

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 7, 2010**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on June 7, 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 - **Absent**  
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  
Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education  
Frederick Withum, Principal - YBMS

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Molly Dowling - **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 Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-May 17, 2010

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

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

Dr. Sanker spoke about the recent Commencement ceremony and thanked everyone who participated in both nights. She also commented on the new bulletin board display presented by the Iron Forge Educational Center.

Mr. Vensel spoke about the Athletic Fitness Room project, the storm water management project, and planned carpeting removals. He also commented that the local auditors are scheduled for July and updated the Board on a meeting scheduled with the Cap Tax committee.

### **NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter dated May 1, 2010, to Mr. Joseph Mancuso, Principal of the Boiling Springs High School, notifying him that at the Spring 2010 meeting, the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to grant Boiling Springs High School accreditation for seven years.

Letter dated May 21, 2010, from Barbara Wilson, Township Manager, thanking the Board and Dr. Sanker for use of Board room for two township meetings.

### **TOPIC DISCUSSION - None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, to approve the agenda, for June 7, 2010, with all corrections as indicated. (Item number 11.9 was tabled until new job descriptions are developed).

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the following revised resolution:

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That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby adopts the annual budget of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010, 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 thirty million, one hundred forty-one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars during the school fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, 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 11.71 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$1.1607 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) Local Services 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 \$6,807,744 of Unreserved Fund Balance for retirement and insurance rate increases and for future construction projects.

Further, that the Board approves the attached resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year in accordance with Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 (see attached).

On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Absent	Mr. Clepper:	No
Mr. Fay	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	No
Mr. Merlie:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Winters:	No:		

**Motion failed: 4 – Yes, 4 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves the following revised resolution:

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Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of thirty million, one hundred forty-one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars during the school fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, 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 11.6076 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) Local Services 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 \$6,376,674 of Unreserved Fund Balance for retirement and insurance rate increases and for future construction projects.

Further, that the Board approves the attached resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year in accordance with Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 (see attached).

On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Absent	Mr. Clepper:	No
Mr. Fay	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	No
Mr. Merlie:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Winters:	No:		

**Motion failed: 4 – Yes, 4 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves the following resolution:

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Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 11.5507 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$1.155 per \$100 of assessed value) on

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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) Local Services 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 \$6,584,472 of Unreserved Fund Balance for retirement and insurance rate increases and for future construction projects.

Further, that the Board approves the attached resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year in accordance with Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 (see attached).

On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Absent	Mr. Clepper:	No
Mr. Fay	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Merlie:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Winters:	No:		

**Motion passed: 5 – Yes, 4 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board appoints Stock and Leader, LLP, with Mr. Philip H. Spare, as principal counselor, to serve as South Middleton School District's Solicitor for the 2010-2011 school year. The proposed fees for the 2010-2011 school year are to continue without an annual retainer and an hourly rate of \$155 for partners and \$145 for associates, unless otherwise agreed for special projects such as negotiations or litigation. Bond issues and similar financing matters will continue to be billed on a transactional basis. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves all of the following in a block motion:

The Board authorized the Principal of the W.G. Rice Elementary School to complete the necessary scheduling and release arrangements to permit the Cumberland County Area Bible Club to conduct a released time religious instruction program off-campus for the third grade students for one hour a week during the 2010-2011 school year.

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The Board approved the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth agreement between Manito, Inc., at 7564 Brown's Mill Road in Chambersburg, PA and the South Middleton School District for 0 seats for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board approved a one-year contract agreement with Therabilities, a pediatric therapy agency, to provide occupational and physical therapy services to eligible students attending the South Middleton School District. The contract agreement is for 108 days of occupational therapy at a per diem rate of \$494.00 and 250 hours of physical therapy at an hourly rate of \$70.00.

The Board That the Board approves the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth agreement between River Rock Academy and the South Middleton School District for ten seats for the 2010-2011 school year. Six seats will be at the Shiremanstown school and four seats at the Carlisle school. The total cost to the District is \$212,454.

The Board approved the Purchase of Service Agreement between Northwestern Human Services of PA, NHS Autism School and the South Middleton School District for the provision of classroom services for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost to the District of \$24,760.80 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 Board approved the Support Staff Employee Compensation and Benefit Plan from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014, with salary increases as follows:

2010-2011 – Act 1 Index + .6% = 3.5%

\*2011-2012 – Act 1 Index + .6%

\*2012-2013 – Act 1 Index

\*2013-2014 – Act 1 Index

\*The increase in any year will not exceed 3.75% nor be less than 2.1%.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

### **PERSONNEL**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

#### Extended School Year Program

The Board employed the following special education teachers for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for Summer 2010, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment, at a rate of \$33.00/hr. to be paid through IDEA-B funds.

Bersano, Melissa  
Hertz, Allyson  
High, Patricia  
Krohn, Robyn  
McPoyle, Jennifer  
Roth, Cindy  
Schwander, Teresa  
Zink, Jan

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### Summer Academy

The Board employed the following Summer Academy staff for the Summer of 2010 at a salary of \$33.00/hr.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Caldwell, Kelly	Co-Director
Birsch, Ellen	Co-Director
Deck, Sue	Teacher
Kuhn, Stephanie	Teacher
Miller, Shannon	Teacher
Ranck, Ketha	Teacher
Vincent, Melissa	Teacher
Yeomans, Laura	Teacher

### Tenure

The Board approved the change of status for the teachers listed below from "Temporary Professional Employee" to "Professional Employee."

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Date Employed</u></b>
Beardmore, Aaron	Math	August 2007
Jarrett, Jason	Tech Ed.	August 2007
Kane, Amber	Art	August 2007
Long, Amanda	Math	August 2007
MacIvor, Michael	Soc. Studies	August 2007
Yinger, Anna Kate	Phys. Ed.	August 2007
Bersano, Melissa	Spec. Ed.	August 2007
Lay, Jessica	Art	August 2007

The Board employed the following Pre-K Summer Camp staff for the Summer of 2010 at a salary of \$33.00/hr.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Beecher, Megan	Teacher
Scharlau, Kevin	Teacher

### **CLASSIFIED**

#### Extended School Year

The Board employed the following special education aides for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for Summer 2010, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment. Salaries to be paid for through IDEA-B funds.

Chamberlain, Alice - \$10.11/hr.  
Spangler, Jennifer - \$11.62/hr.  
Ulco, Doreen - \$13.03/hr.

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**The motion passed unanimously with the exception of the vote on the Support Staff Employee Compensation and Benefit Plan.** For the Support Staff Employee Compensation and Benefit Plan Agreement only, the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Absent	Mr. Clepper:	Yes
Mr. Fay	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Merlie:	Abstained	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Winters:	Yes		

**Motion passed: 6– Yes, 1 – No, 1 – Abstention, 1 – Absent**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary