

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on April 21, 2008, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

**School Directors**

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi- **Absent**

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel

Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

Barbara J. Alitto, Special Education Supervisor

David Bitner, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal

Scott Govern, Athletic Director

Joseph Mancuso, III, Principal

Frederick S. Withum, III, Principal

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Jeremy Wallace

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary (Non Member)**

Jeffrey Ammerman

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meeting:

-April 7, 2008

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the following financial reports:

Approval of bills for March 2008. Payment of bills represented by checks #32423 to #32700 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,469,583.45.

Approval of Student Activity Funds – pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, the reports of Student Activity Funds for March 2008, represented by checks #12749 to #12774 inclusive, in the amount of \$13,662.70, are enclosed with the financial report.

Requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLIGIT) for March 2008, represented by checks #11164 to #11170 inclusive, in the amount of \$191,956.86.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves the agenda of April 21, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, to approve all of the following:

The Board adopted new textbooks and instructional tradebooks as recommended by the Education Committee of the Board for the 2008-2009 school year in accordance with Section 24 PS 8-803 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949.

The Board approved the following curriculum as recommended by the Education Committee of the Board.

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### **Art**

- Grade 1 Art
- Grade 2 Art
- Grade 3 Art
- Grade 4 Art
- Grade 5 Art
- Advanced Drawing
- Portfolio
- Cartooning & Illustration
- Painting

### **Counseling**

- Grade 6 Counseling
- Grade 7 Counseling
- Grade 8 Counseling

### **Health, Safety & Phys. Ed.**

- Safety Education
- Kindergarten Physical Education
- Grade 1 Physical Education
- Grade 2 Physical Education

### **Math**

- Kindergarten Math

### **Music**

- Grade 1 Music
- Grade 2 Music
- Grade 3 Music

### **Science**

- Biology
- Honors Biology
- Grade 8 Science

The Board authorized the administration to solicit bids for general supplies, paper, art supplies, industrial arts supplies, science supplies, cafeteria supplies, custodial supplies, audio visual and energy products for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

### **PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

#### Voluntary Transfer

The Board approved the following voluntary transfer of teaching assignment to begin with the 2008-2009 school year:

Mr. Michael MacIvor: From middle level Social Studies teacher to high school Social Studies teacher (due to the retirement of Dennis Minnich).

#### Employment

The Board employed the following professional staff beginning with the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Courtney Monie Semmel  
Position: Social Studies Teacher – YBMS – (Replacing Michael MacIvor)  
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1: \$37,912  
Starting Date: 2008-2009 School Year

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Name: Steven Karloski  
Position: Mathematics Teacher – YBMS – (Replacing Diane Willis)  
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1: \$37,912  
Starting Date: 2008-2009 School Year

### Return from Leave

The Board acknowledged receipt of notification from Mrs. Tara Samuelsen of her intent to return to teaching at the W. G. Rice Elementary School at the first day of the 2008-2009 school year as stipulated in Article VIII Section D of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and SMEA. Mrs. Samuelsen has been on an approved child rearing leave for the 2007-2008 school year.

### **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

#### Resignations/Retirements

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Donna Fuller (Mickie) from the position of Health Aide at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective August 15, 2008 and extends our thanks for 10 years of dedicated service to the students at the Iron Forge Educational Center.

**All of the items in the block motion passed unanimously.**

#### Resignations/Retirements

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Jeffrey Noble, Music teacher at Boiling Springs High School, effective June 6, 2008 and extends our thanks for 40 years of exceptional instruction to the students at Boiling Springs High School.

Board members acknowledged the many contributions Mr. Noble had made to the music programs and indicated that he would be missed greatly.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, that the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Robert Davis, Second Grade teacher at W. G. Rice Elementary, effective June 6, 2008 and extends our thanks for 35 years of exceptional instruction to the children at W. G. Rice Elementary School.

Board members remarked on the methods Mr. Davis uses for bringing reading to life would be for students would be greatly missed.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Education Committee**

Mrs. Knouse indicated the Committee studied textbook requests and the Classrooms for the Future initiative at its latest meeting.

**Capital Area I.U. #15**

Mr. Winters distributed the minutes for the most recent CAIU meeting.

**Capital Area Tax Bureau**

Mr. Winters mentioned the recent presentations by CAPTAX to member municipalities.

**Harrisburg Area Community College**

Mr. Berk reported he submitted the District's "yes" vote on the HACC budget.

**Legislative Report**

Mr. Berk said he attended the recent PSBA County Legislative meeting.

**Public Relations Committee**

Mr. Berk encouraged submissions of photos to the District's website.

**Recreation and Parks Report**

Mr. Fay mentioned that trees were coming to the Township parks.

**South Middleton Township**

Mr. Juliana said Supervisors were happy that lines of communication were opening up between the School Board and the Township.

**Technology Committee**

Mr. Juliana said the Committee reviewed the Technology Report for Montgomery County IU. He said the Committee supported a new position for integrating technology into the curriculum.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Jim Baker mentioned news stories about artificial turf that contained lead. He wanted to make sure that the turf the District was considering did not contain lead.

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### **2008-09 GENERAL FUND BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Ammerman made a presentation to the Board on the 2008-09 General Fund Budget. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. The Budget contained a 1.9% real estate millage rate increase and no changes in any other tax rates.

Mr. Ammerman reviewed some of the significant cost changes. Most were related to salaries and benefits. One new position was recommended for 2008-09, a Director of Technology. Mr. Juliana explained the discussion held by the Technology Committee in making the recommendation. The thought was that a great deal of money has been spent on having the proper technology in place. To protect that investment, it was recommended to hire somebody to serve as the link between software, hardware, and curriculum.

Mr. Winters asked if there has been a study showing that increased spending on technology led to better test results. Dr. Sanker indicated that student achievement is influenced by many different factors.

Mr. Slifko inquired about the \$70,000 line item in the proposed budget for smartboards and projectors. Dr. Tippett indicated that this would come close to fully equipping the Middle School with those items. Other Board members asked if it might be possible to expand this line item to include purchases for other buildings.

Mr. Ammerman said the budget discussion would continue at the next meeting with presentations by Mr. Zook and Mr. Barrick.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Berk and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman  
Board Secretary