

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on December 17, 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 - **Absent**

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

Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds

Joseph Mancuso – Principal – BSHS

Jesse White – Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder

Kathyrn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board and the public had a moment of silence for the shooting victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School and the community of Newtown, CT.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mr. Scott Shirk and Mr. Max Culberson of the VFW Post #8851, recognized Jacob Rob, 8th grade student at Yellow Breeches Middle School and Kathryn Webber, 12th grade student at Boiling Springs High School, as the Voice of Democracy winners.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the minutes of following meetings:

- December 3, 2012 – Board Organization Meeting
- December 3, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2012, as well as the payment of bills for the month of November 2012, represented by checks #47400 to #47545 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,033,578.78, and the Board approved the Student Activity Funds for November 2012 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14341 to #14363 inclusive, in the amount of \$29,284.92.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Education granted South Middleton School District's request for an extension to submit the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Withum reviewed the email sent to parents regarding the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy.

Mr. Vensel commented that Mr. Clay of PSERS, reported that pension rates would increase by at least 2% more than estimated.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None
TOPIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. Thomas Templeton, Assistant Executive Director of PSBA, discussed with the Board and the public, the superintendent search process. PSBA would like to dedicate a portion of the District's website to this process. The search will involve not only looking for an educational leader, but also an organizational leader.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the agenda of December 17, 2012, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko that the Board approves the 2013 Board of School Directors Committee and Regular Board meeting dates. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Steven Bear - Yes
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - No
Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes**

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

5 – Yes, 3 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 - Absent

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the First Reading of the following policies:

-Policy #711	Surplus Equipment & Supplies (New Policy)
-Policy #100	Strategic Plan
-Policy #100.1	Student Safety Plan (New Policy)
-Policy #122.1	Standards of Behavior During Season of Activity
-Policy #122.2	Random Drug Testing

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Marti made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

Childrearing Leave

The Board approved the request from Amy Santana, 5th Grade teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, for a childrearing leave of absence from

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approximately March 2013, for a period of twelve (12) weeks. Mrs. Santana will return from her leave at the end of the 12 week period.

Substitute Teachers - Employment

The Board approved adding the following individual to the substitute teacher list for the 2012-2013 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Dan Hunsecker
Certification: Social Studies

Guest Teachers – Employment

The Board approved adding the following individual to the Guest Teacher substitute list for the 2012-2013 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Lauren Bozart
Interests: All Grade Levels

Classified

Employment

The Board employed the following classified personnel:

Name: Heather Reed
Position: Part-Time Spec. Needs Bus Aide
(Replacing Nancy Vreeland)
Starting Date: 12/18/12
Salary: \$13.06

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Katie Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported that on Friday, December 21, 2012, was Academic Letter awards day.

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, reported that 2,800 canned goods were collected for the food bank. The concert choir visited the elementary schools.

Mr. Bear congratulated Katie Webber on winning the Voice of Democracy contest and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Winters congratulated Mr. Correll on serving as an official for the AAAA football state championship game.

Mr. Berk thanked Dr. Sanker for the letter sent to SMSD parents in light to the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. He commented that he attended the middle school concert, and a new lighting and sound system is needed at the BSHS auditorium. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Mr. Hayes thanked Dr. Sanker and the staff for their response and support in light of recent events at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Martin congratulated Katie Webber on the Voice of Democracy Contest and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Slifko commended Mr. Freeze for taking his class to see the movie, *Lincoln*. He also congratulated Katie on winning the Voice of Democracy contest.

Mrs. Capozzi congratulated Katie and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Merlie commented on the excellent holiday concerts and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary