

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



**MINUTES**

**March 21, 2023**

**Saddlewood Elementary  
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**

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  
Stephanie Cogan  
Rose Gigliello

Michael Keane  
David Kiehle  
Christopher Larrabee

Robert Mesick  
James T. Ryan

**Also Present:**

David Perry, Superintendent of Schools  
Timothy Backus, Deputy Superintendent  
Jacqueline McAllister, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning & District Clerk Pro-Tem  
Christopher Robiloti, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	Lansingburgh
Amsterdam	Mechanicville
Averill Park	Menands
Ballston Spa	Niskayuna
Berne-Knox-Westerlo	North Colonie
Bethlehem	North Greenbush
Broadalbin-Perth	Queensbury
Brunswick-Brittonkill	Ravena-Coeyman-Selkirk
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake	Rensselaer
Catskill	Rotterdam-Mohonasen
Chatham	Saratoga Springs City
Cobleskill	Schalmont
Cohoes	Schenectady City
Coxsackie-Athens	Schoharie
Duanesburg	Schuylerville
East Greenbush	Scotia-Glenville
Gloversville	Shenendehowa
Greater Johnstown	South Glens Falls
Green Island	Stillwater
Greenville	Troy
Guilderland	Voorheesville
Hoosick Valley	Waterford-Halfmoon
Hudson City	Watervliet
Lake George	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 Turfcut 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 Turfcut 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 – Veeder 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,



Jacquene 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:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 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
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**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
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**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 December 19, 2022 – February 28, 2023  
Date: