

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

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

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on December 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 7:20 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. Derek Clepper

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Mr. Mark Juliana

Ms. Pam Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Bitner, Assistant Principal - YBMS

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal – BSHS

Scott Govern, Athletic Director - BSHS

Shelly Lappi, Assistant Principal – Rice

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder – **Absent**

Jayson Schaufert - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-November 17, 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 spoke about the Board Room Bulletin Board display which represented the art work done by students at Boiling Springs High School, including the 2008 Holiday Card designs. She also reminded the Board members and the public about the upcoming holiday concerts scheduled in December.

Dr. Tippett spoke about the Department Chair/Team Leader reports that were recently prepared. She indicated that the reports will be presented three times throughout the school year. She also spoke about the recent Early Childhood program that was held on a Saturday at the W.G. Rice Elementary School and the program has been successfully in reaching pre-school children that are scheduled to attend Kindergarten next year.

Mr. Vensel spoke informed the Board that he was appointed to the Act 32 EIT Tax Implementation Committee by the Department of Community and Economic Development. He is also serving on the Act 32 Task Force through PASBO.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Vensel made a presentation to the Board of School Directors and the public about the upcoming Phase II of the Ecker Field Project, reviewing the process and the timeline.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, that the Board approves the agenda of December 2, 2008, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the Board of School Directors meeting dates for 2009. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse that the Board authorizes the signatures of the Board President, Board Treasurer and Board Secretary for the General Fund Account, Activity Account, Capital Reserve Fund Account, Payroll Account, Student Activities Accounts, and Cafeteria Accounts. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, that the Board authorizes Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent; Dr. Sandra J. Tippett, Assistant Superintendent; and Richard R. Vensel, Business Manager/Board Secretary, to sign all necessary State and Federal applications and any other applications, contracts, and required forms on behalf of the South Middleton School District for the calendar year 2009. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the Employment contract between Dr. Patricia B. Sanker and the Board of School Directors for the term of July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2013, as presented by the Personnel Committee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Juliana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board grants the Administration the authority to enter into an agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) for the purpose of joining the regional wide area computer network (WAN) at a cost not-to-exceed \$3,150/month or less. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board authorized the Business Manager/Board Secretary to spend up to \$25,000 on individual change orders on the Phase I Ecker Field Project.

The Board approved Ecker Field Project – Stadium Solutions Contract Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,900 to provide a 6' x 8' filming area at each end of the press box.

The Board approved a new 60-month lease agreement with Xerox Corporation for 23 new Xerox digital multifunctional machines (net increase of 5 copiers) at a cost of \$8,804 per month. (Savings of \$337 per month)

The Board approved the Second Reading (Final) of the following policies:

- Policy #140 – Charter Schools
- Policy #206 – Assignment Within District
- Policy #216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
- Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying – New
- Policy #801 – Public Records
- Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of Internet
- Policy #818 – Contracted Services

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PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

EXTRA DUTY – RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Kristi Elder from the extra duty position of JV Girls' Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

EXTRA DUTY – EMPLOYMENT

The Board approved the following athletic extra duty position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Uts.</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Wilmet, Samantha	19	1	0	\$2,508	JV Girls' Basketball

The Board approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2008-2009 school year:

Hartman, Jordan – Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Parks, Ryan – Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Wieland, Anthony – Volunteer Wrestling Coach

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

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

Name: Laura Yeomans
Certification: Elementary

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

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

Mrs. Capozzi stated that she enjoyed the special education poems and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mr. Juliana enjoyed the Department Chair/Team reports, especially noting that the reports highlighted the use of technology in the classrooms.

Mr. Winters requested a letter be prepared for CAPTAX to inform them that Mr. Vensel will be the South Middleton School District liaison. He also referred Board members to the CAIU Board Highlights report which outlines happenings at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit and actions taken at the most recent meeting of November 20, 2008.

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Mr. Slifko congratulated the officers of the Board and congratulated Mr. Govern on a successful fall sports season. He also spoke about Mr. MacIvor sending Christmas cards to Veterans and wounded soldiers in hospitals

Mr. Fay congratulated the officers and thanked Dr. Tippet for the nice job on the Department Chair/Team reports. He also thanked Mr. Vensel for his excellent presentation regarding the Ecker Field project. Mr. Fay also congratulated Brendan VanGorder and Jayson Schaufert for achieving distinguished honors and honors, respectively.

Mr. Berk thanked Ms. Martin and Mrs. Knouse for their leadership, and he also remarked that the Department Chair/Team reports were great. Mr. Berk also commented about the students at Rice using the electronic card catalog system, and he appreciates the opportunity to serve on the Technology Committee.

Mr. Clepper congratulated the Board officers and also felt the Department Chair/Team reports were well done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 8:25p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 8:58 p.m.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper that the Board adjourns the meeting. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary