

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 10, 2014**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on February 10, 2014, in the Iron Forge Educational Center Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. For the record: The meeting scheduled for February 3, 2014, was re-scheduled to this evening due to inclement weather on February 3, 2014

**ROLL CALL**

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

**School Directors**

Mr. Steven Bear

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Mr. Scott Witwer

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Alan Moyer, Superintendent

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Tina Darchicourt – Accounting Specialist

Joel Hain – Principal – BSHS

Dr. Jesse White – Principal – YBMS

**Student Representatives**

Derek Snyder

Helene Tiley

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Richard R. Vensel

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

-January 13, 2014 – with correction

-January 20, 2014

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

Dr. Moyer provided copies of the most recent District newsletter. He congratulated the wrestling and basketball teams on their successful seasons.

Dr. Mancuso stated that PDE is allowing an extra week in the window for PSSA testing. He is starting to get out to all of the buildings.

Mr. Vensel reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 Governor's state budget with the Board and the public.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter, dated December 4, 2013, from Target Field Trips, that Ms. Amy Necci, teacher at YBMS, is the recipient of a 2014 Field Trip Grant in the amount of \$700.00.

**TOPIC DISCUSSION**

There were two topic discussions on the agenda, and they were as follows:

- Dr. Moyer, Dr. Adams, and Mr. Straub of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, reviewed the education plans and building design of the Iron Forge Educational Center Renovation project.
- Mr. Vensel and Mr. Remig of PFM reviewed the financing of the Iron Forge Educational Center Renovation project.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Mrs. Capozzi**

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the proposed revisions to the 2013-2014 school calendar, the proposed 2014-2015 school calendar, the Iron Forge Educational Center specifications, and the English/Language Arts curriculum for Grades K-10.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Berk reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed financing of district projects, the five-year plan, the capital reserve budget, roofing, security, summer workers, and the Iron Forge Educational Renovation project.

**NEW BUSINESS – Exceptions – (Requesting approval prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month)**

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board amends the agenda to include a motion regarding attendance of the Williams family children, tuition-free at the South Middleton School District for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Board approves the proposed revisions to the 2013-2014 school calendar as per the attached. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Steven Bear - Yes  
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes  
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes  
Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent  
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes**

**Ms. Thomas Merlie - Yes  
Mr. Paul Slifko - No  
Mr. Robert Winters - Yes  
Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes**

**7 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

Made a motion, seconded by, that the Board approves the Melissa Williams family to enroll and permit their two children to attend the South Middleton School District, tuition-free for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. **On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Steven Bear - Yes  
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes  
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes  
Mr. Derek Clepper - Absent  
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes**

**Ms. Thomas Merlie - Yes  
Mr. Paul Slifko - No  
Mr. Robert Winters - No  
Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes**

**6 – Yes, 2 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

**PLANNING/DISCUSSION: REGULAR BOARD MEETING: 2/18/14**

The following items were reviewed and are anticipated to be on the February 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting agenda for approval.

- Approval of the 2014-2015 School Calendar
- Approval of the 2014-2015 CAIU Budget

**Personnel Items:**

**Professional:**

**Employment**

- Extra Duty - Homework Club Advisor - Sarah Deaven
- Extra Duty - Athletics - Spring Coaching Positions
- Extra Duty - Mentor teacher for Brian Rohm – Susan Reutter
- Extra Duty - Graduation Assistant - Programs/Tickets - Jason Jarrett
- Substitutes - Professional

**Classified:**

**Employment:**

- Secretary to the Directory of Buildings/Grounds
- Substitutes - Classroom Aides

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Carol Yanity requested that the revised 2013-2014 calendar dates be provided to all parents via One-Call now. She also wished Dr. Adams well and stated that Dr. Adams will be missed at South Middleton School District.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**South Middleton Township – Mr. Berk**

Mr. Berk reported that the school district and the township met at Allenberry on January 31, 2014.

**South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation – Mr. Hayes**

Mr. Hayes reported that the school district would be working with the township in the development of the Spring Meadow Park. A kick-off meeting is scheduled next week.

**Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech – Mr. Winters**

Mr. Winters reported a increase of 25% is anticipated in health care costs. He also commented on a pilot program the vo-tech is implementing, and inquired whether SMSD would be interested in participating.

**PSBA Legislative Report – Mr. Merlie**

Mr. Merlie provided each board member with a newly released publication by PSBA, titled "Essentials of School Board Service." He encouraged all the board members to read the booklet.

**Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Berk**

No Report

**FOR THE RECORD**

The Board met in Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. this evening for discussion purposes only of a student issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.** The Board went into Executive Session after the regular meeting was adjourned for discussion purposes only of a legal matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary