

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on June 2, 2008, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin- **Absent**

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

Barbara Alitto, Special Education Supervisor

David Boley, Assistant Principal

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Joseph Mancuso, III, Principal

Frederick S. Withum, III, Principal

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey Ammerman

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dean Clepper Recognition

The Honorable Patricia H. Vance, PA State Senator – 31st District, recognized Dean Clepper upon his retirement and for his many years of service in education. She presented him with a citation from the Pennsylvania Senate acknowledging his accomplishments.

Mr. Clepper thanked Senator Vance and the Board for the honor and for the day of recognition held earlier. He felt that he was able to give back to the community by being a principal in his hometown. He felt that he was lucky to have worked with good Boards, administrators, faculty, parents, and children.

Dr. Sanker mentioned that the Bulletin Board in the back of the Board Room was designed especially for Mr. Clepper by the Rice third grade art students and encouraged Mr. Clepper to look at the drawings in the near future.

Mr. Clepper introduced his family.

Robert Winters Recognition

The Honorable Patricia H. Vance, PA State Senator – 31st District, recognized Robert Winters upon his retirement and for his fifty years of service in education. She presented him with a citation from the Pennsylvania Senate acknowledging his accomplishments as a teacher, administrator, and Board member.

Mr. Winters said that it did not feel like fifty years and that he did it primarily for the children. He introduced his family and gave a heartfelt thanks to all who played a part in his recognition.

Richard Falk Recognition

Mr. Fred Matz recognized Richard M. Falk as the 2008 Recipient of the Charles L. and Marian B. Matz Superior Teaching Award. Mr. Matz listed the many accomplishments that Mr. Falk had throughout his career. Mr. Falk thanked the Matz family for having the award because he felt he worked with a great team of teachers now and throughout the years. He said he has always loved teaching and coaching. Mr. Falk introduced family members and thanked his current and former students for coming to the meeting.

Student Representative to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder, 2008-2009 Student Representative to the Board, was introduced by Mr. Mancuso.

The Board took a short recess at 7:30 p.m. and resumed Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-May 19, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the agenda of June 2, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board approved the appointment of Brendan D. VanGorder as Student Representative to the Board for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years.

The Board set the Farmstead Exclusion at an amount equal to the Homestead Exclusion.

The Board approved the South Middleton School District's acceptance of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education, under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title I Improving Basic Programs monies for the 2008-09 school year. The anticipated grant amount is \$85,308.

The Board approved the South Middleton School District's acceptance of a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education, under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title II, Part A Improving Teacher Quality monies for the 2008-09 school year. The anticipated grant amount is \$40,251.

The Board approved the South Middleton School District to enter into a consortium with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 to accept a Safe and Drug Free schools grant for the 2008-09 school year. The anticipated grant amount is \$3,247.

The Board approved the South Middleton School District's acceptance of an Accountability Block grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education for the 2008-09 school year. The anticipated grant amount is \$237,153.

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The Board approved the South Middleton School District's acceptance of the Classrooms for the Future grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education for the 2008-09 school year. The anticipated grant amount is \$251,327.

The Board approved the South Middleton School District's acceptance of a School Challenge grant from Highmark Blue Shield for the 2008-09 school year. The anticipated grant amount is \$10,000, and will be used to purchase equipment for the high school's Outdoor Education program.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Leave Request

The Board approved the request of Tracy Mersch, English teacher at Boiling Springs High School, for a childrearing leave of absence beginning August 20, 2008, through October 29, 2008, returning on October 30, 2008, as per Article III, Section D of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middle Education Association.

Resignation/Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Susan Stada, Grade 4 teacher at Iron Forge Educational Center, effective August 13, 2008, and extends our thanks for 19 years of exceptional instruction to the children of the District.

Employment - Administrative

The Board employed the following as an Assistant Principal at W.G. Rice Elementary School

Name: Ms. Shelly J. Lappi
Starting Date: 2008-2009 School Year (210 day position)
Salary: \$67,000

Employment - Professional

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

Name: Nancy Hagerty
Position: LTS – Reading Specialist – IFEC (Replacing Hannah Sollenberger for the 2008-2009 school year)
Salary: \$38,312 – Masters Degree, Step 1

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Extra Duty

The Board employed the following extra duty athletic position:

Name	Position	Step	Units	Sal.
Rajca, Joshua	Assist. Track Coach	1	15	\$1,860

Summer Academy

The Board employed the following Summer Academy Staff for the Summer 2008 at a salary of \$31.00/hr.

Name	Position
Birsch, Ellen	Co-Director
Caldwell, Kelly	Co-Director
Long, Vanessa	Instructor
Miller, Shannon	Instructor
Deck, Susan	Instructor
Samuelson, Tara	Instructor
Snyder, Tammy	Instructor
Sunderland, Kimberly	Instructor

Pre-K Summer Camp

The Board employed the following Pre-K Summer Camp Staff for the Summer of 2008 at a salary of \$31.00/hr.

Name	Position
Case, Amy	Instructor
Kuhn, Stephanie	Instructor

Employment – Professional

The Board employed the following professional staff at the start of the 2008-2009 school year:

Name:	Kyle Watkins
Position:	Business and Computer Education Teacher - YBMS
Starting Date:	2008/2009 School Year
Salary:	\$39,011 – Masters Degree, Step 2

Resignation – Classified

The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Lori Boley as a Special Education Aide at the Iron Forge Educational Center effective June 5, 2008.

All of the items in the block motion passed unanimously.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Jim Baker mentioned a duck rescue that took place earlier in the day in the Oaks development.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and a Personnel item at 8:35 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman
Board Secretary