

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2014**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on October 6, 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 7:03 p.m.

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. Thomas Hayes
Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters
Mr. Scott Witwer

Administrative Staff

Dr. Alan Moyer, Superintendent
Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent
David Bitner, Assist. Principal, YBMS
David Boley, Principal - Rice
Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education
Joel Hain, Principal – BSHS
Trisha Reed, Principal – IFEC
Jesse White – Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Inst.Tech.
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds

Student Representatives

Max D. Leo
Helene “Ellie” Tiley

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel – Absent

Assistant Board Secretary

Tina L. Darchicourt

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mr. Justin Bruhn, Director of the Cumberland/Perry Vo-Tech School, introduced two SMSD students who are attending the CPAVTS. Both students spoke about their learning experiences at the school and their plans for the future.

Dr. Moyer and Mr. Merlie wished Mr. Spare, District Solicitor, well and thanked him for his advice and professional service to the District over the years. Mr. Bear, Mr. Berk, Mr. Winters, Mr. Hayes, and Mrs. Capozzi thanked Mr. Spare and wished him well in his new position. Mr. Spare stated that Mr. Gareth D. Pahowka, will serve as the new solicitor for the District.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Nellie Faul, School Liaison at the Carlisle Barracks, stood to introduce herself to the Board and the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting: September 15, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, with one correction: Page 6 Mr. Witwer voted "Yes" to the motion to enter an agreement with PASBO for the employment of Sandy Williams, etc. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT – None

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

Dr. Moyer reported on the transitioning of District Office staff from IFEC to the BSHS. A directory will be provided. December 3, 2014, is the first board meeting that will be held in the Boiling Springs High School cafeteria. Dr. Moyer also reported that administrative team members, Dr. Mancuso, Mr. Boley, Mrs. Reed, and Mrs. Spisak have coordinated a staffing solution to meet our ESL needs. The middle school and high school faculty meetings impressed Dr. Moyer with their sharing of professional resources and knowledge.

Dr. Mancuso reported that SMSD, Northern S.D. and Camp Hill are developing a comprehensive K-12 guidance program, focusing on career planning. October 1 & 2, 2014, were training sessions on Principal Effectiveness Evaluation. October 13, 2014, is the next Professional Development Day. Performance Tracker training is on the schedule for the in-service.

Tina Darchicourt reported that the official Act 1 Index for the 2015-2016 budget year was published by PA Bulletin. The value is 1.9% She also reported that SMSD received approval by PDE for PlanCon Parts D & E. The documents are attached to these minutes. The District received notification from PDE that the Office of Special Education Programs made a determination that the SMSD "meets requirements" for Part B of IDEA. Tina attached a Campaign for Fair Education Funding Kick-Off event at the CAIU on September 30, 2014. It was a virtual meeting involving of the intermediate units

throughout the State of PA. PA is one of three states that does not have consistent Basic Education Funding formula. The goal is to have a funding formula passed by 2016 that is equitable, predictable, and sustainable.

Miss Tiley, Student Representative to the Board, reported that Homecoming was very successful, and the football team won the game!

Mr. Leo, Student Representative to the Board, reported that BSHS is hosting the PSAT next Wednesday and the Future Business Leaders of America will hold its first meeting tomorrow.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated September 18, 2014, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, that the Single Audit Report for South Middleton School District for the year ended June 30, 2014, is approved and in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, and other relevant Federal and Commonwealth policy.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Capozzi reported that Dr. Mancuso and the principals reviewed the Keystone and PSSA scores at an Education Committee scheduled earlier this evening.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Berk reported that the Facilities Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed a building name change for the 2016-2017 school year, grade realignment. The committee also reviewed an asset disposal list that will be on the October 20, 2014, board agenda for approval.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Moyer and Dr. Mancuso reviewed student achievement and state assessment results with the Board and the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the agenda of October 6, 2014, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board authorizes the Board Secretary to electronically cast a vote for the following PSBA President for the 2014-2015 school year for: Kathy K. Swope. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board authorizes the Board Secretary to electronically cast a vote for the following PSBA officials:

Mark B. Miller – PSBA Vice President

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Otto W. Voit, III – PSBA Treasurer
David Hutchinson – PSBA At-Large Representative (central)
The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING/DISCUSSION: REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 10/20/14

The Board reviewed the following items that will be on the October 20, 2014 agenda for approval.

- IFEC Name Change
- IFEC - Grade Realignment
- Equipment Asset Disposal
- Personnel Items

Professional - Employment

- Extra Duty Athletics for Winter
- Professional Substitutes
- Guest Teacher Substitutes
- Long-Term First Grade Teacher - (Replacing Erin Brenner from 10/31/14 - end of the 2014-2015 school year)

Childrearing Leave Extension

- Request to extend childrearing leave of absence - Christa J. Souder

Resignation

- Melissa Cass (Bersano) - Full-Time Learning Support Teacher - IFEC - Effective Date - TBD

Classified - Employment

- Natalie White - From substitute classroom aide to full-time special education aide (replacing Tessa Blosser)
- Full-Time Custodian (2nd Shift) - Replacing George Lybrand

Classified - Retirement

- Annette Dragas, Special Education Aide - Effective 1/1/15

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Middleton Township – Mr. Berk

No Report

South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation – Mr. Hayes

Mr. Hayes was unable to attend meeting, but Mr. Bear attended. He reported that the Spring Meadow Park was discussed, and it will be developed in phases.

Cumberland-Perry Votech – Mr. Winters

Mr. Winters reported that the Finance Committee approved a draft budget for the vo-tech with a 8.29% increase. The budget is scheduled for full approval in December.

PSBA Legislative Report – Mr. Merlie

Mr. Merlie reported that Pennsylvania is the second best state in the country to be a teacher, that PA Charter schools have approximately 128,700 students, and PlanCon money has been released.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Berk

The CAIU report was distributed to board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Darchicourt
Assistant Board Secretary