

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on September 8, 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 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Michael Berk - **Absent**

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Derek Clepper – Arrived 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse - **Absent**

Mr. Mark Juliana

Ms. Pam Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko - **Absent**

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal –BSHS

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Dennis Royer, Computer Network Administrator

Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Dr. Fred Withum, Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Alexandra Goodson

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

The Honorable Susan K. Day District Justice 09-3-03, administered the Oath of Office to the SMSD school police.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-August 17, 2009

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Baker reported on the Halloween Parade which is scheduled for October 22, 2009.

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

Dr. Sanker commented on the Bulletin Board display in the Board room. She also noted the ten day enrollment count report of 2,210 students was distributed to Board members. Dr. Sanker also reported on the successful opening of school, the football stadium opening, and the opening day presentation to professional staff.

Dr. Tippett commented on the thank you note received from Alberta Norton, World Language Department Chair and AYP status.

Mr. Vensel updated the Board on the various construction projects and the Act 32 committee.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 11, 2009, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education that the 2009-2010 Consolidated Federal Programs Application has been approved.

Letter dated August 25, 2009, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education Bureau of Audits that the single audit report for South Middleton School District for the year ending June 30, 2008 has been received and a preliminary review discloses no findings related to federal awards passed through commonwealth funding agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Juliana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the agenda of September 8, 2009, with all corrections and addendums as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves Michael Berk, Derek Clepper, Elizabeth Knouse, Pamela Martin, and Robert Winters to attend the 2009 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference on October 13-16, 2009, located in Hershey, PA. Cost: Approximately \$995. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Juliana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay that the Board approves the following planned courses of study. Each course has been aligned with the PA Academic Standards for that subject.

English

Applied English II – Grade 10
Applied English IV – Grade 12
Honors English – Grade 9
Honors English – Grade 10

Music

General Music – Grade 6
General Music – Grade 7
General Music – Grade 8

Science

Grade 1 Science

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board approves the Academic Standards and Assessment Midpoint Review for submittal to the Department of Education. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

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 2009-2010 school year.

The Board approved an overnight field trip for Ms. Ferrell and Mr. Waynick to take approximately twenty-five (25) Outdoor Adventure students on an overnight hike on the Appalachian Trail on Saturday, September 26, 2009, returning Sunday, September 27, 2009.

The Board approved the job description for Technology Coach (see attachment).

The Board approved the job description for Secondary Math Coach (see attachment).

The Board approved the job description for Elementary Literacy Coach (see attachment).

The Board agreed to renew the 45-day daily substitute teacher program for the 2009-2010 school year, starting October 1, 2009. The program provides for eight daily substitutes to be assigned through the District (two substitutes per building) at a rate of \$100.00 per day for a 45-day period with an automatic renewal on a 45-day basis. The following are the 45-day substitute employees:

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Rice	IFEC	YBMS	BSHS
Lesa Bonner	Lindsay Yeager Marlene Ward	Jody Keys Sheila Dodds/Susan Snyder*	Tami White Amy Rogers

*Sheila Dodds/Susan Snyder share 1 position – each one works every other day.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

EMPLOYMENT - PROFESSIONAL

EXTRA DUTY

The Board employed the following Department Chairs:

Name: Kathy Westermeier
Position: Library
Salary: \$2,200

Name: Kathy Westbrook
Position: Special Ed. – YBMS
Salary: \$2,500

Name: Kris Bohn
Position: Special Services - YBMS
Salary: \$2,200

EXTRA DUTY - COCURRICULAR

The Board employed the following extra duty position:

Name: Elizabeth Reed
Position: Choreographer – H.S. Spring Musical
Salary: \$709

Name: Elmer Barrick
Position: IFEC Student Council Advisor
Salary: \$270

The Board approved the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year @ \$95.00/day (see attachment).

The Board approved the following substitute teachers under the Guest Teacher Program for the 2009-2010 school year @ \$95.00 day (see attachment).

RESIGNATION – EXTRA DUTY

The Board accepted the resignation of Joseph Harker from the position of Head Varsity Track & Field Coach, effective immediately.

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RESIGNATION – PROFESSIONAL

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Cheryl Brubaker, from the position of Reading Specialist at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective October 30, 2009.

CLASSIFIED – EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Natalie Harbold
Position: Full-time Swim Aide (replacing JoAnn Garman)
Rate: \$13.50/hr.

The Board employed the following crossing guards/school police for the 2009-2010 school year (see attachment).

VOLUNTEER COACH

The Board approved the following volunteer coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

Name: John Desker – Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach

The Board approved a before and/or after school (latchkey) program for the 2009-2010 school year to be provided by ChildTime, Inc., 50 Alexander Springs Road, Carlisle, PA 17013, at no cost to the District.

The motion passed unanimously.

For the record: It was noted that Mr. Paul Slifko attended a workshop sponsored by PSBA in Mechanicsburg, PA on September 2, 2009, titled "The Superintendent – A Catalyst for Organizational Excellence."

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Alexandra Goodson reported that the band and fall sports seasons have started. "Back to School Night" at the Boiling Springs High School was held and was successful.

Brendan Van Gorder reported that a new club, Amnesty International has been formed and Homecoming preparations are under way.

Mr. Clepper commented on the new athletic field/stadium, and he thanked the Alumni Association for the donation to the field. He also complimented the handling of a transportation issue.

Mr. Fay complimented Dr. Withum for interview held on WITF Public radio.

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Ms. Martin commented that the 5th quarter dance at IFEC went well.

Mr. Juliana spoke about the Labor Day fireworks held at the high school and the newly installed playground equipment at Rice.

Ms. Capozzi liked the staggered start for the Kindergarten program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for Legal Matters and Personnel items at 7:56 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 8:43 p.m.

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary