

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



**MINUTES**

**May 2, 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 Vice-President, Ms. Cogan at 7:00 pm.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Stephanie Cogan	David Kiehle
Rose Gigliello	Christopher Larrabee
Michael Keane	James T. Ryan

Members Excused:

Brian Casey  
Robert Mesick

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 Vice-President, Ms. Cogan led the pledge to the flag.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

Pursuant to Education Law §§ 1608(1), 1716(1), a Public Hearing was held for the purpose of discussion and receiving of public comments from interested parties and citizens on the expenditure of funds and the District’s proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Keane and seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the minutes of the of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2023 be approved.

  6   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 6 – 0 – 0**

## 5. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Perry wanted to thank our staff and community members for coming out to our first Health & Wellness fair last week. We hope to continue this event in future years. Congratulations to Mrs. Wickham on the success of her 50<sup>th</sup> show throughout her career at South Colonie, Lion King Jr. It was a fantastic show. Congratulations to all involved. Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is School Lunch Hero Day and May 8-12 is Teacher's Appreciation Week.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kiehle wanted to piggyback off what Dr. Perry said about Mrs. Wickham and Lion King Jr. and said it is heartwarming to see how many kids are involved in our wonderful plays. So much to be proud of.

Mr. Keane also attended Lion King Jr. and said he is grateful to Mrs. Wickham for the love of theatre she instilled in his son. Congratulations to our Line n' Cue for their three award nominations – best play, best actor, and best set construction. He also attended the Health and Wellness event and thought it was a great starting point and gives an opportunity for folks to find some direction that they may not always be able to find on their own. He attended last night's PTSA meeting. Mrs. Mesick joined to give updates on college and trade events. Awards night is coming up on May 18. Last week was the Hang Up and Drive presentation at the High School. It prompted a big respond from the students, who were still talking about it the next day. Friday is Senior Night for our Varsity softball players. Come on out and cheer them on!

Mr. Larrabee wanted to say Congratulations to Eric Obermayer, who won a lifetime achievement award at Midway Fire Department.

Ms. Cogan attended the PTA Council meeting on April 24, where she and the other candidates were able to introduce themselves. She inquired why the board candidate's public statements were not on the website. Dr. Perry stated he would have Kara Granato look into it. She also attended the Hang Up and Drive presentation at the High School and said it was very informative. She hopes they will bring it back, as only mostly 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders attended. Mr. Keane stated that the plan was to bring it back every two years. She also attended the PTSA virtual meeting and wanted to give a shoutout to our career center who set up a skills and trades night. She attended the Lion King Jr. and said it was absolutely fabulous. A lot of talent coming through! Our district takes diversity, inclusions and equity very seriously and the inclusion of the cast was phenomenal.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to speak.

**8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS****A. Graduation/Athletics Hall of Fame**

Mr. Kiehle and Mr. Keane, Committee Co-Chairs, were available to answer questions regarding the report on the Graduation/Athletics Committee meeting that was held on April 19, 2023.

**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. Health & Welfare Contract**

Approval of a contract with the Schenectady City School District for the 2022-2023 school year to provide health and welfare services to fifteen (15.0) South Colonie resident students attending non-public schools located in the Schenectady City School District. The health service cost per pupil is \$1,510.91. The total cost of the contract shall be \$22,663.65.

**D. Agreement**

Approval of an agreement with the New York State Writers Institute at the University at Albany for the District to receive a grant award of \$6,400 to fund the Writing/Visual Arts program at the Juvenile Detention Center for the 2022-2023 school year.

**E. Independent Contract Agreements**

1. Approval of an Independent Contract Agreement with Debra McGarvey, 2415 Delaware Turnpike, Voorheesville, New York 1186, for Assistive Technology Services for the time period July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 pursuant to the RFP dated June 9, 2022.
2. Approval of an Independent Contract Agreement with Visual I's, 950 West Duane Lake Rd, Duanesburg, New York 12056, for Visually Impaired Services for the time period July 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 pursuant RFP dated June 9, 2022.

**F. Independent Contract Agreement Addendum**

Addendum to the Chelsea Place contract. The not to exceed amount will increase to \$48,460 from \$20,000 due to the District need to have the contractor support our self-contained classrooms in addition to the individual student consultation that they already provide.

**G. Tax Refund**

Approval of a 2022-2023 tax refund payable to Cronin & Cronin Law Firm, PLLC as attorneys for ARHS SPTRYNY02, in the amount of \$4,306.99. The property is located at 4 Palisades Dr., Albany, NY 12205 (Tax Map #54.1-3-26.24).

**H. Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports - March 2023**

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

  6   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 6 – 0 – 0**

**10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION** (Pages 8-10)

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Larrabee, that the Instructional Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 2, 2023 be approved.

  6   Yes        0   No        0   Abstain

**Vote Carried: 6 – 0 – 0**

**11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT** (Pages 11-12)

A motion was made by Mr. Keane and seconded by Ms. Gigliello, that the Support Personnel changes listed on the attached sheets dated May 2, 2023 be approved.

6 Yes      0 No      0 Abstain      **Vote Carried: 6 – 0 – 0**

**12. RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, charges have been preferred against a certain individual employed by the South Colonie Central School District Board of Education, a copy of which are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the charges preferred against the employee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

RESOLVED, that the hearing upon such charges shall be held by Benjamin F. Neidl, Esq., 200 Harborside Drive, Suite 300, Schenectady New York 12305, and it is further

RESOLVED, that Benjamin F. Neidl, Esq. shall be vested with all the powers of the Board of Education for the South Colonie Central School District and shall make a record of such hearing which shall, with his recommendation, be referred to the Board of Education for the South Colonie Central School District, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for South Colonie Central School District approve the charges preferred against the employee and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same.

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

Roll Call Vote:	<u>Exc.</u>	Brian Casey	<u>✓</u>	Michael Keane	<u>Exc.</u>	Robert Mesick
	<u>✓</u>	Stephanie Cogan	<u>✓</u>	David Kiehle	<u>✓</u>	James T. Ryan
	<u>✓</u>	Rose Gigliello	<u>✓</u>	Christopher Larrabee	<u>      </u>	

6 Yes      0 No      0 Abstain      **Vote Carried: 6 – 0 – 0**

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **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- 6:00 pm - CCHS Library
- **May 30** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – CCHS Library
- **June 6** Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation - 6:00 pm – District Office
- **June 13** Strategic Planning/Communications Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Office
- **June 13** Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm – District Office
- **June 27** Audit & Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00 pm – District Office
- **June 27** Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm – District Office

**14. ADJOURN MEETING**

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

6 Yes      0 No      0 Abstain

**Vote Carried: 6 – 0 – 0**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Lanigan  
District Clerk

**10. PERSONNEL – INSTRUCTION****A. Appointments**

1. Name: Kristen Dinkels  
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)  
Teaching Area: Special Education Teacher  
REVISED:  
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 Special Education Grades K-12  
REVISED:
2. Name: Rene Parisi  
Type: Probationary – 4 Year (with 1 year credit)  
Teaching Area: Elementary Education Teacher  
Location: To be determined  
Effective Date: September 1, 2023  
Salary: Schedule II, Step 5, as per the SCTA Contract  
Education: B.S. and M.S. from The College of St. Rose  
Certification: Permanent in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6
3. Name: Natalie Stagnitti  
Type: Probationary – 4 Year  
Teaching Area: Science Teacher  
Location: Colonie Central High School  
Effective Date: September 1, 2023  
Salary: Schedule I, Step 1, as per the SCTA Contract  
Education: B.S. from Siena College  
Certification: Initial in Chemistry (Grades 7-12)

**B. Increase of Appointments**

1. Name: Tess McCarthy  
Teaching Area: Music Teacher  
Location: Colonie Central High School  
Increase: .20  
Effective Dates: April 23, 2023 to June 7, 2023
2. Name: Ruth Richardson  
Teaching Area: Music Teacher  
Location: Colonie Central High School/Sand Creek Middle School  
Increase: .50  
Effective Dates: April 23, 2023 to June 7, 2023



**C. Long-Term Substitute**

- 1. Name: Mary Jane Perri
- Type: Long-Term Substitute
- Teaching Area: School Psychologist
- Location: Roessleville and Shaker Road Elementary Schools
- Effective Date: April 18, 2023
- Salary: Schedule I, Step 11; As per the SCTA Contract (pro-rated)
- Education: B.A. from Nazareth College and M.S. and CAS from SUNY Albany
- Certification: Permanent as School Psychologist

**D. Substitute Teachers**

Approve substitute teachers on the attached list for regular appointments.

**E. Elementary Wellness Clubs for 2022-2023 School Year**

Approve per Policy 9290:

Forest Park Elementary School	Pam Traynor	1.0	Effective 1/12/23
Forest Park Elementary School	Marisa White	1.0	Effective 4/4/23

**F. Study Hall Supervision for the 2022-23 School Year**

Rescind the following previously approved position effective March 31, 2023:

**Lisha Kill Middle School**

Rachel Mann	1.0
-------------	-----

**G. Cafeteria Supervision for the 2022-23 School Year**

Appoint the following previously approved position at the approved rate of compensation effective April 19, 2023:

**Forest Park Elementary School**

Diane Pompey	1.0
--------------	-----

Rescind the following previously approved position effective April 17, 2023:

**Forest Park Elementary School**

Amanda Renz	1.0
-------------	-----

**H. Co-Curricular – 2022-23 School Year**

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

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

Season IV – Boys Indoor Soccer (5-6)	Anthony Greene	1.0
Season IV – Coed Running	Melanie Lautenschlager	1.0

**Revise** the following previously approved position:

**Sand Creek Middle School**

Graphic Arts Club	Carol Pinkans	.25
-------------------	---------------	-----

**I. Interscholastics for Spring – 2022-23 School Year**

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

Varsity Boys Outdoor Track Coach	Briana Haluska	.10 to 1.0
----------------------------------	----------------	------------

**J. Personal Care Assistant for the 2022-23 School Year**

**Rescind** the following Personal Care Assistant (IEP-Driven) per the Board of Education Policy 9290 effective April 17, 2023:

Amanda Renz	Teaching Assistant	1.0	FP
-------------	--------------------	-----	----

**11. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT****A. Leave of Absence**

1. Name: Christopher Gilligan  
Position: School Bus Driver  
Type: Unpaid Leave  
Location: Bus Garage  
Effective Dates: January 9, 2023 – April 18, 2023

**B. Resignation**

1. Name: Brian Sim  
Position: Senior Assistant Transportation Director  
Location: Bus Garage  
Effective: July 1, 2023  
Reason: Accepted another position within the District

**C. Appointments**

1. Name: Xuan Ton  
Position: Custodial Worker Substitute  
Effective: April 26, 2023  
Salary: \$15.00 per hour
2. Name: Kristen Williams  
Position: Provisional Senior Keyboard Specialist (10 +1)  
Effective: May 15, 2023  
Salary: Schedule C, Job Rate, per CSEA Contract  
Hours: 7.0 per day  
Current Location: Colonie Central High School  
Probationary Period: May 15, 2023 – January 5, 2024
3. Name: Brian Sim  
Position: Provisional Transportation Director  
Effective: July 1, 2023  
Salary: Per attached confidential salary sheet  
Hours: 8.0 hours per day  
Current Location: Bus Garage  
Probationary Period: July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

**D. Rescind Appointment**

1. Name: Cynthia Peltier  
Position: Provisional Secretary I (10 months + 1 week)  
Effective: April 24, 2023  
Salary: Schedule U, Job Rate, per CSEA Contract  
Hours: 7.0 hours per day  
Current Location: Saddlewood Elementary School  
Probationary Period: April 24, 2023 – December 18, 2023

**E. Rescind Retirement**

1. Name: Deborah Witherbee  
Position: School Monitor  
Effective Date: July 1, 2023  
Years of Service: 2002-2023