

# SOUTHERN CAYUGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
High School Library

November 14, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

1.0 Call to Order at 7:00 PM Board President Kelsey Rossbach called the meeting to order.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance Board President Kelsey Rossbach led the pledge.

**Board members present:** Matthew Bennett, Christine Brozon, David Harvatine, Janet Lehman, Rachel McCarthy, Heather Rejman, Kelsey Rossbach

**Administrators present:** Patrick Jensen, Loretta Van Horn, Luke Carnicelli, Michael Fall, Caitlin Wasielewski

**Others present:** CJ Calarco, Linda Clark, Julia Dunsmoor, Justin Frisbie, Marcy Hand, Greg Otis, Melanie Pallokat

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett, the agenda was approved.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

The calendar was reviewed.

Board President Kelsey Rossbach thanked the school and the boosters for arranging the boys' varsity soccer game watch party.

4.0 Questions from the audience regarding agenda items – none

5.0 Presentations:

Technology Update; Director of Technology Michael Fall shared informational updates regarding technology upgrades and goals over the past three years and moving forward.

Data/State Test Results grades 3-8; Patrick Jensen, Luke Carnicelli and Caitlin Wasielewski shared data analysis and comparative test results of SCCS students.

Board President Kelsey Rossbach thanked the teachers and administrators for their great work.

6.0 New Business/Action Items; Consent Agenda

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the action items listed in section 6.0 A through E.

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

A. Minutes; BOE meeting October 24, 2022

B. Minutes; BOE special meeting November 1, 2022

C. CSE Recommendations; 2022/2023

- D. Surplus Items; obsolete items to be sold or discarded if deemed no value
  - D.1 Books from Elementary School Library, outdated, non-circulating, damaged books
  - D.2 Books from Jr/Sr High School Library, outdated, non-circulating, damaged books

E. Overnight Field Trip Request; for twenty (20) students to travel to Middletown, NY to compete in the State Soccer Competition, on Friday, November 10, Saturday, November 11, and Sunday, November 12; students will be accompanied by Colton Gregg and Robert “David” Gregg

7.0 Personnel/Consent Items; Consent Agenda

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the personnel items listed in section 7.0 A through E, for the 2022/23 school year or for the term as indicated.

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

A. Resignations

- A.1 **Brooke Green**, head lifeguard, effective November 20, 2022
- A.2 **Taylor Green**, head lifeguard, lifeguard, effective November 20, 2022
- A.3 **Jamison Murray**, head lifeguard, lifeguard, effective November 20, 2022
- A.4 **Stephanie Bond**, cleaner, effective November 30, 2022

B. Leave of Absence Request

- B.1 **Jennifer Diana**, teacher; for maternity purposes; from on or about March 10, 2023 until on or about May 8, 2023

C. Appointments

C.1	Substitute Food Service Helper:	<b>Debra Krause</b> , effective November 9, 2022
C.2	Teacher Aide	<b>Sayed Ahmad Fardin Ghazanfari</b> to a 52-week probationary Civil Service Appointment, \$14.75 per hour, effective November 15, 2022
C.3	Jr/Sr High School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Michael Amato</b>
C.4	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Karen Clark</b>
C.5	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Debbie Cook</b>
C.6	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Mary Crosley</b>
C.7	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Carin Kopp</b>
C.8	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Brandi Heath</b>
C.9	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Elaine Meyers</b>
C.10	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Paula Ospina</b>
C.11	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Janet Reohr</b>

C.12	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Hannah Richter</b>
C.13	Elementary School and Jr/Sr High School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Rebecca Ruggles</b>
C.14	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Elizabeth Stilwell</b>
C.15	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Margaret (Peg) Tabone</b>
C.16	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Molly Towne</b>
C.17	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Nicole Vroman</b>
C.18	Elementary School Chaperone/Volunteer	<b>Brittany Ward</b>

D. Changes in Employment Status

D.1 Network Administrator: **Greg Hurd**, to a 52-week probationary Civil Service appointment, effective November 1, 2022

E. Co-Curricular Appointments:

E.1	Modified Fitness Team Coach:	<b>Danielle Collier</b> , \$1603.80 ( <i>60% of modified stipend</i> ), effective October 31, 2022
E.2	Head Lifeguard:	<b>Catharine Haight</b> , \$20 per hour, effective November 21, 2022
E.3	Head Lifeguard:	<b>Catherine Murray</b> , \$20 per hour, effective November 21, 2022

8.0 Business Office Reports/Informational Items

A. Treasurer's Report

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the Treasurer's Reports for July, August and September 2022.

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

B. Change Order

RESOLVED that the SCCS Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the Change Order associated with the 2020 Capital Improvement Project listed below.

On a motion by Chris Brozon, seconded by Matt Bennett

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

PC-03	Kuehne Construction Inc.	\$10,091.94 ( <i>out of contingency budget</i> )	Provide all labor, material and equipment to replace well-house piping.
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9.0 Superintendent's Report/Informational Items Superintendent Jensen shared he has toured campus with five architectural firm candidates ahead of the deadline for their Requests for Proposals. David Tinker with the Ferrara Fiorenza law firm will come to help interview candidates. He also extended thanks to Colton Gregg and David Gregg, staff and community members for their

coaching and support of the boys' varsity soccer team. He stated the school district paid for all travel, hotel and food expenses for the team, the coaches and the bus driver.

10.0 Board of Education/Committees

A. Committees:

A.1 Athletics; Matt Bennett, Dave Harvatine, Rachel McCarthy

Met on Friday, October 21, 2022, meeting minutes provided

Met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, meeting minutes provided

A.2 Audit; Chris Brozon, Heather Rejman, Kelsey Rossbach

The committee will meet after the first of the year.

A.3 Budget/Finance; Chris Brozon, Dave Harvatine, Janet Lehman

The committee will meet after the first of the year.

A.4 Directions/Long-Range Education; Matt Bennett, Chris Brozon, Rachel McCarthy

Met tonight at 6:00 pm in the Emily Howland Library.

A.5 Facilities; Dave Harvatine, Janet Lehman, Kelsey Rossbach

Superintendent Jensen mentioned the upcoming deadline for architectural firm Requests for Proposals. Board members mentioned looking at long range projects for the campus.

A.6 Policy; Matt Bennett, Rachel McCarthy, Heather Rejman

Will meet on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the District Office

A.7 Safety/Wellness; Chris Brozon, Janet Lehman

Will meet on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the District Office

A.8 Transportation; Heather Rejman, Kelsey Rossbach

No report.

A.9 Cayuga Onondaga School Boards Association (COSBA) Executive Committee; Dave Wiemann

No report.

11.0 Visitor Recognition; Residents Wishing to Address the Board – none

Board President Kelsey Rossbach read the following statement to meeting attendees:

“Regarding the questions from the October 11, 2022, and October 24, 2022 meetings:

1. The Board of Education was asked to reconsider hall of fame practices to allow athletes from the original local schools (referring to King Ferry, Genoa, and Sherwood) be inducted into the SCCS hall of fame. Since October 11th, the previous research and discussions related to this request were shared with the SCCS Athletic Committee. The SCCS Athletic Committee will discuss the subject at their next meeting, and they will follow up after further discussion.
2. The Board of Education was asked to reconsider the current stance on merged sports. During the October 24th meeting, the Athletic Committee spoke to the following key points regarding athletic merges and the Team of One:
  1. Team of One. The Athletic Committee continues to support requests for Team of One for individual students. Students compete as athletes representing Southern Cayuga, and the Board has already approved a Team of One request for the upcoming season.

2. Recruitment. The Athletic Committee is concerned about recruitment. If we partner with multiple different schools for different sports, or conversations between families and coaches occur insisting on a particular partnership, while denying another partnership that fits better overall, it could be flagged as recruitment. Recruitment violations have consequences.
3. Individual sports. Wrestling is an individual sport which lends itself to competing as a Team of One with another district.
4. To be fair and equitable. If one of our objectives is to be fair and equitable, we need to consider how a merger with no school transportation would discriminate against those who do not have the same privileges/opportunities as those who have come forward to date. This likely will pose the same problem with a Team of One but we see fewer requests for this since it can only be for individual sports that we don't currently have like wrestling. Still an important point to consider.
5. Our Goal. A goal of Southern Cayuga athletics has been to right size our offerings to best support and strengthen the sports that we offer. The idea of merging to allow people to compete in sports that we do not offer conflicts with this goal.”

12.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Dave Harvatine, seconded by Rachel McCarthy, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Motion carried: Yes – 7 No – 0

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Hand, District Clerk