

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on May 19, 2008, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

School Directors

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana- **Absent**

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Barbara Alitto, Special Education Supervisor

David Bitner, Assistant Principal

David Boley, Assistant Principal

Joseph Mancuso, III, Principal

Frederick S. Withum, III, Principal

Student Representatives to the Board

Jeremy Wallace

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey Ammerman

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Ms. Martin recognized Jeremy A. Wallace for his time spent on the Board as a Student Representative. She presented him with a plaque. He indicated he would be attending the US Naval Academy in the fall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

-May 5, 2008

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the following financial reports:

The Board approved the bills for April 2008 – Payment of bills represented by checks #32732 to #32994 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,153,450.18.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, the reports of Student Activity Funds for April 2008 represented by checks #12775 to #12829 inclusive, in the amount of \$33,826.63, are enclosed with the financial report.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the agenda of May 19, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board appoints Paul Slifko III, as Board Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk to approve all of the following:

The Board approved the Target Corporation Assessment Appeal, Tax Parcel No. 40-08-0575-012, effective January 1, 2008, as attached.

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The Board appointed the firm of Stock and Leader, York, PA, as the solicitor for the 2008-2009 school year with Philip H. Spare, Esquire, as principal counsel, with no retainer fee and an hourly rate of \$145.

The Board appointed Dr. Thomas S. Filip, of Carlisle, PA, as the District dentist for the 2008-2009 school year, and Dr. Michael Daniels and Dr. David Dell, of Mt. Holly Springs, PA, as the District physicians for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board took action to authorize the necessary budgetary transfers to close the 2007-2008 school year and to authorize the payment of all additional invoices pertaining to the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board approved the contract agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for special education services during the 2008-2009 school year (see attachment).

The Board approved a three (3) year contract agreement with the Yellow Breeches Educational Center, Inc. to operate a special education experiential learning program. This program provides a full-time emotional support educational program to secondary age South Middle School District students identified as needing this type of program. The contract agreement is for seven (7) students to attend the program at a per student rate of \$22,291 per student with a maximum of a 3% increase in years two and three of the contract (see attachment.)

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Kimberly Sunderland, Remedial Math teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective August 1, 2008.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

The Board employed the following substitute teacher for the 2007-2008 school year:

Name: Lauren Geigus
Certification: Elementary and ESL

REMEDIAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The Board employed the following professional staff for the 2008 Remedial Summer School Program, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment, at a rate of \$24.00 per hour.

Michelle McBride - You and Your Career
Mark Brenneman - Chemistry/Physical Science

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Taylor McCarney - Health/PE
Brandon Deitch - Social Studies
Brett Sheaffer - Social Studies
Michael Miller - M.S. English/Reading
Joshua Rajca - Microsoft Office/ You and Your Career
Patricia Zimmerman - High School English
Marc Thorne - H.S. Social Studies
Brooklyn Harker - H.S. Math
Joseph Harker - H.S. Science
Alan Mills - H.S./M.S. Science
Amber Kane - M.S. Creative Arts
Andrew Murdough-M.S. Physical Science
Amanda Long-M.S. Math

The Board employed the following special education teachers and special education aides for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for Summer 2008, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment, at a rate of \$31.00 per hour to be paid through IDEA-B funds.

Special Education Teachers

Melissa Bersano
Amanda Garman
Allyson Hertz
Patricia High
Robyn Krohn
Jennifer McPoyle
Teresa Schwander
Cathy Woodson

Special Education Aides

Jennifer Spangler - \$10.57/hr.
Doreen Ulco – \$11.96/hr.

CLASSIFIED STAFF

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Cammie S. Burgess, Health Aide at Boiling Springs High School, effective June 5, 2008.

The Board employed the following summer maintenance/grounds workers at a salary of \$9.39/hr.

Name: Andrew Castles
Starting Date: 6/2/2008

Name: Austin Crull
Starting Date: 6/2/2008

Name: James Murray

Name: Elliot Thomas

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Starting Date: 6/2/2008

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Name: Eric Livelsberger
Starting Date: 6/2/2008

Name: Andrew Figueiredo
Starting Date: 6/8/2008

All of the items in the block motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board establishes the position of Director of Technology (251 day work schedule) and authorizes the Administration to post the opening for the position beginning with the 2008-2009 school year as a direct result of the tentative approval of the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the job description for the newly established position of Director of Technology. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Facilities Committee

Mr. Paul Slifko indicated the Athletic Field renovations would be considered by the Township Planning Committee on May 20th. He also indicated a number of Capital Reserve projects were discussed and more information would be gathered about them.

Education Committee

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse reported that the Education Committee discussed the Middle States Evaluation, PSSA results, and the Classrooms for the Future Grant at its last meeting.

Capital Area I.U. #15

Mr. Robert Winters asked members to review the minutes from the past IU meeting that were distributed to them.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Robert Winters said that the CAPTAX Board would consider a proposal for a settlement of the Civil Suit by South Middleton Township at its next meeting.

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School

Mr. Paul Slifko referred to the minutes of the past meeting that were distributed to Board members.

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Legislative Report

Mr. Michael Berk reported on the PSBA Conference and that the Legislature was currently considering the Budget for 2008-09.

Recreation and Parks Report

Mr. Joseph Fay mentioned the minutes to the prior meeting were distributed to Board members.

South Middleton Township

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse reported that two Board members, two Supervisors, and the Township Manager met recently to open a dialogue between the two entities. She felt the meeting went well.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Mr. Wallace said the Seniors are counting the days until graduation and said it was an interesting experience serving on the Board.

Mr. Schaufert mentioned some upcoming events at the High School.

Mrs. Vensel thanked Mrs. Sunderland for her service to the District.

Mr. Berk thanked Mr. Wallace for his service on the Board and thanked Mr. Winters for his service as Board Treasurer.

Mr. Fay indicated that he felt that people parking on the hill by the soccer field was unacceptable and the District needs to take steps to prevent it. He felt that it was only a matter of time until somebody gets hurt if this is allowed to continue. He felt the District has a responsibility to see that nobody parks on the hill again.

Mr. Winters thanked Mr. Wallace for his service. He mentioned that the area lost two very good people and former school administrators when Dr. Edward Palmer and Dr. Samuel Sanzotto died recently.

Mrs. Capozzi thanked Dr. Sanker for showing community leadership by participating in a recent panel discussion.

Mr. Slifko congratulated the graduating Seniors and walkathon participants at the Middle School.

Mrs. Knouse also congratulated graduating Seniors and expressed her appreciation for Mayfair.

Ms. Martin congratulated the Robotics team. She also mentioned how much she enjoyed the Bubbler Foundation dinner.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in Executive Session to discuss a student matter at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board resumed Regular Session at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Berk made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mrs. Venzel and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman
Board Secretary