

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on December 7, 2009, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Michael Berk – **Absent (resigned)**
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pam Martin
Mr. Tom Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent
Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC
Barbara J. Alitto, Special Ed. Director
David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Instruct. Technology
Fred Withum, Principal, YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder
Alexandra Goodson - **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

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

-November 16, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting – As corrected

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker welcomed Mr. Merlie as the newly elected School Director to the evening's meeting, and thanked Ms. Martin for serving as President of the Board of School Directors over the past year. She also reviewed the December activity schedules for the schools.

Dr. Tippett commented on the recent participation of Boiling Springs High School students in the Brain Busters competition, televised on Channel 8.

Mr. Vensel discussed the proposed amendment of the articles of agreement with the Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School. The amendment has been reviewed with other business managers in Cumberland County, and approval is recommended. The amendment is on the agenda for this evening.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

It was noted that a letter dated November 20, 2009, from Gerald L. Zahorchak, D. Ed. was received indicating that South Middleton School District has earned one or more Keystone Achievement Awards for meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets for two consecutive years at Boiling Springs High School, Yellow Breeches Middle School, and W.G. Rice Elementary School.

TOPIC DISCUSSION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approves the agenda of December 7, 2009. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board accepted the resignation of Michael H. Berk from the position of School Director, effective immediately.

The Board approved the Board of School Directors meeting dates for 2010.

The Board authorized 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 Fund Accounts.

The Board authorized 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 2010.

The Board approved the submittal of Plan Con J to the PA Department of Education.

The Board approved the amendment to the Articles of Agreement for the Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School to allow for the establishment of a South Central Trust Reserve Fund and future designated funds for the purpose of maintaining account balances, as authorized by the joint operating committee from time to time, to pay for anticipated future operating expenses for the Cumberland-Perry Area Vocational Technical School.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

EMPLOYMENT – ADMINISTRATION

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Jessica B. Bolton
Position: School Psychologist (Replacing Courtney McLaughlin)
Salary: \$62,000 (210 day work year)
Starting Date: December 8, 2009

EXTRA DUTY – MENTOR

The Board employed the following mentor teacher for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, at \$250.00 (1/2 year)

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Year</u>
Shields, David	Kohan, Suzette	1

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EXTRA DUTY – VOLUNTEER

The Board approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year:

Ebby, Ryan– Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Wiebly, Austin – Volunteer Wrestling Coach

CHILDREARING LEAVE - EXTENSION

The Board approved the request of Mrs. Erin Brenner, first grade teacher at Rice Elementary School, to extend her childrearing leave for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, returning to her position in August 2010.

EMPLOYMENT – EXTENSION OF LTS POSITION

The Board approved the extension of employment (to the end of the 2009-2010 school year) for the following long-term substitute employee:

Name: Laura M. Yeomans
Position: First Grade Teacher – LTS Position at Rice
(Replacing Erin Brenner)
Salary: Step 1, Bachelor's Degree - \$39,128

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin that the Board approves the Purchase of Service Agreement between Northwestern Human Resources, NHS Autism School, and the South Middleton School District for the provision of classroom services for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost to the District of \$24,271.20 per student plus the cost of any related service, i.e., speech therapy, occupational therapy, etc., or an individual aide, if required by the IEP.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Brendan Van Gorder spoke about the commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor which occurred 58 years ago. He also reported on a recently held food drive at the high school and high school students that were selected for District band.

Mr. Merlie thanked everyone for their warm welcome to the Board of School Directors.

Mr. Clepper welcomed Mr. Merlie to the Board.

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Mr. Fay congratulated Mr. Bogdan on the presentation he made to the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, and commented on the Department Chair/Team reports.

Mr. Slifko congratulated Mr. Merlie on his election to the Board of School Directors. He also congratulated music teacher, Mrs. Wilson on the publishing of an original choral piece.

Ms. Martin welcomed Mr. Merlie to the Board and commented on the use of technology by the teachers in their classrooms.

Mr. Winters thanked Ms. Martin for serving as President over the past year, and he welcomed Mr. Merlie to the Board. He commented on the Department Chair/Team reports and had a question about the 2010-2011 budget time line.

Mrs. Capozzi commented on the H1N1 immunization clinics.

Mrs. Knouse commented on the department chair/team reports and reminded Board members to review committee assignments. Board members should let Mrs. Knouse know his/her individual preferences in serving on committees or appointments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary