

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



MINUTES

April 4, 2023

**Veeder 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 CALLMembers Present:

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

Members Excused:

Michael Keane

Also Present:

David Perry, Superintendent of Schools
Timothy Backus, Deputy Superintendent
Jacqlene 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. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Mesick, that the minutes of the [Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023](#) be approved.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

4. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Perry stated that we are approaching our Spring Break, which will begin on Friday. We are transitioning into the 4th quarter of the school year. We have plans for the recruitment of new staff for our summer programs. We are making plans for our end of year celebrations. We are planning for our High School graduation to once again be at the MVP Center. Spring sports kicked into gear this week. He was fortunate to attend a few events yesterday. Our baseball and softball teams got a W yesterday, which is great to see. We do have a number of students preparing for NYSSMA. A lot of good things going on! In the last week, many of our neighboring state and county schools had received 911 phone calls. South Colonie was fortunate to not receive any direct calls to our schools. We understand the pressure and

fear that puts on our families and children. We want everyone to understand that we take this very seriously and we are doing everything we can to create the safest environment for our students.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cogan was able to attend the FBI Internet talk on March 30th and hopes this could become a regular thing. She urges all to attend. She also attended the BOCES Annual Meeting and said it was a wonderful evening. We do a lot of work with BOCES and it is a terrific program and campus.

Mr. Mesick would like to recognize Mr. Perrott for being a WNYT Top Teacher. Congratulations!

Mr. Larrabee also attended the FBI informational session and as a parent of a seventh grader, he felt it was eye opening and very informative.

Mr. Kiehle also attended the BOCES Annual Meeting. The dinner was prepared and served by the students and was very professionally done and the food was wonderful. He also wanted to commend all of our high school musicians. He attended two concerts in the past few weeks and said they were wonderful. We have three orchestras, two bands, mixed chorus, and select chorus and a lot of very talented young people! He would like to recommend that we find a way to commend and recognize those students and their hard work.

6. 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.

7. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND STUDY

A. 2023-2024 Budget Development

Jacqlene McAllister, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services & Strategic Planning, provided a report on the second draft of the 2023-2024 budget. Additional adjustments are expected.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS**A. Accountability & Board Operations Committee**

Mr. Mesick, Committee Chair, was available to answer questions regarding the report on the Accountability & Board Operations Committee meeting that was held on March 21, 2023.

B. Policy

Mr. Larrabee, Committee Chair, was available to answer questions regarding the report on the Policy Committee meeting that was held on March 20, 2023.

First Reading

[5280 – Interscholastic Athletics](#)

[5280-R - Interscholastic Athletics Guide](#)

[5312.2 – Firearms on School Grounds](#)

Single Reading and Approval

[5310.1 – Bring Your Own Device](#)

[5311 – Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities](#)

[5312.1 – Comprehensive Policy Concerning Alcohol and Other Drugs](#)

[5312.3 – Student Smoking or Use of Electronic Smoking Devices](#)

[5313 – Penalties](#)

[5314.1 – Prohibition Of Use Of Aversive Interventions](#)

[5314.2 – Emergency Interventions and Use of Restraints](#)

[5315 – Assessment of Student Behaviors](#)

[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 Policies (1500 and 9290) be approved as presented.

 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

9. 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

Approval of an agreement with Hillcrest Academy, 400 Columbus Avenue Extension, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201 to provide special education services set forth in the IEP to the Student on the terms described in this Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year. Original agreement had the incorrect start date for the student.

D. Initial Service Request

Approval of the 2023-24 Capital Region BOCES initial service request in the amount of \$4,118,132.59.

E. Transportation Contract

Approval of a 31-day Emergency Contract with Star & Strand Transportation, Inc., 360 5th Avenue, Troy, New York 12182, for Route 2022-22 to Lisha Kill Middle School, 68 Waterman Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. Transportation is to begin March 27, 2023 and end April 26, 2023 at a daily rate of \$399.00. The anticipated cost is \$6,783.00.

F. Declare as Surplus

Public Bid:

2005 Chrysler Suburban Black VIN 1C4GP45R25B227548
2002 Chevy Suburban Yellow VIN 1GNFK16Z02J305924
2003 Chevy Utility Truck Green VIN 1GBHK24U63E351139
2011 Ford Pick Up Green VIN 1FTRF3B66BEB05530
1990 Ford Van Green VIN 1FDMF60H2LVA27342
1996 Ford Pick Up Red VIN 2FTHF36F0TCA61747
2003 Chevy Suburban Maroon VIN 1GNEK13Z53J314362

G. Award of Surplus

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. Prescription Plan

Approval of the [Prescription Plan Document and Summary Plan Description](#) for the District's prescription drug plan. The change is due to the transition from Blue Shield to Highmark. The original plan document was effective July 1, 2013 and is restated effective July 1, 2022.

