

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2014**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on May 5, 2014, in the Iron Forge Educational Center Board Room 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. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Thomas Merlie
Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters
Mr. Scott Witwer

Administrative Staff

Dr. Alan Moyer, Superintendent
Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC
David Boley, Principal - Rice
Andy Glantz, Director of Buildings/Grounds
Dr. Jesse White, Principal - YBMS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder
Helene Tiley

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard Vensel

Assistant Board Secretary

Tina Darchicourt

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Moyer and Dr. White introduced and recognized Laurie S. Gray, a 6th grade teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School. She was awarded the annual Matz award, as an outstanding and professional teacher.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-April 22, 2014

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Moyer, Superintendent, welcomed back Rick Vensel, Business Manager. Rick thanked everyone for their support during his recent recovery from surgery. Dr. Moyer also thanked the IT department for the installation of a TV monitor in the board room. He reviewed the recent Day of Volunteering at YBMS, the Army Soldier Program scheduled for the BSHS on June 1 and June 2, 2014, the recent May Fair event, the Lions Club for student/teacher recognition, and a meeting scheduled between the school district and the township.

Dr. Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent, mentioned that Mr. Bogdan's World Language students placed high on level 1 and level 11 in testing for middle school and high school French and Spanish. PA Area Youth survey results were presented to Dr. Mancuso.

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, thanked the board and administration for prom support. He also spoke about the AP testing at the BSHS, and a Physics class field trip to Hershey Park.

Ellie Tiley spoke about the upcoming art show and the UNICEF Club used book sale.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Capozzi

Mrs. Capozzi stated that the Education Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed student enrollment, the Keystone Exams, final evaluations for inclusion of School Performance Profile and student learning objectives.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE – Mr. Berk

Mr. Berk reported that the Facilities Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the status of the Iron Forge Educational project, summer help, the building/grounds budget for 2014-2015, the 2013-2015 now report., the 5-year plan, and the upcoming Act 34 hearing.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

The following items were topics of discussion on the agenda:

- Healthcare Funding Options – Tina Darchicourt spoke about the current and future health care options for the district.
- Preliminary Budget – Dr. Mancuso spoke about principal responsibilities and the needs at Rice. Mr. Berk spoke in support of a second guidance at YBMS. Mr. Hayes stated that he supported Mr. Berk’s statement. Dr. Mancuso also spoke about a possible 6th grade teaching position due to enrollment numbers, a multi-disability class that will be budget neutral, since it will be bring back students that are currently placed outside the district. This multi-disability classroom will include 1 teacher and two aides. Dr. Moyer commented on the excellent work Mr. Bitner does at YBMS, assisting with the guidance department.

NEW BUSINESS – Exceptions – (Requesting approval prior to the 2nd meeting of the month)

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the adoption of the 2014-2015 preliminary budget as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby tentatively adopts the annual budget, transfers and designations of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, as more fully set forth in PDE Form 2028 which is presented at this meeting:

Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$32,253,387, including a budgetary reserve of \$500,000, for the school fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and more particularly and fully detailed in the proposed annual budget as foresaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 9.0982 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$.90982 per \$100 of assessed value)) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of “The Public School Code of 1949,” as amended for the fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act," as amended (1) Realty Transfer Tax – ½%; (2) Earned Income Tax – 1.1%; and (3) Occupational Privilege tax - \$10.00.

That the proposed taxes levied and continued to be levied shall provide revenue for the proposed expenditures authorized above.

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

Mr. Bear:	No	Mr. Berk:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Meikrantz:	Yes	Mr. Merlie:	Yes
Mr. Slifko:	No	Mr. Winters:	No
Mr. Witwer:	Yes		

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

PLANNING/DISCUSSION: REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 5/19/14

The following items were reviewed and are anticipated to be on the May 19, 2014 Regular Board Meeting agenda for approval.

- Therabilities Contract for the 2014-2015 school year
- Extended School Year (ESY) Teachers and Paraprofessionals
- Rachel Zilbering Resignation
- Extra-Duty Athletic Contracts for Fall 2014

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Dean Clepper spoke urging the Board to consider an assistant administrator to serve in the K-5 grade levels.

Stacey Knable expressed safety concerns regarding the lack of administrative support. She also commented the food services selections and quality has declined.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session for a legal issue. The Board resumed the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m. Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:04 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina L. Darchicourt
Assistant Board Secretary