

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4 Academy Street, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2018**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on March 19, 2018, in the District Office Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Randy Varner, 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. John Greenbaum

Mrs. Denise MacIvor

Mr. Christopher Morgan

Mr. Randy Varner

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Stacey Knavel

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz

Mr. Jonathan Still

**Administrative Staff**

Mr. Bruce Deveney, Acting Superintendent  
Chris Monasmith, Director of Technology

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Asst. Super.

**Student Representatives**

Elaina Clancy

Nicholas O'Brien

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Matthew Ulmer

**Solicitor**

Gareth Powhawka - Absent

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Margo Geise, YBMS Librarian, introduced and recognized the members of the middle school quiz bowl team. The team placed first in competition.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Eric Dale, parent of a BSHS student, commented on the March 14, 2018 walk out rally. His daughter chose not to participate in the rally, and remained at home until after the event was over. She did not want to feel pressure by her peers to attend the rally. Mr. Dale also expressed safety concerns about the rally, and he was disappointed that his daughter was not permitted to participate in sports practice that afternoon, due to her absence from school in the morning.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

- Planning/Regular Board Meeting – March 5, 2018
- Budget Workshop – March 7, 2018

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the following:

**February 2018**

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks #56469 to #56539 in the amount of \$593,559.03; and Direct Deposits represented by #D0050201 to #D00050210 in the amount of \$685.92.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks #15767 to #15770 in the amount of \$2,281.68 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Athletic Fund bills represented by checks #20628 to #20669 in the amount of \$5,754.00 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Cafeteria Fund bills represented by checks #7051 to #7052 in the amount of \$40,587.78 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Visa represented by transaction #Visa6138 to #Visa6294 in the amount of \$33,440.98 represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for February 2018.

**The motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Steven Bear - Yes**  
**Mr. John Greenbaum - Yes**  
**Mrs. Denise MacIvor - Yes**  
**Mr. Christopher Morgan - Yes**  
**Mr. Randy Varner - Abstained**

**Mr. Michael Berk - Yes**  
**Mrs. Stacey Knavel - Yes**  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz - Yes**  
**Mr. Jonathan Still - Yes**

**Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstention – 1**

## **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Deveney, Acting Superintendent, reported on the March 14, 2018 rally. He stated that students have first amendment rights, and the District can assist in controlling where, when and how the students meet. Mr. Deveney reported how the Administration and the student leaders worked together to plan the logistics of the rally, and creating a safe and respectful way for the students to remember the Parkland, Florida tragedy. Approximately 100/150 students participated and those that chose not to participate, remained in the classrooms with staff. The rally lasted about 17 minutes, with each of the 17 students who died in the tragedy remembered with their names read aloud and a rose. Every BSHS student that was absent from school that day and brought a note for the absence was counted as excused. However, the 2-hour late rule was still enforced. Mr. Deveney shared part of a video that was created by students.

Elaina Clancy, Student Representative to the Board, spoke about the upcoming MiniThon, the scholastic writing award winners, and the Senior class trip planned in May for New York City.

Nicholas O'Brien reported on the swimming/diving championships and the jazz band performing at an event on Tuesday.

## **NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Community Relations Committee – See committee minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the agenda of March 19, 2018, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the Second Reading (Final) of the following policies:

- Policy #113.2 – Positive Behavior Support
- Policy #210 – Use of Medications
- Policy #302 – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- Policy #311 – Reduction of Staff
- Policy #913 – Non/School Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- Delete Policy #209.1 – Head Lice

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

### **TSA Field Trip**

The Board approved the overnight field trip for 21 members of the TSA Club to participate in the TSA State Competition at Seven Springs, PA. The trip is from April 18, 2018 and returning April 21, 2018. The trip will be chaperoned by the club advisors, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Fetterolf, Mr. Ronan, Mr. Gutacker, and Northern School District teacher, Mrs. Nicole Gutacker.

**Carlisle YMCA Child Care Agreement for 2018-2019**

The Board approved the renewal of the License Agreement with the Carlisle Family YMCA for the provision of before and after school care at W.G. Rice Elementary School during the 2018-2019 school year and authorized the Board President to execute the agreement.

**PlanCon H - W.G. Rice Elementary School**

The Board authorized the Administration to forward PlanCon H for the W. G. Rice Elementary School project to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Capital Area Intermediate Unit Budget for 2018-2019**

The Board approved the 2018-2019 Capital Area Intermediate Unit Budget.

**Personnel: Correction**

The Board approved the removal of a Kyle Roberts and the associated Assistant Varsity Track Coach position that was listed on the February 12, 2018, Board agenda as a paid coach. This name/position was listed in error. There are only four (4) paid varsity track and/field coach positions and 2 volunteers.

**Personnel - Administrative - Job Description**

The Board approved the job description for the following administrative position:  
-Director of Athletics and Facilities Usage

**Personnel - Professional - Retirements**

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of the following professional employees:

- Patricia Geiger, Elementary teacher - Rice Elementary - Effective June 6, 2018 (Hired 8/1/1986)
- James Lithgow, Special Education teacher - Boiling Springs High School - Effective June 6, 2018 (Hired 8/30/1986)
- Kathy Westbrook, Special Education teacher - Yellow Breeches Middle School - Effective August 10, 2018 (Hired 8/24/1998)

**Personnel - Professional - Resignation**

The Board accepted the resignation of Krista Lamanna from the position of special education teacher at Iron Forge Elementary School, effective June 1, 2018.

**Personnel - Professional - Childrearing Leave**

The Board approved the childrearing leave request of Lindsay Graybill, guidance counselor at BSHS. This leave is from approximately May 6, 2018, through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

**Personnel - Extra Duty - Athletics**

The Board approved the following extra duty, athletic position for the 2017-2018 school year:  
Jamie Ellis - Asst. Jr. High Track Coach \$146 x 8.5 units = \$1,241

**Personnel - Extra Duty - Co-Curricular**

The Board approved the following extra duty, co-curricular position for the 2017-2018 school year:  
Rick Voight - Set Construction - HS Drama - 3.75 units x \$146 = \$548

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIATION - None**

**FOR THE RECORD**

Mr. Varner announced that the Board met in Executive Session on March 5, 2018, March 7, 2018, and the Board would meet in Executive Session after the regular meeting was adjourned this evening. All Executive Sessions were/are for personnel matters.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Enrollment Report
- Board Calendar

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Mrs. Meikrantz commented on the performance of the middle school drama club and the production of the *Jungle Book*.

Mr. Berk thanked Mr. Deveney for his leadership in the March 14<sup>th</sup> walkout rally.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Matthew Ulmer  
Board Secretary