



## BOARD OF EDUCATION **AGENDA**

**January 2, 2024**  
**District Office**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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## **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**

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*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 will be called to order by the President of the Board of Education.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**Also Present:**

David Perry, Superintendent of Schools

Timothy Backus, Deputy Superintendent

Jacqueline McAllister, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning

Christopher Robilotti, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Safe Schools

Amber Lanigan, District Clerk

**2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

The President of the Board of Education 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 of December 5, 2023](#) be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE****5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Please use the attached link to submit Board Meeting Public Comments. [01/02/24 BOE Meeting Public Comments](#)

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

Board Committees have met since the last Board of Education meeting. Chairpersons will make recommendations to the full Board, and/or seek clarification on issues. Board members who are liaisons to District-wide committees will also report at this time.

**A. Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame**

Mr. Kiehle, Committee Co-Chair, will be available to answer questions regarding the report on the Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held on December 5, 2023.

**B. Audit & Finance**

Mr. Kiehle, Committee Chair, will be available to answer questions regarding the report on the Audit & Finance Committee meeting/Budget Workshop that was held on December 12, 2023.

**C. Transportation/Facilities**

Mr. Ryan, Committee Chair, will be available to answer questions regarding the report on the Transportation/Facilities Committee meeting that was held on December 13, 2023.

**D. Policy**

Single Reading & Approval

[Policy 9290 – Supplemental Compensation Rates](#)

On behalf of the Policy Committee, upon the motion made by Committee Chair/Member \_\_\_\_\_, recommendation that the revisions made to the above stated Policy (9290) be approved as presented.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

Carried:

**8. 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. Agreement**

1. Approval of an External Clinical Agreement between Utica University, 1600 Burrstone Road, Utica, NY 13502 and the South Colonie Central School District to provide clinical/educational experiences for students enrolled in programs awarding degrees in Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy/Nutrition/Wellness and Adventure Education/Social Work and Therapeutic Recreation. This agreement shall commence on January 1, 2024 and terminate on December 31, 2025.

**D. Transportation Contracts**

1. Approval of a Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) 31-day Emergency Contract with Star & Strand Transportation, Inc., 360 5th Avenue, Troy, New York 12182, for Route 2023-3 Maywood School, 925 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12205. Transportation to begin December 18, 2023 and end on January 17, 2024. The anticipated cost is \$5,584.00.
2. Approval of a transportation contract with Star & Strand Transportation, Inc., 360 5th Avenue, Troy, New York 12180 for route #2023-3 Maywood School (Bid), 925 Watervliet Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205. Transportation is to begin January 18, 2024 and end June 26, 2024 at a rate of \$349.00 per day. Total anticipated cost of contract is \$35,249.00.

**E. Student Trips**

Group:	Grade 12 (45 students & 5 chaperones)
School:	Colonie Central High School
Destination:	New York City
Date:	May 23, 2024
Responsible:	Erynn Barber
Transportation:	Charter Bus

**F. Tax Refunds**

1. Approval of a 2023-2024 tax refund payable to Jose and Anjelieeque Martinez in the amount of \$514.81. The property is located at 65 Tamarack Lane, Schenectady, NY 12309 (Tax Map #17.2-3-31).
2. Approval of a 2023-2024 tax refund payable to Brooke Millington and Norbert Kremer in the amount of \$356.76. The property is located at 3559 Consaul Road, Niskayuna, NY 12304 (Tax Map #60.1-16.2).

**G. Addendum**

Addendum to the Internal Audit Service Agreement that expired June 30, 2020 and an addendum was approved for the 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 years, between South Colonie Central School District and Michael T. Wolff Advisory Services to extend the contract for the 2023-2024 year. The hourly rate will be \$110.00 per hour, for the 2023-2024 year. The proposed fees to be charged are not to exceed \$9,240.00.

**H. Declare as Surplus**

The following textbooks located at Sand Creek Middle School (Basement) are no longer used:

<b>MATH AND SCIENCE</b>	<b>STUDENT/TEACHER EDITION</b>	<b>TOTAL ITEMS</b>
Integrated Algebra 1 (Amsco)	57 student	57
Mathematics Application and Connections	3 student, 1 teacher	4
Science Environmental/Science Explorer	104 student, 1 teacher, 1 video	106
Human Biology and Health	6 student, 1 teacher	7
Physical Science (Scott Foresman)	23 student	23
Earth Science, The Physical Setting, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition, (Thomas McGuire)	29 student	29

<b>LITERATURE AND SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>STUDENT/TEACHER EDITION</b>	<b>TOTAL ITEMS</b>
Elements of Literature	87 student	87
The American Journey	6 student	6
United States History (AGS Publishing)	111 student, 1 teacher	112
Creating America	27 student	27
Social Studies	40 student, 1 teacher, 1 DVD	42
We The People (soft cover book)	26 student	26
Pilgrim Courage (soft cover book)	10 student	10
Write Source 2000	27 student	27

**I. Declare as Surplus**

One (1) Pinnacle 27 Laminator, Serial #BA02221H, Asset Tag #106629, located at Roessleville Elementary School, is no longer in working order.

**J. Donation**

1. Donation from Tom Domery, 28 Bridge Street, Selkirk, NY 12158, of one (1) Vito Alto Saxophone, Serial Number 079429, valued at \$895.00.

**K. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports – November 2023**

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**9. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION** (Pages 8-12)

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the Instruction Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 2, 2024 be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT** (Pages 13-15)

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 January 2, 2024 be approved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **January 9** Board of Education Meeting (Executive Session Only) – 6:30 pm – District Office
- **January 22** Policy Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm – District Office
- **February 6** Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 pm – District Office
- **February 27** Communications Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm – District Office
- **February 27** Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 pm – District Office
- **March 7** Transportation/Facilities Committee Meeting – 8:30 am – District Office
- **March 12** Accountability & Board Operations Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm – Saddlewood Elementary
- **March 12** Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 pm – Saddlewood Elementary

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to **enter** Executive Session to discuss fiscal and employment matters relating to particular persons.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to **adjourn** Executive Session.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. ADJOURN MEETING**

If the Board approves, the following suggested motion is in order: Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain      Carried:

**9. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION****A. Retirements**

1.   Name: Nancy Weinheimer  
      Position: Teaching Assistant  
      Location: Roessleville Elementary School  
      Effective Date: June 30, 2024  
      Years of Service: 25 years (1999-2024)
2.   Name: Ilissa Hawley  
      Position: Social Studies Teacher  
      Location: Colonie Central High School  
      Effective Date: July 1, 2024  
      Years of Service: 30 years (1994-2024)
3.   Name: Alicia Guardino  
      Position: Elementary Education Teacher  
      Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
      Effective Date: July 1, 2024  
      Years of Service: 29 years (1995-2024)
4.   Name: Kellie Tierney  
      Position: Special Education Teacher  
      Location: Forest Park Elementary School  
      Effective Date: July 1, 2024  
      Years of Service: 28 years (1996-2024)
5.   Name: Joseph D. Conway  
      Position: Social Studies Teacher  
      Location: Lisha Kill Middle School  
      Effective Date: July 1, 2024  
      Years of Service: 30+ years (1993-2024)
6.   Name: Stefanie Harrison  
      Position: Special Education Teacher  
      Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
      Effective Date: July 1, 2024  
      Years of Service: 27+ years (1996-2024)

**B. Resignation**

1.   Name: Monika Hysenllari  
      Position: Teaching Assistant  
      Location: Colonie Central High School  
      Effective Date: December 12, 2023  
      Reason: Personal



**C. Leaves of Absence**

1.   Name: Lisa Droege  
      Position: Teaching Assistant  
      Type: Child Care Leave  
      Location: Colonie Central High School  
      Effective Date: December 6, 2023  
      Ending Dates: June 30, 2024
2.   Name: Ashley Carroll  
      Position: Teaching Assistant  
      Type: Personal Leave  
      Location: Sand Creek Middle School  
      Effective Date: January 16, 2024  
      Ending Dates: March 8, 2024

**D. Increase of Appointments**

1.   Name: Kevin Jette  
      Teaching Area: Social Studies Teacher  
      Location: Colonie Central High School-CVLA  
      Increase: .10  
      Effective Dates: January 29, 2024 to June 30, 2024
2.   Name: Stacy Evans  
      Teaching Area: ELA Teacher  
      Location: Colonie Central High School-CVLA  
      Increase: .10  
      Effective Dates: January 29, 2024 to June 30, 2024

**E. Substitute Teachers**

**Approve** substitute teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

**F. SIS Trainers– 2023-24 School Year**

**Rescind** the following previously approved position:

Veeder Elementary School	Richard Thompson	1.0
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**Appoint** the following previously approved position:

Shaker Road Elementary School	Lisa Berner Marinucci	1.0
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**G. IT Facilitator– 2023-24 School Year**

Appoint the following previously approved position:

Shaker Road Elementary School	Lisa Berner Marinucci	1.0
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**H. Career Exploration Internship Coordinators– 2023-24 School Year**

Approve per Policy 9290:

Susan Stone	1.0
Kristin Mesick	1.0

**I. Greater Capital Region Teacher Center Teacher Leadership Coaches for 2023-2024 School Year**

Rescind effective January 1, 2024:

**Teacher Leadership Coach for Health and Physical Education Level 2**

Lindsay Armbruster

Appoint effective January 1, 2024:

**Teacher Leadership Coach for Health and Physical Education Level 1**

Lindsay Armbruster

**J. NYSPHSSA/Special Olympics/Unified Sports Program/Activities for 2023-2024 School Year**

Approve per Policy 9290:

Bowling Coach	Tracey Johnas	1.0
Assistant Bowling Coach	Elizabeth Huntley	1.0
Youth Activation Committee Advisory	Brian Scalzo	1.0

**K. Cafeteria Supervision for the 2023-24 School Year**

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

**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Thomas Geddes	.50	Jessica Taylor	1.0
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**Colonie Academy**

Michael Klett	1.0
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**L. Study Hall Supervision for the 2023-24 School Year**

**Rescind** the following previously approved position effective October 23, 2023:

**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Todd Sitterly	1.0
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**Appoint** the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:

**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Maria Ducatte	1.0	Effective October 23, 2023
Emelene Bennett	.50	Effective December 11-31, 2023

**Colonie Academy**

Jamie Ferrari	1.0	Michael Nichter	1.0
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**M. Co-Curricular – 2023-24 School Year**

**Rescind** the following previously approved position:

**Lisha Kill Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season III – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8)	Wendy Kelley	1.0
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**Rescind** the following previously approved position effective October 23, 2023:

**Lisha Kill Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season II – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8)	Todd Sitterly	1.0
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**Revise** the following previously approved position:

**Sand Creek Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season I – Boys Basketball (5-6)	Ralph Tucker	1.0 to .50
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**Appoint** the following previously approved positions at the approved rate of compensation:

**Sand Creek Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season I – Boys Basketball (5-6)	Aaron Satin	.50
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**Lisha Kill Middle School****Intramurals:**

Season III – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8)	Patrick Richards	1.0
Season III – Wellness/Weight Training (7-8)	Scott Hodge	1.0

**Colonie Central High School**

FBLA (DECA) Advisor	Susan Stone	1.0
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**N. Interscholastics for Winter – 2023-24 School Year**

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

Modified Wrestling Coach	Patrick Richards	.20
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**10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT****A. Creation of Positions**

(4) .62 Food Service Helpers

**B. Resignations**

1. Name: Daryl Waddell Jr.  
Position: School Bus Driver (.75)  
Location: Bus Garage  
Effective: September 30, 2023  
Reason: Accepted a position outside of the District
2. Name: Lacie DiGiuseppe  
Position: Senior Keyboard Specialist  
Location: Colonie Central High School  
Effective: January 6, 2024  
Reason: Personal
3. Name: Robert Stalker  
Position: School Bus Driver (.75)  
Location: Bus Garage  
Effective: January 3, 2024  
Reason: Accepted another job within the District

**C. Appointments**

1. Name: Matthew Diana  
Position: Part-Time Custodial Worker (.30)  
Effective: December 9, 2023  
Salary: \$18.54 per hour per CSEA Contract  
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Saturdays Only  
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School  
Probationary Period: December 9, 2023 – June 9, 2024
2. Name: Stephen Hollner  
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper (.77)  
Effective: December 11, 2023  
Salary: \$15.38 per hour per CSEA Contract  
Hours: 5.0 hours per day  
Current Location: Forest Park Elementary School  
Probationary Period: December 11, 2023 – June 11, 2024

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| 3.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u><br><u>Hours:</u><br><u>Current Location:</u><br><u>Probationary Period:</u> | Monica Charles<br>Probationary School Bus Driver (.75)<br>December 11, 2023<br>\$22.67 per hour per CSEA Contract<br>6.0 hours per day<br>Bus Garage<br>December 11, 2023 – June 11, 2024 |
| 4.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u>   | Julia Ward<br>School Nurse Substitute<br>December 13, 2023<br>\$32.00 per hour  |
| 5.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u>   | Sarah Platt<br>Custodial Worker Substitute<br>December 18, 2023<br>\$16.00 per hour   |
| 6.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u>   | Syeed Turner<br>School Monitor Substitute<br>January 3, 2024<br>\$15.00 per hour  |
| 7.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u>   | Syeed Turner<br>Job Coach<br>January 3, 2024<br>\$18.75 per hour  |
| 8.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u>   | Mary Downey<br>District Nurse Stipend 2023 – 2024 School Year<br>January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024<br>Stipend per CSEA Contract   |
| 9.  | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u><br><u>Hours:</u><br><u>Current Location:</u><br><u>Probationary Period:</u> | Robert Stalker<br>Probationary Bus Driver/Custodial Worker<br>January 2, 2024<br>Schedule W per CSEA Contract<br>8.0 hours per day<br>Bus Garage<br>January 2, 2024 – June 30, 2024       |
| 10. | <u>Name:</u><br><u>Position:</u><br><u>Effective:</u><br><u>Salary:</u>   | Teresa Dobson<br>School Bus Driver Substitute<br>December 27, 2023<br>\$22.50 per hour  |

**D. Personal Care Assistant for the 2023-2024 School Year:**

**Rescind** the following previously approved Personal Care Assistants (IEP Driven) per 9290:

Shirley Allen	School Monitor	1.0	HS
Daniel Dillon	School Monitor	1.0	HS