veeder Elementary School

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

Sarah Raymond .5

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

Veronica Delancey-Smith .5 to 1.0

G. Memorandum of Agreement

Approval of the Memorandum of Agreements between the South Colonie Administrators' Association and the South Colonie Central School District dated January 23, 2012 for the current contract expiring June 30, 2014.

A. Appointments

1. Name: Leonard Crouch
Address: 38 Oakwood Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Break-In Bus Driver
Effective: February 1, 2012
Salary: Not paid during training

2. Name: Joseph Hodson
Address: 312 Kings Road, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Break-In Bus Driver
Effective: February 1, 2012
Salary: Not paid during training

3. Name: Donna Palaszynski
Address: 235 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: February 1, 2012
Salary: \$9.50 per hour

4. Name: Sherri Tucker-Fyan
Address: 18 Hanifin Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective: January 30, 2012
Salary: \$9.50 per hour

B. Notification

Notification with regret of the death on January 24, 2012, of Mr. Kevin Shortis, Custodial Worker. Mr. Shortis was an employee of the District for over 10 years.