

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on January 9, 2012, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, 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. Steven Bear
Mr. Michael Berk
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin
Mr. Thomas Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assist. Superintendent
Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC
David Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Connie Connolly – Director of Spec. Ed.
Mark Correll, Assist. Principal – BSHS
Scott Govern, Athletic Director
Shelly Lappi, Assist. Principal - Rice
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Tech.
Frederick Withum, Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives

Anthony Kallhoff
Kathryn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

The month of January is PSBA School Board Recognition month. Dr. Sanker distributed a certificate to each board member, recognizing them for their voluntary service to the Board of School Directors in South Middleton School District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the minutes, as amended, from the following meeting:

-December 20, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker reminded Board members that the Board photo would be taken at the next board meeting. She also discussed moving to a paperless board meeting which is scheduled to begin on January 23, 2012.

Dr. Tippett thanked the Board members for their voluntary service to the school district and she commented on the in-service day for teachers scheduled for January 16, 2012.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated December 15, 2011, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that South Middleton School District has made AYP status for 2011.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Vensel made a presentation to update Board members on the boundary line dispute, involving South Middleton Township.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to approve the agenda of January 9, 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

The Board approved the 2012 Board of School Directors Committee and Regular Board Meeting dates.

The Board designated the *Carlisle Sentinel* and the *Harrisburg Patriot News* as the newspapers of general circulation for the District for 2012.

The Board approved the listing of Seniors, as presented by the High School Principal, as candidates for graduation in June 2012 upon meeting the graduation requirements as established and adopted by the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors in compliance with the Commonwealth's guidelines.

The Board authorized the Administration to open a checking account at PNC Bank in conjunction with the issuance of Visa Procurement Cards.

The Board approved the recommendation to retain James Flowers, Esquire, of Flowers Law, LLC, at a rate of \$125/hr., plus out-of-pocket costs, to ask the court to determine whether the school districts that are being required to withdraw from the Capital Tax Collection Bureau are entitled to a distribution of any assets of the Bureau. All costs, including out-of-pocket costs, will be split equally between Big Spring School District, Carlisle School District, and South Middleton School District. Costs in excess of \$5,000 for South Middleton School District will require additional authorization by the Board of School Directors. Regular updates to the Board on the progress are required.

The Board authorized the Administration to advertise and sell the BSHS used band uniforms through the website, Marchinglinks.com.

The Board approved Mr. Thomas Templeton, Assistant Executive Director of PSBA, to facilitate a retreat for the Board on January 14, 2012, in Carlisle, PA. (snow date: January 21, 2012). Total cost: \$850.

The Board approved the Capital Tax Collection Bureau as the delinquent earned income tax collector for 2011 and prior tax years.

The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Winters abstaining only on the approval of Mr. Templeton from PSBA to facilitate a retreat for the Board.

Mr. Berk made a motion, with regret, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, with sadness, that the Board accepts the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Dr. Sandra J. Tippett, from the position of Assistant Superintendent, effective approximately July 6, 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

EMPLOYMENT – Substitute Teachers

That the Board approves adding the following individuals to the substitute teacher list for the 2011-2012 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Bennett Miller
Certification: Elementary

Name: Courtney Lobaugh
Certification: Elementary

EXTRA DUTY – Athletics

That the Board approves the following extra duty athletic positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	Position	Units	Step	Exp.	Salary	Long.	Total
Dieter, Patrick	Head Boys Basketball	34	29	28	\$ 4,726	\$ 400	\$ 5,126
Wright, Rodney	Head Wrestling Coach	34	11	10	\$ 4,726	\$ 200	\$ 4,926
Spisak, Kim	Head Field Hockey	26	19	18	\$ 3,614	\$ 400	\$ 4,014

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Childrearing

That the Board approves a request from Rachel Zilbering, math teacher at the Boiling Springs High School, for a childrearing leave of absence, beginning on or about April 13, 2012, through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Winters voting “no” only on the extra duty athletic positions.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Kathryn Webber, student representative to the Board, reported that the first semester is ending, and students are preparing for finals. The Student Council food drive is complete and 28 families were supplied with food gifts. She also spoke about the Academics Letter Ceremony.

Anthony Kallhoff, student representative to the Board, reported on the Quiz Bowl status, that the high school musical rehearsals are underway, and the Honors English class has a field trip scheduled to Washington, D.C.

All of the Board members expressed their deep sadness and regret at the retirement of Dr. Sandra Tippet, from the position of Assistant Superintendent. However, all of them wished her well and congratulated her on her impending retirement.

Mr. Merlie commented about the wonderful Boiling Springs High School Academic Letter ceremony.

Mr. Slifko commented on Meredith Speakman’s success in cross country at the state and national levels.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. The Board resumed the Regular Session at 9:41 p.m. Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary