

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2014

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on October 20, 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 6:59 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
Mr. 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
David Boley, Principal - Rice
Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education
Mark Correll, Assist. Principal - BSHS
Andrew Glantz, Director of Buildings/Grounds
Joel Hain, Principal – BSHS
Trisha Reed, Principal – IFEC
Kim Spisak, Assist. Principal
Jesse White – Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Inst.Tech.

Student Representatives

Max D. Leo
Helene "Ellie" Tiley

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel – Absent

Assistant Board Secretary

Tina L. Darchicourt

Solicitor

Gareth Pahowka

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mrs. Kim Spisak, Head Field Hockey Coach, introduced the Girls Field Hockey Team for the 2013-2014 school year. They were congratulated and recognized for their successful season.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting: November 17, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approves the following financial report.

The Board approved the payment of the bills for October 2014, represented by checks #51186 to #51415 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,575,523.87.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for October 2014 - Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14853 to #14886 inclusive, in the amount of \$18,748.98 and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for October 2014, represented by checks #22336 to #22337 in the amount of \$15,311.49.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for October 2014, in the amount of \$66,300.79.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Moyer introduced Mr. Ed Consalo, the independent contractor, to provide construction managements services to the District for the IFEC construction project. Dr. Moyer also reported that National Letter of Intent was recently held with seven students in five different sports earning athletic scholarships to colleges. He also reported that he and Mr. Merlie met with Mr. Tallman this morning and charters schools were a topic of conversation with him. Dr. Moyer reminded the Board and members of the audience that the next board meeting, December 2, 2014, will be held in the BSHS cafeteria. Performance Profiles have been distributed to the Board, and each number represents an improvement. The District newsletter was also distributed to the Board. The Township and the District administrators will meet again on December 5, 2014, for a luncheon meeting at Allenberry.

Max Leo, Student Representative to the Board, reported that he will be attending a networking breakfast at the CAIU. Students taking HACC classes are scheduling for next semester.

Ellie Tiley, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Fall Drama Play, *Twelfth Night*, is close to production.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the following policies: Policy #217, Graduation; Policy #122.2, Random Drug Testing; and Policy # 627, Tax Exempt Bonds, Compliance Procedures.

Technology Committee

Mr. Hayes reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the following items: PETE&C update; Best Buy Night update; and a presentation by Mr. Michael Bogdan regarding STAR Keystone Technology Innovator (KTI).

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the agenda of November 17, 2014, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the First Reading of the following policy: Policy #800 – Records Retention. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board accepts the Alternative/Clean Energy Program Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Iron Forge Elementary School Renovation Project, and further authorizes the Board President and Superintendent to execute the contract. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation of Lee Brandt, as an independent contractor, construction project manager for the IFEC renovation project, effective December 31, 2014. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves Mr. Ed Consalo, as an independent contractor to provide construction management services for the Iron Forge Educational Project as \$60.00/hr., effective January 1, 2015. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the settlement of the tax assessment appeal litigation involving the Business Airport of Carlisle, Inc. docketed to No. 13-1679 in the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland County for the following tax parcels: 40-09-0531-009, located on Petersburg Road; 40-09-0531-009A located on Petersburg Road; 40-09-0531-009B 228 Petersburg Road; 40-09-0531-027 210 Petersburg Road; 40-23-0594-026 247 Petersburg Road; and, 40-23-0594-079 located on Fairview Street at a total fair market value of \$2,500,000 beginning July 1, 2013, for school tax purposes and continuing in the amount for future years, until changed as provided by law. The County Assessment Office will apply the applicable common level ratios to determine the assessed value then allocate the total assessment figure among the parcels in a reasonable manner. The District administration and Solicitor are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement. The motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes
Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz - Yes
Mr. Paul Slifko - No
Mr. Robert Winters - Yes
Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes

8 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 0 – Absent

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the Boiling Springs High School Band to travel to and participate in the Fieta-Val Musical Performance Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC, on April 16 - 19, 2015. There will be approximately 12 chaperones, nurse, band director, and two assistant band directors accompanying the students on this trip. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Personnel

Professional

Employment

The Board continued the employment of the following professional employees:

Name: Ellen Wilson

Position: Long-Term Elementary Teacher - IFEC (replacing Christa Souder)

Extending her employment through the end of the 2014-2015 school year (initially hired for 8/14 - 1/15)

Salary: \$42,777 (pro-rated)

Name: Caitlin V. Miletto Position: Full-Time Learning Support Teacher - IFEC (replacing Melissa Bersano Cass)

Certification: Special Education/Elementary Education

Starting Date: Approximately January 19, 2015

Salary: Bachelor's, Step 3, \$43,294

Volunteers - Athletics

The Board approved the following athletic volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Kempf, Matt - Jr. High Wrestling
Rohm, Brian - Jr. High Wrestling
Miller, Roland - Varsity Wrestling
Walton, John - Boys' Jr. High Basketball

Employment - Professional Substitutes

The Board added the following professionals to the day-to-day substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name: Mary Yore, 151 Candlelite Dr., Carlisle, PA
Certification: Mathematics

Name: Micquella Sheetz, 155 S. Locust Point Road, Mechanicsburg, PA
Certification: Elementary & Special Education

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Jason Nedrow, from the positions of extra-duty middle school and high school drama set and design and set construction positions, effective immediately.

The Board employed the following extra duty, co-curricular personnel for the 2014-2015 school year:

Daryl Young - H.S. Drama Set Design - \$536
Daryl Young - H.S. Drama Set Construction - \$536
Daryl Young - M.S. Drama Set Painting - \$286
Daryl Young - M.S. Drama Set Construction - \$822

Classified

Resignation

The Board approved the resignation of Shannon Doupe, from the position of building nurse, effective November 21, 2014.

Employment

The Board approved the employment of the following classified personnel:

Name: Penny W. Feeser
Position: Full-Time Special Education Aide (Multidisabilities Classroom - New Position)
Starting Date: 11/18/14
Salary: \$11.00/hr.

Name: Angela L. Mentzer
Position: Full-Time Building Nurse - BSHS (Replacing Shannon Doupe)
Starting Date: November 24, 2014
Salary: \$17.50/hr.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Merlie announced that the Board held an Executive Session this evening, prior to the start of the regular board meeting for legal and personnel items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Darchicourt
Assistant Board Secretary