

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on April 2, 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 – arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin – arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Connie Connelly – Director of Special Education

Scott Govern – Athletic Director

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Tech.

Frederick Withum, Principal - YBMS

**Student Representatives**

Anthony Kallhoff

Kathryn Webber - **Absent**

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Richard R. Vensel

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare

## INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Coach Rodney Wright introduced the individual wrestling team members, Korbin Myers and Logan Murphy, who won individual medals at the PIAA wrestling tournament. Korbin Myers placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 106 weight class, and Logan Murphy placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the 195 weight class.

Coach Matthew Brenner introduced the individual swimming team members, Jessica Burkett, Elisha Hallett, Shane Hallett, Emily Thompson and Kathryn Webber who won medals in swimming at the PIAA State Swimming Competition at Bucknell University.

Jessica Burkett, 200 inter., 3<sup>rd</sup> place; 500 free. 8<sup>th</sup> place; 400 free. relay, 7<sup>th</sup> place  
Elisha Hallett, 400 free. relay, 7<sup>th</sup> place  
Shane Hallett, 100 breaststroke, 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Emily Thompson, 400, free. relay, 7<sup>th</sup> place  
Kathryn Webber, 100 breaststroke, 4<sup>th</sup> place; 400 free. relay, 7<sup>th</sup> place

Mrs. Alberta Norton, World Language Department Chair, spoke about the recent PEP award the World Language Department received. Mrs. Norton introduced two of the District's World Language teachers who were in the audience, Ms. Amy Necci and Mr. Michael Bogdan.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meeting, as amended.

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**The motion passed unanimously.**

## CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker reported on the recent success of the middle school musical, *Annie, Jr.* Spring break begins tomorrow for grades K-8, and all grades will be on spring break, beginning April 4, 2012. Dr. Sanker also reported on the upcoming middle school and high school band concerts that are scheduled at the end of April.

Mr. Vensel noted that the resolution for the Real Estate Tax Universal Installment Payment Plan has been amended. He also reminder board members that the South Middleton Township will have a public meeting regarding the boundary line issue. The meeting is scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**TOPIC DISCUSSIONS**

The Board reviewed their goals for the 2012 year.

Mr. Vensel presented the preliminary 2012-2013 budget to the Board and the public.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities Committee**

Mr. Slifko reported that the Facilities Committee met on Monday, March 26, 2012. The committee toured the BSHS, reviewed the request to purchase and install fans in the pool area and a safety rail. Other items reviewed were the stage lighting at the high school, the 2012-2013 maintenance budget, the capital projects budget, the fixing of the rubberized surface of the long jump surface at the track, the retirement of an IFEC custodian, and the employment of the summer work crew.

**Technology Committee**

Mr. Hayes reported that the Technology Committee met on March 26, 2012, and reviewed two policies - Policy #237 (Use of Electronic Devices) and Policy #815 (Acceptable Use Policy). Both policies will be moved to the Policy Committee for further review. The committee also reviewed the "Bring Your Own Technology" agreement and further discussed the broadcasting of board meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the agenda of April 2, 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the Real Estate Tax Universal Installment Payment Plan Resolution, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**PERSONNEL**

The Board approved the following personnel items:

**Professional**

**Employment – Short-Term Substitutes**

Name: John Thomas  
Certification: English

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Position: Short-Term 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Communications Arts  
Teacher – YBMS – (Replacing Jessica Weible)  
Salary: Masters, Step 1 – \$42,009 (pro-rated)  
Starting Date: Approximately 4/13/12 through end of the 2011-  
2012 school year

Name: Elizabeth Ditenhafer  
Certification: French  
Position: Short-Term French Teacher – BSHS  
(Replacing Cindy Bailey)  
Salary: Masters, Step 1 - \$42,009 (pro-rated)  
Starting Date: 3/6/12 – 5/31/12

**Employment – Substitute Teacher**

The Board approved adding the following professional to the substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Chelsea Shatzer  
Certification: Elementary

**Return from Childrearing Leave**

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Jenny Schmidt, elementary teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, that she intends to return from her maternity leave at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

**Resignation**

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Mark Boyer, from the position of fourth grade teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board employs Dean Holtzman, a doctoral student in education, as a Psychologist Intern for the 2012-2013 school year for a 190 day period at \$15,000 (\$78.95/day). Mr. Holtzman will work under the supervision of licensed school psychologist, Dr. Jessica Bolton.

**On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bear:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Berk:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Capozzi:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Clepper:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Hayes:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Martin:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Merlie:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Slifko:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Winters:</b>	<b>No</b>		

**Yes – 6, No – 3, Abstentions – 0, Absent – 0**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to enter into contract discussions with Dr. Frederick S.

Withum for the position of Assistant Superintendent for the South Middleton School District.

**On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bear:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Berk:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Capozzi:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Clepper:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Hayes:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Martin:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Merlie:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Slifko:</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Mr. Winters:</b>	<b>No</b>		

**Yes – 7, No – 2, Abstentions – 0, Absent – 0**

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School**

Mr. Winters reported a joint meeting was not held in March 2012. However, he commented on the 2012 Showcase Home Edition newsletter included in the Board packet. He also reported that the Personnel Committee continues to seek a replacement for Ms. Mary Rodman, Executive Director of the Vo-Tech School.

### **PSBA Legislative Report**

Mr. Winters reported that on April 18, 2012, a meeting with local legislators will be held at the PSBA offices.

### **South Middleton Township**

Mr. Berk will be unable to attend the April or May meetings of the township and would like another board member to attend in his place.

## **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Susan Ritter expressed a concern regarding the rumor that an administrative position at Rice was going to be eliminated. She believes that the students would be negatively affected.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Anthony Kallhoff, student representative to the Board, reported on the blood drive, sponsored by the BSHS Student Council and the sale of daffodils for the American Cancer Society. He also commented that the boys track team tied Trinity.

Mr. Hayes thanked Mr. Vensel and Mrs. Darchicourt for a job well done on the 2012-2013 budget books. He also expressed concern about the State's funding of charter schools and financing of public schools.

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Mr. Clepper apologized for not being able to attend the previous board meeting. He was on a mission trip in Mexico.

Mr. Slifko thanked Mr. Vensel and Mrs. Darchicourt for preparing the budget for 2012-2013. He congratulated the World Language Department for their PEP award.

Ms. Martin apologized for being late to the meeting, and thanked Mr. Vensel for the preparation of the 2012-2013 budget books.

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the CAIU will be making a presentation on cyber schools at one of the future board meetings.

Mr. Merlie thanked the Board for their work on the Board goals.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary