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

The mission of the South Colonie Central School District is to educate all students to their highest level of academic achievement, realize their full potential and prepare them to become responsible citizens in a global society.
CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Casey at 7:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Brian Casey  Michael Keane  Robert Mesick
Stephanie Cogan  David Kiehle  James T. Ryan
Rose Gigliello  Christopher Larrabee

Also Present:

David Perry, Superintendent of Schools
Timothy Backus, Deputy Superintendent
Jacqline McAllister, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning & District Clerk Pro-Tem
Christopher Robilotti, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Safe Schools

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

3. PRESIDENT’S SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Casey will recognize the following South Colonie athletes and coaches for their outstanding athletic accomplishments during the winter season.

**Girls Wrestling**
Evynne Farrell competed at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Girls wrestling championships in Syracuse. Farrell finished in 6th place in the 126 division at the first-ever Girls wrestling state championships. Her coaches were Lisa Anson and Matt Stuart.

**Indoor Track**
The Boys 4x200 Relay team finished in 3rd place in states and 7th in federations with a 1:30.83 time at the NYSPHSAA Indoor Track Championships in NYC.
The 4x200 relay team consists of athletes Connor Ploof, Dylan Fox, Jordan Goddard, Derrek Casabonne and alternate, Nick Rushford.
The coach is Lisa Paparone, assisted by Mike Palmer, Jake Johnson and Gabe Young.
Cheerleading
The competitive cheer team had a 4th place finish in Division I Large at the NYSPHSAA Championships in Binghamton. The team also won the Section II Championship in Division 1 Large.
The team consists of Kaylie Batchelder, Ella Bedinotti, Olivia Bedinotti, Gianna Carlino, Kendra Charland, Kaylee Connell, Keira Fitzgerald, Desiree Frisbee, Gia Girgenti, Aubrey Giroux, Alexis Hulett, Savannah Hulett, Alyssa Lyman, Madison MacFawn, Cailey McCarthy, Sophia Nicklaus, Hannah Pakatar, Ryleigh Place, Sydnie Snyder and Madison Szczepkowski.
The coach is Ann Grasso-Little, assisted by Christina Boisvert-Sand.

Bowling
Amy Chrzanowski finished 3rd in the NYSPHSAA Girls Bowling Championships in Syracuse. Her coach is Pete Grugan.

Gymnastics
Ashley Murray (Beam) and Izzy Trimarchi (Alternate Floor) competed in the NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships in Buffalo.
The coach is Keshia Powell.

Boys Wrestling
Will Hotaling finished 4th in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships. Hotaling won the Section II Championship in Albany. Vincent Mastrianni also competed in the NYS Wrestling Championships.
The coach is Matt Stuart, assisted by Matt Stenglein, Henry Rosenzweig, Jeremy Eggleston and John Dolny.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Cogan and seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2023 and the Special Meeting of March 7, 2023 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

5. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Perry wanted to congratulate April Mlambi and the Multicultural Festival Committee for all of their hard work. Also thank you to our community members and students for an outstanding showcase of talent. This past weekend Line ‘n Cue held an outstanding series of productions of the Adams Family, Congratulations to the cast and crew! March is Women’s History Month and we have been highlighting some outstanding women in our district. Two of our highlights are Joan Arthurton, a special education teacher at the Juvenile Detention Center, and Linda Kennedy, the main secretary at Lisha Kill Middle School. Ramadan starts tomorrow and is a holy month-long observance for the Muslim community.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Casey has lived in the district for many years and has seen many Line n’Cue productions during that time. He was blown away this past weekend by the production of The Addams Family. The time, effort, and talent that was put into this show was impressive and they did a great job. Congrats to all. He recommends bringing them in sometime in the future for a President’s Spotlight.

Ms. Gigliello agrees with Mr. Casey and said The Addams Family production was phenomenal. She also wanted to thank Mr. Tunny for inviting the board to have breakfast with the transportation department this past Friday during training. It was a great opportunity to meet the department and let them know they are doing a great job.

Mr. Mesick wanted to thank Mr. Casey, who had the idea to bring all of the athletes and coaches in tonight for a President’s Spotlight. It was great to celebrate the students with their families.

Ms. Cogan said that the Multicultural Festival was fabulous. The Addams Family was fabulous. The Board has been doing Breakfast on the Road and was able to have breakfast with the staff at Roessleville a few weeks ago and they will be traveling around the district in the future to visit the other schools as well. Lastly, what a way to celebrate Women’s History Month by recognizing one of our South Colonie Central School District administrators, Lindsay Tresansky, for earning her doctorate. Congratulations Lindsay!!

Mr. Larrabee also wanted to congratulate Lindsay Tresansky for earning her doctorate. He would also like to thank the Lisha Kill PTA for committing to donate $100 per month to the Lisha Kill health office, to be used for snacks for the children.

Mr. Backus stated that on the front page of the TimesUnion on Sunday was an article about the hardworking women who teach at the Youth Detention Center. They were also interviewed by Spectrum News. We are very proud of the work they are doing. They also had a graduation on Thursday, This was our 3rd gradation and the first graduate who had been with us and had done all of their work at the Youth Detention Center.

Mr. Ryan stated that it was an excellent article and inquired how many students are at the Youth Detention Center. Mr. Backus stated that it can vary but there are usually about 22 students at any given time.

7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Rhiannon Cramer addressed the board regarding the movement of Middle School Special Education services.

Lisa Cole addressed the board regarding the movement of Middle School Special Education services.
8. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY**

   **A. 2023-2024 Budget Development**

   Timothy Backus, Deputy Superintendent, and Jacqlene McAllister, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning, will provide a report on the Instructional Budget and the first draft of the 2023-2024 Budget. Additional adjustments are expected.

9. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS**

   **A. Communications**

   Ms. Gigliello, Committee Chair, was available to answer questions regarding the report on the Communications Committee meeting that was held on February 28, 2023.

   **B. Facilities/Transportation**

   Mr. Ryan, Committee Chair, was available to answer questions regarding the report on the Facilities/Transportation Committee meeting that was held on March 2, 2023.

10. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**

    The Superintendent recommends approval of the following:

   **A. Committee on Special Education**

   Placements as indicated per Student Support Services.

   **B. In-Service Courses**

   Approval of in-service courses as per attached list. Interested staff may register for courses on PD Express.

   **C. Health & Welfare Contracts**

   1. Approval of a contract with Scotia-Glenville Central Schools for the 2022-2023 school year to provide health and welfare services to five (5.0) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the Scotia-Glenville school district. The health service cost per pupil is $1,185.05. The total cost of the contract shall be $5,925.25.
2. Approval of a contract with the North Greenbush Common School District for the 2022-2023 school year to provide health and welfare services to thirteen (13) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the North Greenbush Common School District. The health service cost per pupil is $354.48. The total cost of the contract shall be $4,608.24.

3. Approval of contracts with the following school districts to provide health and welfare services for their students who attend An Nur Islamic School, Christian Brothers Academy, and Our Savior’s Christian School located in the South Colonie Central School District, at a rate of $839.31 per student for approximately 722.59 students:

- Albany City
- Amsterdam
- Averill Park
- Ballston Spa
- Berne-Knox-Westerlo
- Bethlehem
- Broadalbin-Perth
- Brunswick-Brittonkill
- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake
- Catskill
- Chatham
- Cobleskill
- Cohoes
- Coxsackie-Athens
- Duanesburg
- East Greenbush
- Gloversville
- Greater Johnstown
- Green Island
- Greenville
- Guilderland
- Hoosick Valley
- Hudson City
- Lake George
- Lansingburgh
- Mechanicville
- Menands
- Niskayuna
- North Colonie
- North Greenbush
- Queensbury
- Ravena-Coeeyman-Selkirk
- Rensselaer
- Rotterdam-Mohonasen
- Saratoga Springs City
- Schalmont
- Schenectady City
- Schoharie
- Schuylerville
- Scotia-Glenville
- Shenendehowa
- South Glens Falls
- Stillwater
- Troy
- Voorheesville
- Waterford-Halfmoon
- Watervliet
- Wynantskill

D. Agreement

Agreement between Hudson Valley Community College and the South Colonie School District for the 2022-2023 academic year to provide High School students with access to higher education through the delivery of College in the High School courses per the attached agreement.
E. **Prescription Insurance Premium Rates**

Approval of the premium rates for Express Scripts, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 as per the attached sheet.

F. **Dental Premium Rates**

Approval of the premium rates for Sunrise Dental provided by the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 as per the attached sheet.

G. **Surplus Bid Awards**

Recommend award of surplus District vehicle to the high bidder on Auctions International meeting specifications for CSD-NY #31854 Lot 0001 -- Jacobson Turfcat 72" Mower VIN/SN: D950736399 for $1,400.00.

Recommend award of surplus District vehicle to the high bidder on Auctions International meeting specifications for CSD-NY #31854 Lot 0002 -- Jacobson Turfcat 72" Mower VIN/SN: D950730125 for $810.00.

Recommend award of surplus District vehicle to the high bidder on Auctions International meeting specifications for CSD-NY #31854 Lot 0003 -- Club Cart Golf Cart for $310.00.

Recommend award of surplus District vehicle to the high bidder on Auctions International meeting specifications for CSD-NY #31854 Lot 0004 -- New Stripe Paint Machine for $350.00.

H. **Capital Construction Change Order**

Approval of Change Order PC-001 in the amount of ($6,956.00) from Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, 2617 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, NY 12303 to credit the District for unused contract allowance. Total contract sum is decreased from $57,000.00 to $50,044.00. Sand Creek Middle School, Phase IV, NYSED#01060106-0015-019

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  

**Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**
11. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Pages 10-12)

A motion was made by Mr. Keane and seconded by Ms. Cogan, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 21, 2023 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

12. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Pages 13-14)

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Larrabee, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated March 21, 2023 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

13. RESOLUTION

National Autism Acceptance Month (April)
National School Library Month (April)

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain  

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 4  
  Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Office
- April 4  
  Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – Veeider Elementary
- April 19  
  Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame Committee Meeting- 6:00 pm – District Office (Wednesday)
- April 19  
  Board of Education Meeting –7:00 pm District Office (Wednesday)
- May 2  
  Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – Saddlewood Elementary
- May 4  
  Facilities/Transportation Committee Meeting – 8:30 am – District Office
- May 16  
  Annual Budget Vote & School Election – 11am-8pm – Middle Schools
- May 22  
  Policy Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Office
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Keane 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. Larrabee and seconded by Mr. Ryan, to adjourn Executive Session.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 10:06 pm.

15. ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Cogan and seconded by Mr. Keane, 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 10:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline McAllister
District Clerk Pro-Tem
10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION

A. **Creation of Position**

*Create* the following temporary position for the 2022-2023 school year:

(1) 0.50 Literacy/Reading Teacher

B. **Resignation**

1. **Name:** Rachael Mann  
   **Position:** Special Education Teacher  
   **Location:** Lisha Kill Middle School  
   **Effective Date:** March 31, 2023  
   **Reason:** Personal

C. **Temporary Appointments**

1. **Name:** Alice O’Neill  
   **Type:** Temporary (.50)  
   **Tenure Area:** Literacy/Reading Teacher  
   **Location:** Forest Park Elementary School  
   **Effective Date:** February 27, 2023  
   **Ending Date:** June 30, 2023  
   **Salary:** Schedule IV, Step 5 As per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)  
   **Education:** B.S. from SUNY Oneonta and M.S. from SUNY Albany  
   **Certification Status:** Permanent in Reading

2. **Name:** Kimberly Murray  
   **Type:** Temporary (1.0)  
   **Tenure Area:** Special Education Teacher  
   **Location:** Sand Creek Middle School  
   **Effective Date:** March 20, 2023  
   **Ending Date:** June 30, 2023  
   **Salary:** Schedule II, Step 1; as per SCTA Contract (pro-rated)  
   **Education:** B.A. and M.A. from The College of St. Rose  
   **Certification Status:** Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12)

D. **Increase of Appointment**

1. **Name:** Tess McCarthy  
   **Teaching Area:** Music Teacher  
   **Location:** Colonie Central High School  
   **Increase:** .20  
   **Effective Dates:** March 6, 2023 to March 23, 2023
2. Name: Jaime Sbardella
   Teaching Area: Special Education Teacher
   Location: Forest Park Elementary School
   Increase: .07
   Effective Dates: March 13, 2023 to June 30, 2023

E. Summer School Appointments

Approval of the following summer school appointment, per the Board of Education Policy 9290. Each person is certified and understands that the appointment is contingent upon sufficient enrollment for the 2023 summer school program:

Jennifer Wells K-4 Summer Academy Principal
Jill Penn Special Education Summer School Principal
Nora Sullivan 5-12 Summer School Principal

F. Substitute Teachers

Approve substitute teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

G. TCIS Trainers for the 2022-2023 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective March 31, 2023:

District-Wide Coordinator

Rachael Mann

H. NYSPHSSA/Special Olympics/Unified Sports Program/Activities for 2022-2023 School Year

Approve per Policy 9290:

Basketball Coach Sean Peer 1.0
Assistant Basketball Coach Elizabeth Huntley 1.0
Youth Activation Committee Advisor Brian Scalzo 1.0

I. Cafeteria Supervision for the 2022-23 School Year

Rescind the following previously approved position effective February 27, 2023:

Lisha Kill Middle School

Nicholas Southworth 1.0
Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective February 27, 2023:

**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Thomas Geddes 1.0

J. **Co-Curricular – 2022-23 School Year**

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

**Sand Creek Middle School**

Small Performing Group: Spring
Musical Production Director DeLynn Wickham 1.0
Musical Producer Pam Roberts 1.0
Musical Producer Amanda Harris 1.0
Technical Director DeLynn Wickham 1.0

**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Intramurals:
Season IV- Flag Football (5-6) Wendy Kelley 1.0

K. **Interscholastics for Spring – 2022-23 School Year**

Revise the following previously approved position:

Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track Mary Ann Reilly-Johnson .20 to .40

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

Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Maria June .70
Coach Modified Girls Lacrosse Katelyn Cary 1.0
Assistant Coach Modified Girls Lacrosse Kelly Murphy 1.0
Coach Modified 9 Girls Softball Nicole Fyvie 1.0
### 11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT

#### A. Retirement

1. **Name:** Terri Urbano  
   **Position:** School Monitor (.84)  
   **Effective Date:** September 30, 2023  
   **Years of Service:** 2003-2023

#### B. Resignations

1. **Name:** William Smith  
   **Position:** School Monitor (.81)  
   **Location:** Colonie Central High School  
   **Effective:** March 1, 2023  
   **Reason:** Personal

2. **Name:** Christine White  
   **Position:** Food Service Helper (.69)  
   **Location:** Lisha Kill Middle School  
   **Effective:** March 1, 2023  
   **Reason:** Personal

3. **Name:** Mary Abbott  
   **Position:** School Nurse  
   **Location:** Forest Park Elementary School  
   **Effective:** March 17, 2023  
   **Reason:** Personal

#### C. Appointments

1. **Name:** Christine White  
   **Position:** Food Service Helper Substitute  
   **Effective:** March 1, 2023  
   **Salary:** $14.38 per hour

2. **Name:** Yassmin El Baz  
   **Position:** Temporary School Monitor (.31)  
   **Effective:** March 2, 2023 – June 30, 2023  
   **Salary:** $15.00 per hour per Teamsters Contract  
   **Hours:** 2.5 hours per day  
   **Current Location:** Veeder Elementary School

3. **Name:** Barbara Stevens  
   **Position:** School Nurse Substitute  
   **Effective:** March 3, 2023  
   **Salary:** $30.00 per hour
4. **Name:** Breanna Ableman  
**Position:** School Monitor Substitute  
**Effective:** March 7, 2023  
**Salary:** $14.38 per hour

5. **Name:** June Brennan  
**Position:** Probationary Food Service Helper  
**Effective:** March 8, 2023  
**Salary:** $14.38 per hour per CSEA Contract  
**Hours:** 4.0 hours per day  
**Current Location:** Roessleville Elementary School  
**Probationary Period:** March 8, 2023 – November 6, 2023

6. **Name:** Francesca Tricomi  
**Position:** Food Service Helper Substitute  
**Effective:** March 8, 2023  
**Salary:** $14.38 per hour

7. **Name:** Benjamin Nixson  
**Position:** School Monitor Substitute  
**Effective:** March 7, 2023  
**Salary:** $14.38 per hour

**D. Leave of Absence**

1. **Name:** Christine Blackman  
**Position:** School Monitor (.88)  
**Type:** Non-paid personal leave  
**Revised Effective Date:** December 19, 2022 – February 28, 2023