

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on September 2, 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

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

David Bitner, Assistant Principal

David Boley, Principal

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Tech.

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Jayson Schaufert - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Recording Secretary

Beth Scott

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Oath of Office – SMSD School Police

The Honorable Susan K. Day, District Justice 09-3-03, administered the Oath of Office to the South Middleton School District School Police.

Dr. Sanker introduced and welcomed Sharonn Williams, the new Director of Instructional Technology. Sharonn began on August 18, 2008. Dr. Sanker also welcomed Richard Vensel, Business Manager/Board Secretary, who will officially begin his new position on October 6, 2008.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-August 18, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker thanked the school police and crossing guards for their willingness to serve in these positions. She also extended congratulations to the Bubbler Foundation for a successful Fireworks display over the Labor Day weekend. Dr. Sanker also thanked the Administration, Faculty and Staff for a great opening day of school on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, and she congratulated the football team and band for the win over Big Spring and a wonderful performance by the band.

Dr. Tippett also commented that the opening day of school was successful, and she reviewed the activities and workshops that were offered to the professional staff during the inservice days scheduled prior to the opening of school.

Mrs. Adams, Principal of IFEC, Mr. Bitner, Assistant Principal of YBMS, Mr. Correll, Assistant Principal of BSHS, and Mr. Boley, Principal of W.G. Rice Elementary School all commented that the opening day of school for students went well and was successful.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, that the Board approves the agenda of September 2, 2008 with all corrections as indicated.

Mr. Winters requested that the following two items be added to the agenda:

11.11 That the Board approves the installation of 22 Traine Univent computerized boards for replacement on the HVAC system at W.G. Rice Elementary School with a not-to-exceed cost of \$12,000.

11.12 That the Board approves the request from UGI for a natural gas pipeline and pressure reducing station Right-Of-Way on the property of the W.G. Rice Elementary School. The final approval of the Right-Of-Way is subject to the Solicitor's review of the contract.

With these two items added to the agenda, the motion to approve the agenda of September 2, 2008, **passed unanimously**.

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, to approve Pamela Martin, Elizabeth Knouse, Michael Berk, Shelly Capozzi, Mark Alan Juliana, and Robert Winters to attend the 2008 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference on October 14-17, located in Hershey, PA. Cost: \$995.00 **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to appoint Michael Berk and Robert Winters as voting delegates for South Middleton School District to the Legislative Policy Council at the PSBA School Leadership Conference in October 2008. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, to approve the following planned courses of study. **The motion passed unanimously.**

<u>Art</u>	<u>Counseling</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Health, Safety & Phys. Ed.</u>
Grade 6 Visual Arts	Kindergarten Counseling	Yearbook	Grade 3 Phys. Ed.
Grade 7 Visual Arts	Grade 1 Counseling		Grade 4 Phys. Ed.
Grade 8 Visual Arts	Grade 2 Counseling		Grade 5 Phys. Ed.
			Grade 6 Phys. Ed.
			Grade 7 Phys. Ed.
			Grade 8 Phys. Ed.
			Grade 1 Swimming
			Grade 4 Swimming
			Grade 6 Swimming
			Grade 7 Swimming
			Grade 8 Swimming
			Grade 9 Swimming
			Grade 10 Swimming
			Grade 11 Swimming
			Health 11

Science

Advanced Placement Chemistry
Grade 6 Science
Honors Physics
Physical Science
Physics

Social Studies

American History II
Honors American History II
Global Issues

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Slifko and seconded by Mr. Berk to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board agreed to renew the 45-day daily substitute teacher program for the 2008-2009 school year, starting October 1, 2008. The program provides for eight daily substitutes to be assigned through the District at a rate of \$95.00 per day for a 45-day period with an automatic renewal on a 45-day basis.

The Board approved a Letter of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and Cumberland/Perry Counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation to provide CASSP Elementary School-Based Program to children and families of the South Middleton School District during the 2008-2009 school year

The Board approved the annual Letter of Agreement between South Middleton School District and the liaison service provider (Teenline Program of Holy Spirit Hospital) for the Student Assistance Program Team for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth agreement between Manito Inc., and the South Middleton School District for five (5) seats for the full 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$17,300/seat.

The Board approved an overnight field trip for Ms. Ferrell, Mr. Waynick, Mrs. Garman, and members of the ATC staff to take approximately twenty (20) Outdoor Adventure students on a hike and overnight camping at Pine Grove Furnace, Group Site A, departing on Saturday, October 4, 2008, and returning Sunday, October 5, 2008.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL

EMPLOYMENT

The Board approved the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Emily Albright
Certification: Elementary

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Name: Kaelyn Brudnok
Certification: Health/Phys. Ed.

RESIGNATION – EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the resignation of Eric Berhernshausen from the position as Jr. High Football Coach for the 2008-2009 school year, effective immediately.

CHANGE IN POSITION – EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the change in position of Chris Davis from the position of Assistant Varsity Football coach to Head Jr. High Football Coach, effective immediately.

EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the following extra duty athletic positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name	Position	Step	Exp.	Units.	Salary
Davis, Chris	Head Jr. High Football	3	2	22	\$2,904
Waynick, Robert	Assist. Jr. High Boys' Soccer	1	0	14	1,848

CLASSIFIED

CHANGE IN POSITION

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Lisa Reiss-Thompson from the position of Full-Time Special Education Aide at the Yellow Breeches Middle School to the position of Full-Time Guidance/Library Aide at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective on or about September 8, 2008. (replacing Wendy Murray) Rate of Pay: \$9.83/hr.

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following Full-Time Special Education Aide at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective on or about September 8, 2008. (replacing Lisa Reiss-Thompson).

Name: Shana Peery
Rate of Pay: \$9.17/hr.

The Board employed the following crossing guard for the 2008-2009 school year, effective August 26, 2008. Rate of Pay: \$13.60/hr.

Name: William A. Yocum

CREATION OF POSITION

The Board approved the creation of a full-time special education aide position to be shared by W. G. Rice Elementary School and Iron Forge Educational Center and the Board authorized the Administration to advertise and fill the position. The salary for this position would be paid through IDEA-B funds.

The Board approved the installation of 22 Traine Univent computerized boards for replacement on the HVAC system at W.G. Rice Elementary School with a not-to-exceed cost of \$12,000.

The block motion passed unanimously with Mrs. Knouse abstaining only from the approval to hire Shana Peery as the Full-Time Special Education Aide at Yellow Breeches Middle School.

Motion made by Mr. Slifko and seconded by Mr. Juliana to approve the request from UGI for a natural gas pipeline and pressure reducing station Right-Of-Way on the property of the W.G. Rice Elementary School, subject to the Solicitor's review of the contract.

After much discussion regarding the location of the right-of-way, the impact of property values of the surrounding homes, safety concerns, the possibility of constructing an early education center on the property, and the stipend paid to the school district by UGI (one time: \$10,000), Ms. Martin called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Berk:	No	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	No	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	No	Mrs. Vensel:	Yes
Mr. Juliana:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		

The motion passed: 6 – Yes, 3 – No, 0 – Abstain

Motion made by Mr. Slifko and seconded by Mr. Berk to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Kimberly Vensel as School Director, effective October 6, 2008. **The motion passed unanimously.**

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Brendan VanGorder, Student Representative to the Board, indicated that the student body elected the Homecoming Court for the upcoming Homecoming game.

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Mrs. Vensel stated that she thought opening day went smoothly and felt that the administration and staff do a good job helping students transition from one school to another.

Mr. Berk stated that he thought the 2008-2009 school calendar was very well done. He also welcomed Sharonn Williams, and had met Ms. Lappi, the new Assistant Principal at W.G. Rice Elementary.

Mr. Slifko inquired about the tape recording of school board meetings, and Dr. Sanker stated the recording equipment is old and does not operate very well. Mr. Slifko also inquired about obtaining speakers/microphones for school board meetings, and obtaining updated recording equipment at the same time. Also, Mr. Slifko inquired about the Treasurer's Report for June and July. Dr. Sanker stated that each year the Treasurer's Report is delayed until the local auditors have completed the audit. The information will be provided at the second meeting in September 2008.

Mrs. Knouse commented that opening day went well. She also mentioned that since Ecker field/stadium renovations were under way, perhaps the scoreboard would need to be updated too. This is something the community and/or various athletic booster clubs could undertake via fundraising. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Public Relations Committee of the Board meet with several booster clubs to review the possibility.

Mr. Winters stated that the right-of-way request by UGI would not interfere with the establishment of an Early Childhood Educational Center on the W.G. Rice property, and he stated that he felt the school district should be moving toward this goal of establishing an early childhood center.

Mr. Juliana would support a Public Relations Committee meeting with the booster clubs to discuss the scoreboard renovations, and he also supported the idea of an Early Childhood Center.

Mrs. Cappelozzi welcomed Sharonn Williams and stated she would miss working with Mrs. Vensel as a fellow board member. She also supports the idea of an Early Childhood Center.

Dr. Sanker announced that the new teacher reception would begin at 6:15 p.m. on September 15, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 8:07 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 9:03 p.m.

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Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Scott
Recording Secretary