I. Authorization to Open Bids

The Superintendent recommends that the following people be authorized to open bids and prepare summaries for submission to the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year:

Allison Jeffers, Secretary II

J. Donations & Grants

1. Donation from Utica National Insurance Group, PO Box 530, Utica, NY 13503 to South Colonie Central School District in the amount of \$500.00. Donation is to be used to purchase safe school supplies.
2. Grant from Lisha Kill PTA, 68 Waterman Ave., Albany, NY 12205 to Lisha Kill Middle School in the amount of \$400.00. Grant is to be used to purchase snacks for students who need one.

3. Grant from Roessleville PTA, 100 California Ave., Albany, NY 12205 to Roessleville Elementary School in the amount of \$500.00. Grant is to be used to purchase library books.

K. Re-appropriation of the 2022-2023 Budget

Re-appropriation of the 2022-2023 budget in the amount of \$1,400.00. The total re-appropriated budget is \$113,476,254.

L. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports - February 2023

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION (Pages 11-16)

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Kiehle, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 4, 2023 be approved.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT (Pages 17-18)

A motion was made by Mr. Mesick and seconded by Ms. Cogan, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated April 4, 2023 be approved.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

12. RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, the South Colonie Central School District Board of Education approves AIA Document B132-2019, Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, between the South Colonie Central School District as Owner and SEI Design Group Architects, D.P.C as Architect, dated April 4, 2023; and it is further

RESOLVED, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute AIA Document B132-2019 Agreement.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

13. RESOLUTION – EMERGENCY PESTICIDE USE

WHEREAS, in compliance with Education Law Section 409-k, the School District does not apply pesticide to its playgrounds, turf, athletic or playing fields; and

WHEREAS, the playing fields at Colonie Central High School are infested with weeds and crabgrass, resulting in uneven grass thus making fields unsafe for student/athletic play.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Education hereby determines that the condition of the playing fields at Colonie Central High School constitutes a danger to the health and safety of the students using those fields for athletic events and other school purposes, and consequently renders the fields unusable and unsafe for school purposes in consequence;
2. The unusable and unsafe condition of the playing fields constitutes an emergency as contemplated by Section 409-k of the Education Law;
3. The Director of Facilities is hereby authorized to arrange for emergency application of an appropriate pesticide or pesticides, to the extent necessary to abate the current unusable condition of the playing fields and return them to a safe condition for use by students.
4. Cedar Tree Properties, Peter Zoller, as School Pesticide Representative, is hereby directed to provide proper notification of the emergency application of pesticide undertaken pursuant to this authorization as is required by 8 NYCRR Section 155.24.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be in effect for a period of one year from the date of its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

14. FUTURE MEETINGS

- **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
- **May 30** Academic Achievement/Hall of Fame Committee Meeting- 6:00pm-CCHS Library
- **May 30** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – CCHS Library

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Mesick and seconded by Ms. Gigliello to enter Executive Session to discuss fiscal and employment matters relating to particular persons.

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:49 pm.

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 8:38 pm.

15. ADJOURN MEETING

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

7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Vote Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber Lanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Amber Lanigan
District Clerk

10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION**A. Creation of Position**

Create the following temporary position for the 2023-2024 school year:

- (1) 1.0 Social Studies-Alt/Ed

B. Appointments

1. Name: Tiffany Ziontz-Parisi
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 2 years credit)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher
Location: Roessleville Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 3, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from Russell Sage College and M.A. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Professional in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
2. Name: Elizabeth Tornatore
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 2 years credit)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher
Location: Shaker Road Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 3, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.S. and M.S. from The College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Early Childhood Education (Grades K-2)
3. Name: Frank Pizzo
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule I, Step 3, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.S. from The College of St. Rose
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
4. Name: Kristen Dinkels
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher
Location: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 6, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from The University of Delaware and M.A. from Manhattanville College
Certification: Permanent in Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6

5. Name: Elizabeth Breslin
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher
Location: Veeder Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 2, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from SUNY Oneonta and Med from Grand Canyon University
Certification: Professional in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
6. Name: Alexis Szesnat
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule I, Step 2, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.S. from SUNY Cortland
Certification: Initial in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
7. Name: Jenna Swartz
Type: Probationary – 4 Year
Teaching Area: Foreign Language Teacher (Spanish)
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 3, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from Union College and M.A. from Clarkson University
Certification: Initial in Foreign Language (Spanish)
8. Name: Reed Pagano
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Occupational Therapist-Registered
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule III, Step 2, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from the University of Rhode Island and M.S. from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Services University
Certification: Registered Occupational Therapist
9. Name: Beth Panucci
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Reading/Literacy Teacher
Location: Saddlewood Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule IV, Step 21, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from SUNY Oneonta and M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Professional in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)

10. Name: Annah DiBernardo
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Reading/Literacy Teacher
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 2, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.S. from The College of St. Rose and M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Initial in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6)
11. Name: Kristey Palmisano
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: School Social Worker
Location: Lisha Kill Middle School/Colonie Central High School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule III, Step 4, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from Alfred University and M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Initial in School Social Worker
12. Name: Jennifer D’Arcy
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Special Education Teacher
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 6, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from SUNY Albany and M.A. from SUNY Binghamton
Certification: Initial in Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12)
13. Name: Marisa White
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)
Teaching Area: Special Education Teacher
Location: Forest Park Elementary School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023
Salary: Schedule II, Step 6, as per the SCTA Contract
Education: B.S. from the College of St. Rose and M.S. from SUNY Albany
Certification: Professional in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6)

C. Temporary Appointment

1. Name: Rachel Fazioli
Type: Temporary (1.0)
Tenure Area: Social Studies Teacher
Location: Sand Creek Middle School
Effective Date: July 1, 2023
Ending Date: June 30, 2024
Salary: Schedule III, Step 6 as per SCTA Contract
Education: B.A. from LeMoyne College, M.E.D. from SUNY Buffalo and C.A.S. from Mercy College
Certification Status: Professional in Social Studies Grades (7-12)

D. Increase of Appointments

1. Name: Tess McCarthy
Teaching Area: Music Teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Dates: March 23, 2023 to April 22, 2023
2. Name: Ruth Richardson
Teaching Area: Music Teacher
Location: Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School
Increase: .50
Effective Dates: March 24, 2023 to April 22, 2023
3. Name: Jeffrey Dutcher
Teaching Area: Library Media Specialist
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Dates: April 3, 2023 to May 14, 2023
4. Name: Jennifer Lewicki
Teaching Area: Technology
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Dates: April 3, 2023 to May 14, 2023
5. Name: Thomas Casey
Teaching Area: Technology
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Dates: April 3, 2023 to May 14, 2023
6. Name: John Gehres
Teaching Area: Technology
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Dates: April 3, 2023 to May 14, 2023
7. Name: Michelle Cannistracci
Teaching Area: Music
Location: Colonie Central High School
Increase: .20
Effective Dates: March 23, 2023 to April 22, 2023

J. Co-Curricular – 2022-23 School Year

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

Lisha Kill Middle School**Intramurals**

Season IV – Girls Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Katelyn Cary	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	Justin Bopp	.30 to .50
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Joe Yamin	.40 to .50

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

Spring Faculty Manager	Glenn Wolin	1.0
Assistant Junior Varsity Coach Girls Lacrosse	Henry Rosenzweig	.30
Coach Modified Girls Softball	Jennifer Dongelewic	1.0
Coach Modified Girls Softball	Scott Dongelewic	1.0
Assistant Coach Varsity Girls Outdoor Track	Gabe Young	.50

11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**B. Resignations**

1. Name: Brittani Peterson
 Position: Custodial Worker
 Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
 Effective: March 18, 2023
 Reason Personal

2. Name: William Brown
 Position: Part-Time Custodial Worker (.50)
 Location: Colonie Central High School
 Effective: March 21, 2023
 Reason: Personal

3. Name: Edward Caouette
 Position: Part-Time School Bus Driver (.69)
 Location: Bus Garage
 Effective: March 24, 2023
 Reason: Accepted another position within the District

4. Name: Jennifer Dahlberg
 Position: School Monitor
 Location: Colonie Central High School
 Effective: April 6, 2023
 Reason: Accepted another position within the District

5. Name: Jason Hoefler
 Position: Probationary Head Automotive Mechanic
 Location: Bus Garage
 Effective: April 8, 2023
 Reason: Personal

6. Name: Joyce Peterson
 Position: School Monitor (.81)
 Location: Sand Creek
 Effective: April 1, 2023
 Reason: Medical

B. Appointments

1. Name: Michael Yarn
 Position: Break-In Bus Driver
 Effective: March 16, 2023
 Salary: \$19.00 per hour

2. Name: Michael Yarn
Position: School Monitor Substitute
Effective: March 29, 2023
Salary: \$14.38 per hour
3. Name: Patricia Kirkpatrick
Position: Probationary Food Service Helper (.69)
Effective: March 20, 2023
Salary: \$14.38 per hour per CSEA Contract
Hours: 4.5 hours per day
Current Location: Lisha Kill Middle School
4. Name: Edward Caouette
Position: Probationary Bus Driver/Custodial Worker
Effective: March 24, 2023
Salary: Schedule W, Start Rate, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 8.0 hours per day
Current Location: Bus Garage/District Wide
Probationary Period: March 24, 2023 – November 22, 2023
5. Name: Madison Isabella
Position: Part-Time Custodial Worker (.50)
Effective: March 29, 2023
Salary: \$18.00 per hour per CSEA Contract
Hours: 4.0 hours per day
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: March 29, 2023 – September 27, 2023
6. Name: Jennifer Dahlberg
Position: Provisional Senior Keyboard Specialist
Effective: April 6, 2023
Salary: Schedule C, Start Rate, per CSEA Contract
Hours: 7.0 hours per day (10 months + 1 week)
Current Location: Colonie Central High School
Probationary Period: April 6, 2023 – November 28, 2023

C. Change of Hours

Effective March 27, 2023:

Andrew Perry

Computer Technician Intern

6.0 hours per day to
7.5 hours per day