

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on February 17, 2009, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Ms. Pamela Martin, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Derek Clepper

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Mr. Mark Juliana

Ms. Pam Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-February 2, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Baker reported on the Yellow Breeches Middle School 7th grade project supporting U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and sending care packages. He collected donations for the project.

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

Dr. Sanker spoke about the successful seasons for girls' and boys' basketball and that three wrestlers have advanced in district competition. She also provided an update on the stadium construction project.

Dr. Tippett reported that the classroll software is now operational. PSSA writing tests have been completed. She also spoke about the recently held children's literature workshop and the PETE & C technology conference.

Mr. Vensel provided updated information on the state budget.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board approved the agenda of February 17, 2009, with all corrections as indicated.

The Board agreed to reimburse School Director Mark Juliana for attending the Pennsylvania Educational Technology and Expo Conference in Hershey, PA on February 8-11, 2009, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$200.00.

The Board approved a field trip request for Mr. Kent Kenyon to take the Boiling Springs High School band to participate in a music festival in Myrtle Beach, SC, from Thursday, April 2, 2009, through Sunday, April 5, 2009.

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The Board approved authorizing ELA Sports to submit land development plans and all other documentation necessary for the South Middleton School District to proceed with the Phase II plans as presented to the Facilities Committee on February 2, 2009.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL - EMPLOYMENT

Substitute Teachers

The Board employed the following substitute teachers:

Name: Megan Rundle
Certification: Elementary

Name: Heather McMahon
Certification: Elementary

Name: Cynthia Landwehr
Certification: Elementary

Name: Lisa Moore
Certification: Elementary

Guest Teacher

The Board approved the following substitute teacher under the Guest Teacher Program operated by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15.

Name: Leandra Young
Interests: Biology, Chemistry, General Science, Health/PE, Physics, Marketing, Math

Long-Term Substitute

The Board employed the following long-term substitute:

Name: Robert Dutrey
Certification: Social Studies
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$37,912 (pro-rated)
Position: Social Studies Teacher – BSHS - LTS
(Replacing Marc Thorne until permanent replacement is hired – from 12/22/08 through approximately 4/20/09).

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Full-Time Professional Employee

The Board employed the following professional employee:

Name:	Jennifer Chamberlin
Certification:	Social Studies
Position:	Full-Time Social Studies Teacher – BSHS (Replacing Marc Thorne)
Salary:	\$45,774, Masters, Step10 – (pro-rated)
Starting Date:	Approximately April 20, 2009

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko reported that the Facilities Committee met on February 2, 2009, and reviewed the revised pool standards and authorized the administration to make sure the school district is in compliance with the standards, and reviewed phase 2 of the field project.

Education Committee

Mrs. Knouse reported that the Education Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the updated planned courses of study, and received an update on the technology plan.

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk to approve the purchase of three mini mobile computer labs for W.G. Rice Elementary School at a not-to-exceed cost of \$50,000, with the funds for the purchase of the lab to be used from the budgetary reserve account. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15

Mr. Winters referred the Board to the minutes/highlights provided in the Board packets.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

No Report – Mr. Vensel reported that he was elected to the Executive Council.

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School

Mr. Juliana referred the Board to the summary included in the Board packets.

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Legislative Report

Mr. Berk reported that there would be a Spring Legislative Meeting of school directors of Cumberland County on March 25, 2009. The meeting will be a dialogue between school directors and legislators concerning the Governor's proposed budget and priority educational issues.

Recreation and Parks Report

No Report

South Middleton Township

Permit fees for the South Middleton School District field project were waived.

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

Brendan VanGorder spoke about the PSSA testing at the high school.

Mr. Clepper complimented Ms. Williams on her technology presentation.

Mr. Berk commented that the PETE & C technology conference was very good.

Mr. Fay thanked Ms. Williams for her technology presentation.

Mr. Slifko commented on the School to Watch program.

Ms. Martin reminded the Board to submit committee goals to her.

Mrs. Knouse also spoke about board goals.

Mr. Winters thanked Ms. Williams for her update to the Board about the technology plan.

Mr. Juliana spoke about the PETE & C conference and encouraged board members to participate in this conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary