

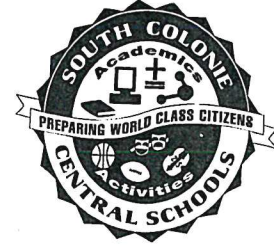
**SOUTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



MINUTES

April 21, 2021

**District Office
7:00 pm**



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

Preparing successful contributing citizens of the world through school, family and community partnerships, while addressing the diverse needs of all students.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the South Colonie Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Ms. Gigliello at 7:02 pm.

1. ROLL CALLMembers Present:

Brian Casey	Colleen Gizzi	David Kiehle
Stephanie Cogan	Neil Johanning	Edward Sim
Rose Gigliello	Michael Keane	

Members Excused:

James T. Ryan

Also Present:

David Perry, Superintendent of Schools
 Tim Backus, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
 Sherri Fisher, 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, Ms. Gigliello led the pledge to the flag.

Ms. Gigliello requested a moment of silence for Charlie Fernandez, a first-grade student at Saddlewood Elementary who lost her two and a half-year battle with neuroblastoma cancer on April 19, 2021.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Cogan and seconded by Ms. Gizzi, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

4. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gigliello wanted to put out a reminder that the tenure portfolios for teachers eligible for tenure are available. Also, save the date for Raiderfest, which is scheduled for May 15th. The opening ceremony will be at 9:00am. Following the opening ceremony, each elementary school will have an hour to participate.

Mr. Johanning had a suggestion regarding board elections. This year we have 3 candidates running for one seat and one candidate running for another seat. Something to consider for

next year would be to somehow change this and have the two with the most votes are awarded the two seats. Dr. Perry stated that the board would have to pass a resolution for future elections. Ms., Gigliello was in agreement and said it had been talked about and we will look into this for next year. Mr. Keane spoke up and said he felt the same way.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kiehle stated that to give a heads up, when it comes to committee reports, he would like to talk about the suggestion from the Board Operations committee that all of the committees look at their charges and he would like to give an update on that during the board committee reports.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Requests to Speak: There were 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 Committee

Mr. Kiehle, Committee Co-Chair, provided a report on the Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame Committee meeting that was held on April 13, 2021.

Mr. Kiehle spoke about the suggestion from the Board Operations committee that all of the committees look at their charges. Mr. Ryan, chair of the Board Operations committee had requested that the chairs of all other committees look at their charges and see that they are up to date. Mr. Kiehle said that in regard to the Graduation/Athletic Hall of Fame committee, they looked at the Athletic Hall of Fame by-laws and they are easily understood and required very few changes. Hopefully they will have by-laws as well for the Academic Hall of Fame to look at and solidify. Therefore, he wanted to let Mr. Ryan know that the committee is not ready to say that this is what the list should look like. The other committee that Dr. Kiehle chairs is the Audit & Finance committee and he sent the present charge to the committee members who got back to him and said that it was hard to understand. Dr Kiehle hopes that after budget season that Ms. Fisher could offer some help to the committee to word it so it can be easier to understand. Ms. Lanigan will send out the committee charges to the committee chairs so they can share with the committee members and send all updated charges to Mr. Ryan.

8. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. 2021-2022 Budget Development

Sherrri Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning, provided a report on the third draft of the 2021-2022 budget.

9. 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. Initial Service Request

Approval of the 2021-2022 Capital Region BOCES initial service request in the amount of \$3,385,690.44.

C. Budget Transfers

Approval of budget transfers as per the attached sheet.

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Page 12)

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Mr. Keane, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 21, 2021 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Page 13)

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Cogan, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 21, 2021 be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

12. CR BOCES – ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET VOTE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$12,199,555 during the school year 2021-2022 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

Yes No

A motion was made by Mr. Johanning and seconded by Ms. Gizzi, that the Board of Education vote yes on the proposed BOCES Administrative Budget Vote Resolution.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

13. CR BOCES – ELECTION BALLOT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Colonie School District hereby casts its vote for the following candidates to fill (2) open seats for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.

- a. RESOLVED that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Mr. Brian R. Backus (Home County: Schenectady), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties.
- b. RESOLVED that the Board of Education cast its vote for the election of Ms. Lynne Lenhardt (Home County: Albany), as a member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties

A motion was made by Ms. Gizzi and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the Board of Education cast one Election Ballot Vote for up to two of the above stated candidates.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

14. RESOLUTION – NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Budget Hearing for the inhabitants of the South Colonie Central School District, Town of Colonie, Albany County, qualified to vote at school meetings in said District will be held virtually on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**, at 7:00 pm for the discussion of the expenditure of funds and the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year and the transaction of such business as is authorized by New York State Education Law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 1716 of the New York State Education Law, a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the annual vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm at the office of the District Clerk, 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, New York 12205 and during school hours at each schoolhouse of the District in which school is maintained.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the voting upon the following propositions shall take place between the hours of 11:00 am and 9:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**.

PROPOSITION #1 – ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District, Albany County, New York be authorized to expend sums as set forth in the annual operating budget for the 2021-2022 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

PROPOSITION #2 – LAND PURCHASE

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the South Colonie Central School District be authorized to purchase approximately 57 acres of vacant real property located at 96, 96A, 100 and 100A Broderick Street, Colonie, New York for the construction of a new district office, transportation facility and other school district improvements at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,050,000 with said amount or so much as may be necessary to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District to be issued for a period not to exceed thirty years, be approved.

SEQRA DETERMINATION: The School District has acted as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations of the State of New York. The capital project herein authorized has been determined to be an “Unlisted Action” pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), the implementation of which as proposed, it has been determined will not result in any significant environmental impacts. The SEQRA compliance materials are on file in the Office of the District Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours by appointment. Site specific SEQRA review will be completed by the municipality where the real property is located at the time that the School District submits its site plan for the project.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot for the voting machines used at such Annual District Meeting in the following abbreviated form:

Abbreviated Form of Proposition

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of 57 acres of vacant real property in Colonie, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,050,000.00; and providing that such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be raised by a tax levy to be collected in annual installments, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that absentee ballots shall be made available in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-a of the New York State Education Law and that applications for such absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the date of the aforesaid annual vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the applicant, or the day before such aforesaid annual vote, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the applicant.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education shall make a list of all persons to whom absentee voter ballots shall have been issued and such list shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk where it shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid annual vote. In addition, such list shall also be posted in a conspicuous place or places during the hours of such annual vote, and any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the absentee voter's ballot of any person on such list by making his or her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the inspectors of election before the close of the polls.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, in accordance with the provisions of §2014 and §2606 of the New York State Education Law, registration of voters will occur between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, no later than **May 11, 2021**. All registration shall take place at the office of the District Clerk, 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, New York 12205.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters, not currently registered, may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district by requesting and returning a military voter registration application to the Clerk of the school district **no later than 5 p.m. on May 3, 2021**, and must further indicate his/her preference for receiving said military voter registration, ballot application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or email.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that registered military voters may apply for a military ballot by requesting and returning a military ballot application to the Clerk of the school district **no later than 5 p.m. on May 3, 2021**, and must indicate his/her preference for receiving said military ballot application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or email.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education may be filed at the office of the District Clerk, 102 Loralee Drive, Albany, New York 12205, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. The final deadline for submission of petitions nominating candidates shall be 5:00 pm on **April 19, 2021**.

Section 2. The following named individuals are hereby appointed as Chief Election Inspectors of the Annual District Meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

- Jennifer Casabonne
- Shirley Kelty
- Gina Agneta
- Emily O'Brien
- Tracey Stammel

Section 3. The following named individuals are hereby appointed to act as Election Inspectors of the Annual District Meeting referred to in the preambles hereof:

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| Katie Buckley | Robert Palmer | Matt Veino |
| Matthew Malkiewicz | Calvin Pitts | Tim Wright |
| Rachael Mellon | Joanne Taylor | |

Section 4. Each Permanent Chairperson, Chief Election Inspector, and Election Inspector appointed for said Annual District Meeting, as herein provided, shall serve at the agreed-upon rate of compensation. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairpersons, Chief Election Inspectors, and Election Inspectors for said Annual District Meeting.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Ms. Gizzi and seconded by Mr. Johanning, that the above stated Resolution be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

16. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET – 2021-2022

RESOLVED, that the 2021-2022 Annual Budget that was developed through a series of work sessions from January, 2021 through April, 2021 be presented for adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Sim and seconded by Ms. Cogan, that the above stated 2021-2022 Budget in the amount of \$108,016,351 be adopted.

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| Roll Call Vote: | <u>✓</u> Brian Casey | <u>✓</u> Colleen Gizzi | <u>✓</u> David Kiehle |
| | <u>✓</u> Stephanie Cogan | <u>✓</u> Neil Johanning | <u>Exc.</u> James T. Ryan |
| | <u>✓</u> Rose Gigliello | <u>✓</u> Michael Keane | <u>✓</u> Edward Sim |

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

17. LAND PURCHASE PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, that a Proposition for the purchase of 57 acres of vacant real property in Colonie, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,050,000.00; and providing that such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be raised by a tax levy to be collected in annual installments, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be placed on the ballot for voter approval on May 18, 2021, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education on April 21, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Kiehle and seconded by Mr. Casey, that the above stated Land Purchase Proposition be adopted.

Roll Call Vote:	<u>✓</u> Brian Casey	<u>✓</u> Colleen Gizzi	<u>✓</u> David Kiehle
	<u>✓</u> Stephanie Cogan	<u>✓</u> Neil Johannning	<u>Exc.</u> James T. Ryan
	<u>✓</u> Rose Gigliello	<u>✓</u> Michael Keane	<u>✓</u> Edward Sim

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

18. REAL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD – 2021-2022

A motion was made by Mr. Johannning and seconded by Mr. Keane, that the attached 2021-2022 Real Property Tax Report Card be approved.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

19. RESOLUTION

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month – May
National Physical Education & Sports Week – May 1-7
National Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3-7
National School Nurse Day – May 6

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

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain **Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0**

20. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **April 26** Policy Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – Virtual Meeting
- **May 4** Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame Committee Meeting – 6:00pm - District Office
- **May 4** Public Budget Hearing/Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office

- **May 6** Facilities/Transportation Committee Meeting – 8:30 am – District Office
- **May 11** Accountability/Board Operations Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **May 17** Policy Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – Virtual
- **May 18** Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election – 11:00am – 9:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Keane and seconded by Ms. Cogan, 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 8:17 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Casey and seconded by Ms. Gizzi, to adjourn Executive Session.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 8:42 pm

21. ADJOURN MEETING

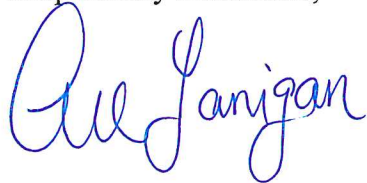
A motion was made by Mr. Keane and seconded by Ms. Gizzi, that the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 8 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber M. Lanigan
District Clerk

10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Long-Term Substitute**

1.

<u>Name:</u>	James E. Acker, III
<u>Address:</u>	95 Skyline Drive, Melrose, NY 12121
<u>Type:</u>	Long-Term Substitute
<u>Teaching Area:</u>	Physical Education
<u>Location:</u>	Colonie Central High School
<u>Effective Date:</u>	March 19, 2021
<u>Salary:</u>	Schedule I, Step 1; As per the SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
<u>Education:</u>	B.S. from Sage Colleges
<u>Certification:</u>	Initial in Physical Education

11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**A. Resignation**

1. Name: Nicholas Farry
Position: Custodial Worker (VR)
Effective: April 17, 2021
Reason: Accepted a position outside the District
2. Name: Taylor Garhartt
Position: Part-Time Custodial Worker (VR)
Effective: April 14, 2021
Reason: Personal

B. Appointments

1. Name: Steven Redmond
Address: 1006 O'Brien Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303
Position: Probationary Building Maintenance Mechanic
Effective: April 15, 2021
Salary: Schedule K, Job Rate per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Current Location: District Wide
Probationary Period: April 15, 2021 through October 14, 2021
2. Name: David Toombs
Address: 52 Sand Creek Road Rear Apt, Albany, NY 12211
Position: Temporary Custodial Worker
Effective: April 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021
Salary: Schedule G, Start Rate, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Current Location: Veeder Elementary School
3. Name: Michelle Small
Address: 19 Vanessa Court, Albany, NY 12205
Position: Clerk Typist I – Part Time (Substitute)
Effective: July 1, 2021
Salary: \$13.75 per hour
4. Name: Anthony DeRusso
Address: 221 Lansing Road South, Schenectady, NY 12304
Position: Break-In School Bus Driver
Effective: April 15, 2021
Salary: \$15.80 per hour