

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on October 20, 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 7:25 p.m. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Senator Jim Rhoades, an advocate for public education.

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

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

David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal – BSHS

Scott Govern, Athletic Director - BSHS

Shelly Lappi, Assistant Principal - Rice

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Dr. Fred Withum, Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder - **Absent**

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Business Manager/Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-October 6, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed as follows:

Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mr. Juliana:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	Abstain
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes		
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes		

Yes – 8, No – 0 , 1 - Abstain

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to approve the following:

August

- 6.1 The Board approved the Bills for August 2008 – Payment of bills represented by checks #33878 to #34102 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,037,863.95.
- 6.2 The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, for August 2008, represented by checks #12919 to #12925 inclusive, in the amount of \$3,650.00, are enclosed with the financial report.
- 6.3 The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for August 2008, represented by checks #11177 to #11181 inclusive, in the amount of \$204,017.48.

September

- 6.4 The Board approved the Bills for September 2008 – Payment of bills represented by checks #34087 to #34408 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,531,885.13.
- 6.5 The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, for September 2008, represented by checks #12926 to #12946 inclusive, in the amount of \$11,273.09, are enclosed with the financial report.
- 6.6 The Board approved Requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for September 2008, represented by check #22111 in the amount of \$37,876.68.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. James Baker informed the Board and public that the Township was willing to assist the Yellow Breeches Middle School, in whatever way possible, in the annual American Diabetes Walk/Fundraiser event scheduled for May 2009. Mr. Baker also reported that walking trail plans have been developed for a trail from Churchtown to Boiling Springs.

Mr. Thomas Merlie spoke in support of the motions before the Board of School Directors concerning the Ecker Field renovations.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Sanker reminded the Board of School Directors that the annual Veteran's Day Breakfast is scheduled for November 7, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. She also noted that Wednesday, October 22, 2008, is a half day for students. Dr. Sanker also commented on the Board Room Bulletin Board display prepared by students of the Iron Forge Educational Center, featuring their fundraising efforts for the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Tippett noted the Boiling Springs Quiz Bowl team competed on Brain Busters this season. The program will be airing on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. on WGAL.

Dr. Withum mentioned that the 8th grade students were taking a field trip to the Ashland Coal Mine. Mrs. Adams reported the 4th grade students were taking a field trip to the Landisville Valley Museum and the annual Halloween Party, sponsored by the PTO, is scheduled for October 28th. Mr. Mancuso spoke about the Veteran's Day Breakfast, sponsored by the Interact Club, scheduled for November 7, 2008, and Mr. Boley announced that W.G. Rice's annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 31, 2008. Mr. Govern, Athletic Director, congratulated the Cross Country team for an undefeated season. Ms. Williams, Director of Instructional Technology, reported Affinity Group will be providing a study on the school district's broadband width and a report will be received from the company on October 27, 2008.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 8, 2008, from the Department of Education, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, indicating that the Performance Audit Report for South Middleton School District for the years ended June 30, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 is in compliance with the Management Directive 325.10 and other relevant Commonwealth policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the agenda of October 20, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$513,609 to Stadium solutions as part of the Pennsylvania COSTARS purchasing program. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi to authorize the Administration to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$996,885.52 to Fieldturf Tarkett as part of the Pennsylvania COSTARS purchasing program. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mr. Juliana:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes		
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No		

8 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 - Abstention

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi to approve the Letter of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) for the CAIU to provide remedial reading instructional services in accordance with the Title 1 Reading Program at St. Patrick's School in Carlisle. This Agreement shall commence on October 20, 2008, and terminate on June 30, 2009. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Motion made by Mr. Berk and seconded by Mrs. Knouse to authorize the Administration to enter into a staffing agreement with AndVenture, Inc., d/b/a/ Links 2 Care, Inc., to provide a nurse's aide for one-on-one care for a special needs student at the rate of \$28/hr. (Costs will be underwritten by IDEA grant.) **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

EMPLOYMENT

GUEST TEACHER

11.6.1 The Board employed the following substitute teachers under the Guest Teacher Program for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Sheryl Baade
Interests: General Science, Math, Social Studies

Name: Kelly Spasic
Interests: Elementary

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Name: Brad Kubisiak
Interests: English, General Science, Health/PE, Social Studies

EXTRA DUTY

11.6.2 The Board employed the following extra duty co-curricular positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Long, Amanda	*Interact Co-Advisor	\$396
Storrick, Christopher	**Interact Co-Advisor	396

*First Semester Only

**Second Semester Only

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11.6.5 The Board employed the following substitute special education aide for the 2008-2009 school year beginning October 21, 2008.

Name: Kathleen MacKenzie
Position: Substitute Special Education Aide
Pay Rate: \$9.17/hr.

RESIGNATION

11.6.6 The Board accepted the resignation of Donna Spoonhour, from the position of part-time Crossing Guard, effective immediately.

EMPLOYMENT

11.6.7 The Board employed the following part-time Crossing Guards for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Robert Brown
Rate: \$13.60/hr.
Starting Date: 10/21/2008

Name: Christine Hedrick
Rate: \$13.60/hr.
Starting Date: 10/21/2008

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr Slifko to approve the following extra duty athletic positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name	Position	Step	Exp.	Units	Salary	Long.	Total
Eck, Abbey	Jr. High Cheer. 8 th Grade Girls'	1	-	8	1,056	-	\$1,056
Kinner, Kari	Basketball	2	1	16	2,112	-	2,112
Bolyard, Alan	Var. Assist. Football	7	6	19	2,508	200	2,708

The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko stated that the committee reviewed the approved renovations and turf for Ecker Field. The committee also reviewed tree cutting plans throughout the district and replacement of the air conditioning and gym ceiling and Iron Forge Educational Center.

Education Committee – No Report

Capital Area Intermediate Unit

Mr. Winters stated that copies of the CAIU Board highlights were distributed to the Board this evening. The Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) program has facility needs and it is proposed to relocate the CASA program to Strawberry Square. The CAIU Board will take action on the proposal at their October 23rd meeting.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Berk attended the meeting for Mr. Winters and CAPTAX continues to work on updating their technology and website. The Executive Director search is also continuing and a new director will be selected by January 2009.

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School – No Report

Legislative Report

Mr. Berk distributed legislative information packets to all Board members. He obtained this information at the recent PSBA Conference in Hershey, PA.

Recreation and Parks Report

Mr. Fay stated he did not have a report. The meeting was postponed because of Halloween Parade. Next meeting scheduled for October 23, 2008.

South Middleton Township

Mr. Juliana reported a luncheon meeting has been scheduled for November 12, 2008.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Brad Schaufert, Student Representative to the Board, reported that Amanda Lee has been nominated for the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. Erica

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Spicer has been nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program, and Jane Riddle has been nominated for the Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program. He also spoke about the S.A.D.D. Club members attending a Youth Rally against underage drinking on October 7th in Harrisburg, PA.

Mr. Berk commented that Mrs. Kunkel's 5th grade class was featured on NPR radio broadcast on October 7, 2008. He also noted that with the Township facility under construction there may be more requests to use our facilities. He commended his fellow Board members on the good discussion this evening, and a Policy Committee meeting needs to be scheduled.

Mr. Clepper commented on the need for audio equipment for the Board Room, and he also stated he had the opportunity to observe a 6th grade social studies class. He complimented the students and the excellent questions they asked during his visit.

Mr. Fay welcomed Mr. Clepper to the Board. He also thanked Mr. Group and Mr. Strawley for their work as Assistant Band Directors during the marching season. Mr. Fay also invited Board members to the David E. Baker Music Scholarship Trust on November 2, 2008 at Allenberry.

Mr. Slifko requested student counts for those students who are residents of the district and are enrolled in cyber schools, charter schools, non-public schools, or are registered as home education students.

Ms. Martin commented on the excellent workshops held at the recent PSBA conference.

Mrs. Knouse indicated that the enrollment of students from the Army War College may decrease due to the new housing made available on the post. She also asked administrators to keep in mind the cost of field trips to parents.

Mr. Winters thanked everyone for their phone calls, cards and good wishes during the recovery from his recent accident. He also commented that 16 out of the 24 school districts within the CAIU only hold one school board meeting per month, and perhaps the Board could consider the option of only meeting one time per month.

Mr. Juliana commented on the excellent PSBA conference he recently attended.

Mrs. Cappozzi complimented the Board on their effective communication and would like to see an updated financial picture of the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40 p.m., the Board took a recess, and then went into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters beginning at 8:50 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 10:15 p.m. and it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary