

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on May 4, 2009, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Ms. Pamela Martin, 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. 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

Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Bitner, Assistant Principal - YBMS

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Shelly Lappi, Assistant Principal - Rice

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Dr. Fred Withum, Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mr. John Brill of the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank recognized Jayson Schaufert and Brandon VanGorder, representatives of the Boiling Springs Student Council, for their efforts in the two successful blood drives held at the high school.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-April 20, 2009 – 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 District activities and concerts scheduled for May and June 2009.

Dr. Tippet mentioned that she was had an opportunity to preview the Iron Forge Educational Center spring concert and the student musicians are very talented.

Mr. Vensel reported on the homestead/farmstead information received from Cumberland County.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves the agenda of May 4, 2009, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.** (Note: Item number 11.9 was tabled at this time.)

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay that the Board adopts the preliminary budget for 2009-2010 as follows:

That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby tentatively adopts the annual budget, transfers and designations of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009, as more fully set forth in PDE Form 2028 which was presented at this meeting;

Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$28,522,767 and a budgetary reserve of \$500,000 for the school fiscal year July

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1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and more particularly and fully detailed in the proposed annual budget as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 11.38 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$1.138 per \$100 of assessed value) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of "The Public School Code of 1949", as amended for the school fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act", as amended: (1) Realty Transfer Tax -1/2%; (2) Earned Income Tax - 1.1%; and (3) Occupational Privilege Tax - \$10.00.

That said proposed taxes as levied and continued to be levied shall provide revenue for the proposed expenditures authorized above.

Further, that said the Board of School Directors does designate \$5,475,788 of fund balance for future retirement and health care costs.

Further the District transfer \$1,500,000 to the District's Capital reserve account.

The motion unanimously passed on a roll call vote.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi that the Board approves the planned course of study. Each course has been aligned with the PA Academic Standards for that subject.

Business and Computer Education

- Grade 6 Computer
- Grade 7 Computer
- Grade 8 Computer
- Computer Science and Programming I
- Computer Science and Programming II
- Personal and Business Law

Elementary Science

- Grade 4 Science

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse that the Board adopts new textbooks and instructional tradebooks as recommended by the Education Committee of the Board for the 2009-2010 school year in accordance with Section 24 PS 8-803 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper that the Board approves the South Middleton School District to enter into a consortium with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 to accept a Safe and Drug Free schools grant for the 2009-2010 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper that the Board employs Harold Gaughan, consultant, to review and prepare Plancon Part J, including review by a certified public accountant, for the Boiling Springs High School project, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$3,000. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the transfer of the amount of \$69,998.98 from the budgetary reserve to the 10-1100 general fund account for the purchase of SmartBoards, related hardware, and a new clock system at the Yellow Breeches Middle School.

The Board approved a one year contract agreement with Therabilities to provide occupational and physical therapy services to eligible students attending South Middleton School District. The contract agreement is for 90 days of occupational therapy at a per diem rate of \$475.00 and 150 hours of physical therapy at an hourly rate of \$68.00 (see attachment).

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed Ms. Jessica B. Bolton a doctoral student in psychology, as a Psychologist Intern for the 2009-2010 school year for a 210 day period at \$15,000/year (\$71.43/day). Ms. Bolton will work under the supervision of licensed school psychologist, Dr. Ray Christener.

EXTRA DUTY – CO-CURRICULAR

The Board employed the following extra duty position for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Cochran, Karen
Stipend: \$264.00
Position: Graduation Assistant - Speeches

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CHILDREARING

The Board approved a request from Erin Brenner, first grade teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, for a childrearing leave of absence beginning August 20, 2009, through approximately January 4, 2010, with the possibility of extending the leave through the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Erin will inform the district of her plans for extending her leave to the end of the 2009-2010 school year by December 7, 2009.

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CLASSIFIED – SUMMER HELP

The Board employed the following summer maintenance/grounds workers at a salary of \$9.58/hr., beginning June 1, 2009.

Name: Austin Crull Address: 303 Oak Drive Mt. Holly Springs, PA	Name: James Murray Address: 13 Peach Tree Lane Boiling Springs, PA
Name: Garrett Bear Address: 2 Robin Drive Carlisle, PA	Name: Timothy Fay Address: 327 W. First Street Boiling Springs, PA
Name: Matthew Giewont Address: 102 Creamery Road Boiling Springs, PA	Name: Nicholas Stapleton Address: 846 Lindsey Road Carlisle, PA

The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Fay abstaining on the vote to hire the summer workers only.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay to approve the Transportation Contract of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and Rohrer Bus Services for the 2009-2010 school year, subject to solicitor review. On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:

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

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

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Brendan Van Gorder reported on the success of the recent prom and the scheduled powder puff football game.

Jayson Schaufert reported on a car wash that students will be holding for teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation week.

Mr. Clepper suggested that when Yellow Breeches Middle School conducts a trial run of loading/unloading of buses in the back of the building, a camera be used to record the trial run.

Mr. Berk thanked Dr. Sanker for the pandemic information.

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Mr. Fay thanked the administration for obtaining the occupancy permit for the stadium.

Mr. Slifko commented that the recent high school band concert was excellent.

Mr. Winters requested that the Board give consideration to making a pledge to the **CAIU's Champions for Children "Serving Children with Unique Needs"** capital campaign to raise \$2,260,000 over the next five years to support the Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) and Hill Top Academy.

Mrs. Capozzi thanked the Administration for the information on the function of a Literacy Coach.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 9:40 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 10:45 p.m.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary