

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on May 16, 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

Shelly Lappi, Assistant Principal – Rice

Joseph Mancuso, Principal - BSHS

Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Frederick Withum, Principal - YBMS

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Molly Dowling

Anthony Kallhoff

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Richard R. Vensel

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

## **INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse, President of the Board of School Directors, recognized and thanked Molly Dowling for serving as a student representative to the Board for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Fetterolf and Mr. Jarrett, Advisors for the Technology Students Association (TSA) introduced the President, Will Kacsur and Vice President, Victoria Fulfer of the TSA. They made a presentation to the Board.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

-May 2, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay that the Board approves the Financial Report for April 2011 as follows:

### **April 2011**

The Board approved the bills for April 2011 – Payment of bills represented by checks #42954 to #43227 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,621,503.22.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for the month of April 2011 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #13828 to #13853 inclusive, in the amount of \$17,705.58 and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for April 2011, represented by check #22234 to #22241, in the amount of \$70,447.63.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Carrie Pruitt Fisher, Mr. Michael Berk, and Mrs. Rob commented before the Board of School Directors and the public about the Special Interest Program. They are in support of the program and would like to see it continue.

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

Dr. Sanker spoke about the bulletin board that was prepared by art students at the W.G. Rice Elementary School. Dr. Sanker thanked the Board members for their attendance at many of the spring events, concerts and programs held in the District.

Dr. Tippett commented that Federal Grant Funds are still forthcoming. She also thanked Barbara Alitto for her years of service to the District.

Mr. Vensel also thanked Barbara Alitto for her service to the District.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter dated May 3, 2011, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, indicating that the Title I, Title II Part A, Title III (if applicable) and the Fiscal Requirements are in complete compliance with the current statute, regulations, and guidance release by the United States Department of Education.

**TOPIC DISCUSSIONS – Continued Discussion of the Proposed 2011-12 General Fund Budget**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to approve the agenda (with addendum) of May 16, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board appointed Mr. Paul Slifko as Board Treasurer for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board took action to authorize the necessary budgetary transfers to close the 2010-2011 school year and to authorize payment of all additional invoices pertaining to the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board approved the Second (Final) Reading of the following Board Policies:

- Policy 213 – Assessment of Student Progress (Revised)
- Policy 216/216.1 – Student Records (Revised)
- Policy 620 – Fund Balance (New)
- Policy 917 – Parent Involvement (Revised)

The Board approved the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement between River Rock Academy and the South Middleton School District for ten (10) seats for the 2011-2012 school year. Six (6) seats will be at the Shiremanstown school and four seats at the Carlisle school. The total cost to the District is \$214,230.00.

The Board approved a one year contract agreement with the Yellow Breeches Middle School Educational Center, Inc., to operate a special education experiential learning

program. This program provides a full-time emotional support educational program to secondary age South Middleton School District students in need of this type of program. The contract agreement is for five (5) students to attend the program at a per student rate of \$24,000.00 per student. Every five (5) purchased slots earns one (1) free slot for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board approved the contract agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for special education services during the 2011-2012 school year. The contract agreement includes orientation/mobility training, vocational training for life skills students and audiology service. The contract total is \$17,788.00 payable in quarterly installments, beginning July 15, 2011.

The Board authorized the Principal of the W.G. Rice Elementary School to complete the necessary scheduling and release arrangements to permit the Cumberland County Area Bible Club to conduct a released time religious instruction program off-campus for the third grade students for one hour a week during the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board approved the athletic schedule for the 2011-2012 school year (see attachment).

## **PERSONNEL**

The Board approved the following personnel items:

### **Administration – Employment**

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Connie M. Connolly  
Position: Director of Special Education  
(Replacing Barbara Alitto)  
Salary: \$101,000  
Starting Date: July 1, 2011

### **Professional - Retirement**

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Janet Hoffman, from the position of 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. (35 years of service)

### **Professional – Employment - Substitute**

The Board added the following substitute teacher to the 2010-2011 sub list at \$95.00/hr.

Name: Tracie Coon-Dellinger  
Certification: Elementary

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The Board approved the adoption of the proposed textbooks for the 2011-2012 school year as recommended by the Education Committee.

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

**Art**

Cartooning  
Drawing I  
Foundations of Art  
Photography I  
Photography II  
Studio Art

**Health/PE**

Grade 1 Physical Ed.  
Grade 2 Physical Ed.  
Grade 3 Physical Ed.  
Grade 6 Fitness  
Grade 6 Health  
Grade 7 Fitness  
Grade 7 Health

Grade 8 Fitness  
Grade 8 Health  
Health 9  
Gr. 9 Phys. Ed.  
Gr. 10 Phys. Ed.  
Gr. 11/12 Phys. Ed.

**Music**

Grade 1 Music  
Grade 2 Music  
Grade 3 Music  
Vocal Training

**Technology Education**

Graphic Communications I  
Graphic Communications II  
Engineering Strategies

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School**

Mr. Winters reported that contract agreement with teachers has been reached.

**Capital Area Tax Bureau**

Mr. Vensel reported that discussion continues regarding equity distribution.

**Education Committee**

The Education Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed textbooks the Yellow Breeches Mastery Program and curriculum.

**Facilities Committee - No Report**

**PSBA Legislative Report**

Mr. Fay and Ms. Martin attended the Legislative Update meeting.

**Recreation and Parks Report**

Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday.

**South Middleton Township – No Report**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Meredith Rauhut addressed the Board about the 2011-2012 budget, to preserve programs, and to raise taxes.

Mr. Hall inquired about discussion with teachers for a salary freeze.

Mrs. Yanity spoke about her desire to keep current programs and to raise taxes.

Mrs. Migatulski commented that the school district has good programs, and is in support of raising taxes.

Mrs. Rob commented on ways to reduce costs by looking at the cafeteria services, cancelling field trips and energy saving costs.

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

Anthony Kallhoff, student representative to the Board, reported on the picnics held by various clubs, the AP testing was complete and the Apollo Awards Banquet.

Molly Dowling, student representative to the Board, commented on the recent Prom and the track and field students that qualified for districts.

Mr. Hayes welcomed the new Director of Special Education, Mrs. Connie Connelly, complimented the TSA presentation and thanked Mr. Vensel for his work on the 2011-2012 budget.

Mr. Clepper welcomed Mrs. Connelly and thanked the Administration for the budget presentations.

Mr. Fay also welcomed Mrs. Connelly, thanked the Administration for the budget presentations and acknowledged Mr. Winters for his hard work on the budget. He also thanked the parents in the audience for their comments and attendance at this evening's meeting.

Mr. Slifko welcomed Mrs. Connelly and thanked Mr. Vensel for his budget preparation work.

Mr. Merlie welcomed Mrs. Connelly, and he thanked the parents for attending the Board meeting. He also thanked Mr. Vensel for his work on the budget.

Mrs. Capozzi commented on the recent May Fair at W.G. Rice Elementary School. She also welcomed Mrs. Connelly.

Mr. Winters welcomed Mrs. Connelly. He also reported on the fascia that needs to be repaired by the high school weight room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 9:12 p.m. The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Sifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary