

**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



A G E N D A
October 18, 2011
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**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 Sherri Fisher, District Clerk Joyce Gay.

2. PLEDGE TO 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 **October 4, 2011**, 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. NYSSBA Resolutions**

Mr. Buhner will lead a brief discussion on the proposed resolutions for the New York State School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting in Buffalo on October 29.

B. Board Committee Reports

The Audit-Finance Committee, Accountability & Board Operations Committee, and Policy Committee have met since the last board meeting. Committee chairpersons will report on the meetings, 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

Placements as indicated on the attached sheets.

B. Budgetary Transfers

Authorization to transfer **\$35,000**:

FROM: A1680.151
TO: A1680.161

C Tax Refunds

1. Approval of a 2011-12 tax refund to Thomas & Ellen Fitzgerald in the amount of \$219.83. The property is located at 143 Butternut Drive (Tax Map #61.14-2-7) Niskayuna, NY 12309. The refund is in compliance with a RPTL 730 Small Claims Assessment Review decision. The refund is made without interest.
2. Approval of a 2011-12 tax refund to John and Asenath Saglimbeni in the amount of \$743.35. The property is located at 16 Amanda Way (Tax Map #7.18-1-72) Niskayuna, NY 12309. The refund is in compliance with a RPTL-730 Small Claims Assessment Review decision. The refund is made without interest.
3. Approval of a 2011-12 tax refund to James & Timothy Nagell in the amount of \$108.24. The property is located at 316 Ferris Road (Tax Map #60.20-1-28) Schenectady, NY 12304. The refund is in compliance with a RPTL-730 Small Claims Assessment Review decision. The refund is made without interest.
4. Approval of a proposed tax settlement and refund for Conway Freight, Inc. 155 Railroad Avenue (Tax Map #42.17-1-2.2) in the amount of \$5,302.00.
5. Approval of a 2011-12 tax refund to Lorraine Wilson, in the amount of \$737.77. The property is located at 12 Robins Nest (Tax Map #60.7-1-68) Niskayuna, NY 12309. The refund is in compliance with a RP-556 Application for Refund and Credit of Real Property due to a clerical error Section 550(2) (b) RPTL.
6. Approval of a RP-554 Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the 2011 Year for owner Nannie Freeman, for property located at 1 Francis Drive (Tax Map #41.16-2-47) Colonie, New York 12205 due to a clerical error as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550-2C. This will result in additional STAR savings.
7. Approval of a RP-554 Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the 2011 Year for owner Albert F. Petramale Jr., for property located at 20 Marriner Avenue (Tax Map #42.19-4-15) Colonie, New York 12205, due to a clerical error as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 550-2C. This will result in additional STAR savings.

D. In-Service Courses

1. One (1.0) in-service credit for participation in and completion of the 15-contact hour course "Service Learning: An Introductory Course" (#11-12-30). The online course will be held on various dates at various times and is sponsored by Sage Colleges and Capital Region BOCES. Amy Ogburn (Forest Park) is the contact person.

E. Seminar on Educational issues

1. Three (3) contact hours of credit for participation in and completion of “Literacy in the Common Core Initiative Launch” (SD#2011-12-10), sponsored by Empire State Writing Project Network. The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Desmond Hotel. Laura Yerou (Lisha Kill) is the contact person.

F. Student Trips

1. Group: Sand Creek 6th Grade Band (80)
Destination: High Note Festival, Great Escape, Lake George NY
Date: Friday, June 1, 2012
Responsible: Michelle Cannistraci
Transportation: School Bus
Cost: Individuals, Fund Raising
2. Group: Lisha Kill 5th Grade Students (172)
Destination: Bronx Zoo, New York City
Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012
Responsible: Deena Griffith
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals, Fund Raising
3. Group: Sand Creek Grade 7 Students (200)
Destination: Boston, Massachusetts
Date: Friday, May 18, 2012
Responsible: Grade 7 Teachers
Transportation: Chartered Bus
Cost: Individuals, Fund Raising
4. Group: South Colonie Football Program (35-40)
Destination: Syracuse University Football Game
Date: Friday, November 11, 2011
Responsible: Michael Ambrosio
Transportation: School Bus
Cost: Individuals

G. Declare as Surplus

1. One (1) Cummins Onan Commercial Generator, Model No. 30.0, Serial #0274759726, 1023.8 hours of use, located at the Bus Garage facility and not used.

H. Clerk’s and Treasurer’s Reports – September 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 October 18, 2011, 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 October 18, 2011, be approved.

9. RESOLUTIONS

School Boards Recognition Week (October 31 to November 4)
National High School Education Month (November)

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

10. CERTIFICATION OF VOTE

Proposition – Bus Purchases: APPROVED

	YES	NO
Machine Totals:	494	196
Absentee Ballots:	54	56
TOTALS	548	252

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the above vote results be certified.

11. SUBURBAN COUNCIL COOPERATIVE BID RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution with Suburban Council School Districts – Averill Park Central Schools, Ballston Spa Central Schools, Bethlehem Central Schools, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central Schools, East Greenbush Central Schools, Guilderland Central Schools, Mohonasen Central Schools, Niskayuna Central Schools, North Colonie Central Schools, Shenendehowa Central Schools – to participate in a cooperative bid for Athletic Supplies for the 2012-13 school year.

Whereas, it is the desire of the South Colonie Central School District to participate with the Suburban Council school districts in adopting a Resolution to bid jointly for Athletic Supplies for the 2012-13 school year as identified in the Suburban Scholastic Council League Interscholastic Bid Supply List; and

Whereas, the adoption of this resolution will provide the District with an option in the joint bidding with the Suburban Council Districts involved for the Athletic Supplies for the 2012-13 school year; therefore

Be it resolved, that the South Colonie Central School District agrees to participate with Suburban Council School Districts in adopting this resolution in joint bidding for Athletic Supplies for the 2012-13 school year as identified in the Suburban Scholastic Council League Interscholastic Bid supply list; and

Be it further resolved, that the South Colonie Central School District agrees that the specifications as presented will be used and that this Board agrees to the bid resolution in the joint bidding of Athletic Supplies for the 2012-13 school year with the Suburban Council School Districts.

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

12. 2011-12 DISTRICT GOALS / VISIONS

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, that the **2011-12 District Goals/Visions** be adopted as presented.

13. 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.

14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

- October 24, 2011 – Facilities Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- November 1, 2011 – Audit-Finance Committee – CANCELLED
- November 1, 2011 - Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- November 8, 2011 – Academic Achievement Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office
- November 9, 2011 – Transportation Committee – 7:30 a.m. District Office
- November 11, 2011 – Veterans’ Day Observed – No School / Office Closed
- November 15, 2011 – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – District Office
- November 17, 2011 – Information Technology Committee – 7:30 a.m. – District Office

16. ADJOURN

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

A. Leave of Absence

1. Name: Colleen Leach
Position: Kindergarten Teacher
Type: Childcare Leave
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: December 14, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2012

B. Appointments

1. Name: Michele Stevens
Address: 6237 Empire Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306
Type: Temporary
Tenure Area: Special – Teaching Assistant
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
Effective Date: October 11, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2012
Salary: According to the SCTA Teaching Assistant contract (pro-rated)
Certification Status: Professional in Students with Disabilities (5-9)

C. Temporary Part-Time Appointments

1. Name: Sarah Galica
Address: 2312 Barcelona Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309
Type: Temporary Part-time (.40)
Teaching Area: English to Speakers of other Languages
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: October 11, 2011
Ending Date: June 30, 2012
Salary: Salary Schedule II, Step 6, (pro-rated)
Education: B.A. from Fordham University; M.A. Southern Illinois Univ.
Certification Status: Permanent in English to Speakers of Other Languages

D. Long-Term Substitutes

1. Name: Diane Neuber
Address: 20 Nottingham Way South, Clifton Park, NY 12065
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Biology
Location: Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: October 5, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 3
Education: B.S. from Hartwick College, M.S. from Sage Graduate School
Certification: Initial in Biology 7-12

2. Name: Amanda L. Ralston
Address: 1001 Louis Road, Schenectady, NY 12303
Type: Long Term Substitute
Teaching Area: Special Education
Location: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: October 13, 2011
Salary: Salary Schedule I, Step 4
Education: B.S. from SUNY Oneonta, M.S. from the College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

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

Central Avenue Learning Center (CALC)

Rescind the appointment of the following previously approved position:
Erin Taylor

Appoint the previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation:
Gina Mooney

G. Co-Curricular – 2011-12 School Year

Lisha Kill Middle School

Rescind the previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:
Variety Show Coordinator Erica Doran

Appoint the previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:
Small Performing Group (Spring) Erica Doran

H. Saturday Detention – 2011-12 School Year

Colonie Central High School

Create the following additional Saturday Detention Supervisors for the 2011-12 school year:

3.0 Saturday Detention Supervisors for Colonie Central High School

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

Jason Blind

Kim Moutray

Christine Zostant

A. Resignations

1. Name: Sharon Herald
Position: Clerk Typist I – Part-time - BG
Effective: October 14, 2011
Reason: Personal
2. Name: Shelley Audi-Dorrance
Position: Food Service Helper – SC
Effective: October 25, 2011
Reason: To accept another position within the District

B. Appointments

1. Name: Shelley Audi-Dorrance
Address: 26 Culver Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary School Monitor
Effective: October 26, 2011
Salary: \$10.84 per hour, per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 3.0 hours per day
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Probationary Period: October 26, 2011 through April 26, 2012
2. Name: Christine Palmer
Address: 26 Bogart Terrace, Albany, NY 12203
Position: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: October 4, 2011
Salary: \$11.49 per hour, per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.0 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Probationary Period: October 4, 2011 through April 4, 2012
3. Name: Mary Ann Gerstenberger
Address: 2 Kenmore Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: September 6, 2011
Salary: \$11.79 per hour, per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.0 hours per day
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Probationary Period: September 6, 2011 through March 6, 2012

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4. Name: Susan Lotano
Address: 23 Tokay Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309
Position: Temporary to Probationary School Monitor
Effective: October 14, 2011 through April 16, 2012
Salary: \$13.30 per hour, per Teamsters Contract
Hours: 6.5 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
Probationary Period: October 14, 2011 through April 16, 2012
5. Name: Alex Rinaldi
Address: 15 Tornado Drive, Latham, NY 12110
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: September 26, 2011
Salary: \$9.50 per hour
6. Name: Christine Taranto
Address: 26 Carol Ann Drive, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper
Effective: October 19, 2011 through April 19, 2012
Salary: \$10.43 per hour, per CSEA contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School – West Wing
Probationary Period: October 19, 2011 through April 19, 2012