

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2010**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on January 11, 2010, 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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.
Mr. Thomas Hayes
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin
Mr. Thomas Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent
Barbara J. Alitto, Special Ed. Director
David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Scott Govern – Athletic Director
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Instruct. Technology
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

Dr. Sanker introduced and recognized Alaira J. Kish, 3rd grade student at W.G. Rice Elementary School as the 2009 District Holiday Card Design Award winner.

Mrs. Barbara Cross, Cumberland County Commissioner, introduced and recognized Molly Dowling, 11th grade student at Boiling Springs High School, for her graduation project work with the Claremont Nursing Home

Dr. Sanker recognized and thanked the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors for their volunteer service to the Board, serving the students, staff and community of South Middleton.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meetings:

- December 7, 2009 – Organization Meeting
- December 7, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting
- December 17, 2009 – Special Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin to approve the following:

NOVEMBER – 2009

The Board approved the bills for November 2009, represented by checks #38132 to #38442 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,292,488.76.

The Board approved the Student Activity Fund reports for November 2009 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #13342 to #13379 inclusive, in the amount of \$23,133.27, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for November 2009, represented by checks #22131 to #22136 in the amount of \$165,038.58.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for November 2009, represented by checks #11244 to #12072, inclusive in the amount of \$10,464.47.

DECEMBER - 2009

The Board approved the bills for December 2009, represented by checks #38443 to #38710 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,409,665.15.

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The Board approved the Student Activity Fund reports for December 2009 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #13381 to #13424 inclusive, in the amount of \$35,102.21, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for December 2009, represented by checks #22137 to #22143 in the amount of \$38,411.19.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker spoke about the bulletin board display in the board room. Dr. Sanker requested that board members review the updated board member contact roster and let her know of any changes to the roster. She also reminded board members of the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce “Meet the Elected Officials” reception, and welcomed new board member, Mr. Thomas Hayes.

Dr. Tippettt stated the schools are off to a good start in 2010 and reviewed the professional development activities scheduled for the staff on January 18, 2010.

Mr. Vensel spoke about the PSBA’s new retirement proposal, the after school busing that has been in operation for the past several months, a budget seminar that is scheduled for February 2010, and the by-laws committee of the Tax Collections Committee.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

TOPIC DISCUSSION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the agenda of January 11, 2010. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board approved the 2010 Board Committee Assignments and Appointments as submitted by Board President, Elizabeth Knouse, as per South Middleton School District Board Policy No. 005, Section 5.

The Board designated the Carlisle Sentinel and the Harrisburg Patriot News as the newspapers of general circulation for the District for 2010.

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The Board approved the budget for the Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$6,944,950 for the fiscal year 2010-2011 and agrees to accept its share of \$342,900 as set forth in the Articles of Agreement. (see attached information)

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Pennsylvania State Police (Carlisle Station) and the South Middleton School District. (see attached MOU) (subject to the review of the solicitor).

The Board approved the listing of Seniors, as presented by the High School Principal, as candidates for graduation in June 2010 upon meeting the graduation requirements as established and adopted by the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors in compliance with the Commonwealth's guidelines.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

Professional – Extra Duty

The Board approved the following extra duty after-school study hall monitor for the 2009-2010 school year at \$33.00/hr.

Furr, Kathleen – YBMS

The Board approved the following extra duty positions for the after-school Yellow Breeches Middle School Mastery Program (pilot program for the 2009-2010 school year) at \$650.00 per teacher, per marking period (for the second marking period).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Bechtel, William	8 th Grade Science
Bohn, Kris	Pre-Algebra
Carothers, Kelly	Grade 6
Elliott, Annette	7 th Grade Course – 2 Math
Gray, Laurie	Grade 6
Kemp, Amanda	Grade 6
Lauro, Karla	7 th Grade Social Studies
Leese, Chris	7 th Grade Science
Martin, Amy	7 th Grade Reading
Norton, Alberta	French/Spanish & Support with study skills
Reutter, Susan	Spec. Ed. Support – Reading/English as needed
Snyder, Sharon	7 th & 8 th Grade English

The Board approved the following extra duty position for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kuffa, Sherry	Graduation (Clerical)	\$200	\$540	\$740

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The Board approved the following athletic extra duty positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Uts.</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brenner, Matt	AM Weight Rm. Super.	1	0	10	\$1,350	\$1,350
Leese, Chris	PM Ass't Weight Rm. Supervisor	1	0	7	\$945	\$945

Professional - Substitutes

The Board employed the following substitute teachers for the 2009-2010 school year at \$95.00/day:

Name: JoAnn Garman
Address: 105 Country Road
Carlisle, PA
Certification: Business Ed.

Name: Megan Snyder
Address: 602 N. Bedford Street
Carlisle, PA
Certification: Music

Classified – Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Diane Dunsmore from the position of Special Education Secretary, for the purpose of retirement, effective January 27, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi that the Board agrees to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of establishing a framework of collaboration, as well as articulate specific roles and responsibilities in support of the Commonwealth in its implementation of an approved "Race to the Top" grant project.

The motion was defeated unanimously. (0 – Yes, 9 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstentions)

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Brendan Van Gorder spoke about the success of the Canned Food Drive, the band concert and the upcoming spring musical.

Mr. Merlie commented on the wonderful holiday concerts, and he also welcomed Mr. Hayes as a member of the Board.

Mrs. Capozzi welcomed Mr. Hayes to the Board, and she spoke about how pleased she is with Therabilities, a service which provides physical and occupation therapy to students in South Middleton School District.

Mr. Winters commented on Mrs. Dianne Dunsmore's 17 years of service to the district in the position of special education secretary, and requested that the Administration mention that in the retirement letter to thank her for her service.

Ms. Martin spoke about the upcoming webinar for school boards offered by PSBA regarding retirement proposal.

Mr. Slifko recommended a book, titled *Grown Up Digital* to read.

Mr. Fay thanked Mrs. Dunsmore for her years of service to the district and he commented on an incident that occurred at a basketball game that Mr. Al Shields handled very well.

Mr. Clepper commented on the article in the *Patriot News* about Mr. Dieter and the formation of a Mid-Penn Association of Basketball coaches. He also commented about microphones in the board room and televising board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary