

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on November 19, 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 7:00 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. Frederick S. Withum, Assistant Superintendent
David Bitner – Assist. Principal – YBMS
David Boley – Principal - Rice
Connie Connolly – Director of Special Education
Mark Correll – Assist. Principal - BSHS
Patrick Dieter – Director of Athletics
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds
Joseph Mancuso – Principal – BSHS
Jesse White – Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder
Kathryn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mr. Jesse White, Principal of YBMS, introduced and recognized Jacob Rob, an 8th grade student, who completed work on an Eagle Scout project, arranging for an historic grave marker for General John Armstrong.

Mr. Patrick Dieter, Athletic Director, introduced and recognized the fall student athletes that competed in post season athletics. They were: Lillian Brown, Girls' Cross Country; Rebecca Graham, Girls' Golf; Sean Manning, Boys' Cross Country; and Marisa Weaver, Girls' Soccer.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Brandon Hecker, a Senior at Boiling Springs High School, addressed the Board about a bullying issue taking place in his classroom.

Mary Lou Griffin and Cathy Cohill, food service workers at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, addressed the Board of School Directors about their concerns with the possible outsourcing of the food services department.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-November 5, 2012

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the months of August and September 2012, as well as the payment of bills for the month of October 2012, represented by checks #47242 to #47399 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,184,230.43.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker reminded the Board members that the photo for the yearbook will be taken at the next meeting, December 3, 2012. She congratulated Jacob Rob for his Eagle Scout project and the fall athletes for their post-season achievements in their individual sports.

Dr. Withum spoke about the Strategic Plan and there is a motion on the agenda to request a 90-day filing extension.

Mr. Vensel reported that a meeting was held with all cafeteria employees regarding developing a Request for Proposals for the outsourcing of food services.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The South Middleton School District acknowledged receipt of the following group donations to the Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir to participate in the Walt Disney World Candlelight Procession.

Boiling Springs Alumni Association - \$800
Boiling Springs Lions Club - \$500
Otterbein United Methodist Church - \$300
Boiling Springs VFW - \$1,600
Interact Club - \$100
Bubler Foundation - \$500

Letter, dated October 31, 2012, from the Capital Region Arts and Education, indicating intent to submit a charter school application for the Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School. The application will be submitted to the Harrisburg School District on or before November 15, 2012.

TOPIC DISCUSSION - None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that a presentation was made by Edu-Planet software. An overview of student safety policies was reviewed.

Policy Committee

Mr. Clepper reported that the committee continues to review the student drug/alcohol policies. There are policies on the agenda this evening for a first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the agenda of November 19, 2012, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board authorized the Administration to investigate alternative forms of providing food services for the South Middleton School District, and further authorizes the Administration to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain terms, conditions, and pricing for potential outsourcing of all food services in the South Middleton School District, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. The process will be in compliance with all federal and state laws, including all Pennsylvania Department of Education food and nutrition guidelines. The RFPs will be available for consideration by the Board of School Directors prior to reaching a decision by April 22, 2013.

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The Board accepted the recommendation of the Education Committee to submit a request for a 90-day extension, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, for the filing of the South Middleton School District's Comprehensive Strategic Plan.

The Board approved the bylaws for the Boiling Springs High School Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) at no additional cost to the District.

The Board approved the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #204 – Attendance
- Policy #205 – Postgraduate Students
- Policy #206 – Assignment within District
- Policy #207 – Confidential Communication of Students
- Policy #208 – Withdrawal from School
- Policy #211 – Student Accident Insurance

The Board approved a three day field trip for the Boiling Springs High School Band from Friday, April 5, 2013 through Sunday, April 7, 2013. The band would participate in the Fiesta Val Musical competition in Virginia Beach, VA.

PERSONNEL

Professional

The Board approved the following personnel items:

Employment

Substitute Teacher

The Board approved adding the following to the professional substitute list for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name Francine Moody
Certification: English/Reading Specialist/Early Childhood

Extra Duty – Co-curricular

The Board employed the following extra duty, co-curricular position:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Debate Coach (BSHS)	Edith Rob	\$695

Short-Term Substitute

The Board employed the following short-term substitute:

Name: Colleen Daly
Certification: Elementary
Position: Short-Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher
(Replacing Sarah Burns)
(From 11/27/12 – 2/4/13)
Salary: \$41,709 (pro-rated), Bachelor's, Step 1

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the success of the Veteran's Day breakfast, and the upcoming trip by the BSHS choir to Disney World.

Katie Webber reported that the Giving Tree Project has begun and students from the government class worked at the polls on Election Day.

Mr. Berk thanked the BSHS students that worked at the polls. He also thanked Dr Withum for his work in developing a comprehensive plan for the District.

Mr. Clepper requested thank you notes to those organizations that donated money toward the choir trip. He thanked Brandon Hecker for attending the board meeting. Mr. Clepper attended a parent/teacher conference at Rice.

Mr. Slifko commented on the success of the Veteran's Day breakfast.

Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Clepper for his work on the Policy Committee.

Mr. Winters thanked the Board and Administration for their expressions of sympathy at the recent passing of his brother.

Mr. Bear congratulated Jacob Rob on this Eagle Scout project and the student athletes for their success during the fall sports season.

Mr. Hayes thanked Ms. Williams for her work with BYOT.

Mr. Merlie thanked staff for the work on the Strategic Plan. He also thanked the students and staff for the Veteran's Day breakfast.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

FOR THE RECORD

The Board of School Directors met in Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. this evening for a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.** The Board went into Executive Session from 8:15 p.m. to 8:47 p.m. for a personnel matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary