

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on May 7, 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 7:09 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 - **Absent**

Mr. Derek Clepper - **Absent**

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

David Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Connie Connelly – Director of Special Education

Mark Correll, Assist. Principal - BSHS

Scott Govern – Athletic Director

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

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meetings:

April 16, 2012 – Budget Workshop Meeting

April 16, 2012 – 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 of the Bubbler Foundation Dinner scheduled for May 18, 2012, beginning at 6:00 PM. She also spoke about the YBMS bulletin board. The Board goals for 2012 have been distributed this evening, along with a thank you letter regarding the campaign of “spread the word, to end the word.”

Mr. Vensel spoke about the Homestead Exception. Calculations will be provided shortly. The final assessment figures have been received for the properties involved in the boundary line settlement.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Sanker reviewed Policies #101 (Mission Statement) and #102 (Academic Standards) with the Board. After discussing the changes, the Board decided to keep the Philosophy of Education as Policy #101.1 and keep the Educational Goals as Policy #102.2. The policies will be returned to the committee for review.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

No Report

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko reported that the committee toured the Yellow Breeches Middle School. The school is in good shape, and plans are made to paint the library this summer. The next

committee meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2012, at 6:00 PM. It will be a short meeting since it is also Senior Awards night. The committee will meet at the home-side of the concession stand at the high school football stadium.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the agenda of May 7, 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr., that the Board approves the resolution, supporting prevailing wage reform. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko that the Board approves the resolution, supporting reform of the Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Formula. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the Transportation Contract of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and Rohrer Bus Services for the years 2012-2013 through 2014-2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the service agreement between the South Middleton School District and the Capital Region Partnership for Career Development (CRPCD) for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes
Mr. Michael Berk – Abstained
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Absent
Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent
Mr. Thomas Hayes – Yes

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

Motion passed.

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstention - 1, Absent - 2

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

The Board adopted new textbooks and instructional novels the 2012-2013 school year in accordance with Section 24 PS 8-803 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949.

The Board approved the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #237 – Electronic Communication Devices - Revised
- Policy #815 – Acceptable Use Policy - Revised
- Policy #001 – Name & Classification - Revised
- Policy #002 – Authority & Powers - Revised
- Policy #003 – Functions - Revised
- Policy #004 – Membership - Revised
- Policy #005 – Organization - Revised

- Policy #006 – Meetings - Revised
- Policy #007 – Policy Manual Access - Revised
- Policy #100 – Strategic Plan - New Policy
- Policy #103 – Non-Discrimination – School/Classroom - Revised
- Policy #104 – Non-Discrimination – Employees/Contract Practices - Revised
- Policy #105 – Curriculum Development - Revised
- Policy #105.2 - Exemption from Instruction - Revised
- Policy #105.3 – Alternative to Dissection - Revised
- Policy #108 – Adoption of Textbooks - Revised
- Policy #110 – Instructional Supplies – Revised

The Board approved the athletic schedule for the 2012-2013 school year.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

Professional

Leave of Absence - Childrearing

The Board approved a request from Amy Paskalik, 5th grade teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, for a childrearing leave of absence, beginning August 23, 2012, returning on approximately November 5, 2012.

The Board approved a request from Lauren Sadler, Kindergarten teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, for a childrearing leave of absence, beginning October 24, 2012, and returning at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

Employment

Extra Duty - Athletics

The Board employed the following extra duty athletic positions:

Position	Name	Units	Step	Exp.	Long.	Salary
Head Var. Girls Basketball	Watkins, Kyle	34	4	3	0	\$ 4,726
JV Girls Basketball	Graybill, Karen	19	7	8	\$200	\$ 2,841

Summer School

The Board employed the following professional staff for the 2012 Remedial Summer School program, contingent upon the course being offered as a result of adequate enrollment, at a rate of \$24.00/hr.

Michael Bogdan – Spanish I & II
Brandon Deitch – M.S. Social Studies
Kathy Furr – M.S. Creative Arts
Brook Harker – H.S. Algebra I & II, Geometry
Suzette Kohan – H.S. English
Michelle McBride – H.S. Microsoft Office

Michael Miller – M.S. English & Reading
Alan Mills – H.S. Biology/Chemistry
Monica Rudy – M.S. Math
Karen Ryan – H.S. English
Brett Sheaffer – H.S. American History
Robert Waynick – Physical Ed. & H.S. Health
Cathy Woodson – Learning Support
Tommy McGough – M.S. Life Science & Physical Science
Andy Murdough – H.S. Earth Science & Physical Science
Maria Bessasparis – School Nurse

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

Name: Pamela Hall
Certification: Elementary Education

Name: Brenna Sprague
Certification: Elementary Education

Resignation

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Laura Hostetter from the position of first grade teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective June 8, 2012.

Classified

Employment

The Board employed the following classified personnel:

Name: Trever Gill
Position: Groundskeeper – (Replacing Glenn Baer)
Salary: \$12.00/hr.
Starting Date: June 11, 2012

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Board approves the resolution granting a student the status quo of being enrolled in school within the South Middleton School District without payment of tuition, as if he were a resident of the District, until such time as he graduates from Boiling Springs High School, subject to the conditions set forth in the resolution. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Absent
Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent
Mr. Thomas Hayes – Yes

Ms. Pamela Martin - Yes
Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes
Mr. Paul Slifko - No
Mr. Robert Winters - No

Motion passed.

Yes – 5, No – 2, Abstentions – 0, Absent - 2

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board appoints Dr. Frederick S. Withum to the position of Assistant Superintendent for a five-year term, commencing on July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2017, and authorizes the Board President to execute an employment agreement with a first year salary in the amount of \$127,000. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Absent
Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent
Mr. Thomas Hayes – Yes

Ms. Pamela Martin - Yes
Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes
Mr. Paul Slifko - No
Mr. Robert Winters - No

Motion passed.

Yes – 5, No – 2, Abstentions – 0, Absent - 2

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School

Mr. Winters distributed the minutes from the most recent JOC meeting. He commented that the committee is interviewing for a replacement for Dr. Rodman.

PSBA Legislative Report

Mr. Winters provided information on the duties/responsibilities of the PSBA Legislative liaison, and PSBA's 2012 legislative platform.

South Middleton Township

No one was able to attend the township meeting.

South Middleton Parks & Recreation

Mr. Hayes reported the Parks & Recreation committee is looking at the playground equipment at Spring Meadow Park.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. and Mrs. Coyle thanked the Board for granting their son permission to continue to attend South Middleton Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Knouse spoke about the appointment of Dr. Frederick Withum to the position of Assistant Superintendent and congratulated him on his new position.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Katie Webber, student representative to the Board, reported on the prom that was recently held at the West Shore Country Club. She also attended the Life Skills prom. A graduation project day was held on May 3rd and the spring National Honor Society Induction ceremony was held.

Anthony Kallhoff, student representative to the Board, reported that AP testing is underway. Four students from the TSA club qualified for State finals.

Mr. Berk recently attended the middle school band concert and the Rice May Fair.

Mr. Hayes, Ms. Martin, Mr. Bear, Mr. Merlie and Mr. Winters congratulated Dr. Withum on his appointment to the position of Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Slifko commented on fluorescent lighting.

FOR THE RECORD

The Board of School Directors met in Executive Session this evening, prior to the start of the Regular Board meeting to discuss a personnel matter. The Board convened Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary