



**South Colonie Central Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
January 2, 2024
District Office
6:30 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, 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 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL**Members Present:**

Thomas Blakley
Brian Casey
Stephanie Cogan

Rose Gigliello
Michael Keane
David Kiehle

Christopher Larrabee
Robert Mesick

Members Excused:

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

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Blakley and seconded by Mr. Mesick, that the minutes of the [Regular Meeting of December 5, 2023](#) be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Perry wanted to thank everyone for a productive 2023 and he is looking forward to a good start to 2024. The schools had wonderful holiday concerts during the month of December. Thank you to our staff, students and families. Before the board tonight are three draft versions of our 2024-2025 school calendar. The calendar was also discussed during the Accountability & Board Operations Committee meeting earlier tonight. It will be shared with our Professional Council Committee. Any feedback should be shared with himself or with Ms. Lanigan. The final draft will be brought back to the board for consideration of approval at the January 16th meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Casey wanted to say thank you for a great 2023! Many exciting things coming in 2024!

Mr. Blakely attended both nights of the holiday concerts and the Lisha Kill concerts and said they were a blast and the performing groups did a great job. The Ugly Sweater Contest was great and the winner had a phenomenal sweater!

Mr. Keane wanted to say congratulations to high school students Delaney Wickham and Quinn Maguire who took the stage at Proctors during the CBS 6 Melodies of Christmas. It was wonderful to see them have that opportunity to collaborate with others in the area and showcase their skills. There was a great story recently in our Blast about Colonie Senior, Samantha Zorian. Samantha was able to take part in a forensic curriculum school. As an HR professional, he loves seeing our students have hands on opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. He also had the opportunity to take in a few basketball games and see a gymnastic meet.

Ms. Gigliello wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming Chili & Macaroni and Cheese Cook-Off coming up on January 26th at the Hanger. She had the pleasure of making Gingerbread Men with the Kindergarten class at Forest Park and that was so much fun.

Mr. Larrabee wanted to thank everyone who helped with Toys for Tots and helped out with families in need during the holidays. Also, a reminder that breakfast and lunch is free for all students in the district for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Kiehle attended the Lisha Kill holiday concert and said it was wonderful and there were so many kids involved. It was great to see. He also attended the Curriculum Review Board meeting earlier in December.

Ms. Cogan held “Breakfast with the Board” at the high school on December 8th. This was the biggest breakfast yet and it was a lot of fun.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

No requests to speak.

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, was available to answer questions regarding the report on the Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held on December 5, 2023. Mr. Kiehle went over proposed changes to the Athletic Hall of Fame bylaws and the board unanimously voted to approve the changes.

B. Audit & Finance

Mr. Kiehle, Committee Chair, was 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

Dr. Perry, Superintendent, was 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 Mr. Larrabee, recommendation that the revisions made to the above stated Policy (9290) be approved as presented.

 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

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 (2nd) 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:

MATH AND SCIENCE	STUDENT/TEACHER EDITION	TOTAL ITEMS
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 nd Edition, (Thomas McGuire)	29 student	29

LITERATURE AND SOCIAL STUDIES	STUDENT/TEACHER EDITION	TOTAL ITEMS
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

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

9. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Pages 9-13)

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Larrabee, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 2, 2024 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

10. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Pages 14-16)

A motion was made by Mr. Blakley and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated January 2, 2024 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **January 9** Board of Education Meeting (Executive Session Only) – 5:30 pm – District Office
- **January 16** Board of Education Meeting – 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 – 5:30pm – Saddlewood Elementary
- **March 12** Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 pm – Saddlewood Elementary

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mesick 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 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Gigliello and seconded by Mr. Larrabee, to adjourn Executive Session.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:22 pm.

12. ADJOURN MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Mesick and seconded by Ms. Cogan, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 9 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Lanigan
District Clerk

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