

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on March 7, 2011, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Derek Clepper

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Boley, Principal - Rice

David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal - BSHS

Shelly Lappi, Assistant Principal - Rice

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Educational Technology

Student Representatives to the Board

Molly Dowling

Anthony Kallhoff - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

PSBA representatives, Curtis Alleman and Katherine Fitz-Patrick, thanked the Board of School Directors and the Administration for their continued membership with PSBA. They reviewed the programs and services PSBA has to offer.

Mrs. Mary Rodman, Vocational Director of the Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech School, introduced two South Middleton School District students, Austine Shughart and Kaitlyn Bender, Graphic Arts students at the Vo-Tech School. Both students spoke about the program they were enrolled in at the school.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meetings:

- February 22, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting
- February 23, 2011 – Special Board Workshop

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker spoke about the bulletin board display in the Board Room. It was prepared by the Art Department for Youth Art Month. She also commented that the Governor's budget would be released tomorrow. Spring sport practices started today. Dr. Sanker also congratulated the middle school on the recent spring drama production.

Dr. Tippett reported that PSSA testing would begin next week. She also spoke about the recent Language Arts dinner that was held.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated February 23, 2011, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, acknowledging receipt of the resolution and proposed tax rates for the 2011-2012 school year submitted by the District. The letter is official notification that the rate of increase for all proposed taxes is less than or equal to the school district's index.

TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the agenda of March 7, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the submission of PlanCon K for the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the agreement between Crabtree Rohrbaugh and the South Middleton School District to provide a feasibility study for the District at a cost of \$12,000. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves a five (5) year contract with CenturyLink for the purpose of providing local telephone service at \$375/month. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that all of the following be approved in a block motion:

The Board approved a month-to-month contract with CenturyLink for the purpose of providing long distance telephone service at a flat rate of two (2) cents per minute for the first 5,000 minutes and four (4) cents per minute for minutes exceeding 5,000.

The Board approved a five (5) year contract with Century Link for the purpose of providing voice and data connectivity service (100 MBPS Ethernet circuit) between the main campus and W.G. Rice Elementary School at \$1,950/month.

The Board approved an agreement with Fibercom, Inc., for the installation of a new district-wide telephone system for \$109,990, subject to the solicitor's review of the contract.

The Board approved the Coalition Involvement Agreement (CIA) between the Cumberland-Perry Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the South Middleton School District.

The Board approved the agreement with the Horace Mann Company to administer Section 125 benefits for the District at an initial start-up cost not-to-exceed \$500.

The Board established the Summer School teacher compensation to be \$24.00/hr. for the 2011 Summer School Program as per Article XVI – Extra Curricular Activities – of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middleton Education Association.

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PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

EMPLOYMENT – Short-Term Substitute

The Board employed the following short-term substitute teacher:

Name: Amy Spears
Address: 320 Cranes Gap Road
Carlisle, PA
Certification: Elementary
Position: 4th Grade – IFEC – From approximately 4/11
through the end of the 2010-2011 school year –
(Replacing Jenny Schmidt)
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$40,393 (pro-rated)

EMPLOYMENT – Substitutes

The Board added the following substitutes for the 2010-2011 school year at \$95.00/day:

Name: Dean Reed
Address: 411 Alison Avenue
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Certification: Elementary, Principal

Name: Scott Bryson
Address: 3 Abbey Hill Rd.
Camp Hill, PA
Certification: Elementary

EXTRA DUTY - Drama

The Board approved the following drama conductor for the 2011 BSHS Spring Musical.

Gregory Athanatos - \$799.00

VOLUNTEERS – Coaches

The Board approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2010-2011 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Piccolo, Ed	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
Breon, John	Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
McDowell, Lisa	Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach
Anthony, Laura	Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach

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Frank, Adam	Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach
Hench, Greg	Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach
Karloski, Steve	Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach

CLASSIFIED

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Gail Boggess, from the position of Special Education Aide at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective June 2, 2011.

Employment

The Board employed the following classified personnel:

Name:	Tara Young
Address:	103 Schoolfield Drive Carlisle, PA
Position:	Short-Term Aquatics Aide – From approximately 3/11/11 through the end of the 2010-2011 school year – (Replacing Natalie Lebo)
Certification:	CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding & Certified Physical Education teacher
Salary:	\$95.00/day

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Molly Dowling, Student Representative, updated the Board on the SADD Club, the wrestling and swimming athletes moving on to States competition, and a Dodge Ball Tournament, raising money for the Special Needs Prom.

Mr. Hayes thanked the Technology Committee for their hard work and preparation for the meeting held earlier this evening.

Mr. Clepper commented on his recent experience in working with one of Mr. Cunningham's business classes.

Mr. Fay thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting.

Ms. Martin commented about the recent World Language Week activities.

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Mr. Winters thanked Mr. Hayes for the technology budget information. He also thanked Mrs. Mary Rodman, Director of Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech School for her attendance at the meeting this evening. He requested information on student retention.

Mr. Merlie thanked Mr. Hayes for the good Technology Committee meeting held earlier this evening. He also commented about the World Language dinner held recently.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary