

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2014**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on October 20, 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 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Steven Bear - **Absent**
Mr. Michael Berk
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Thomas Hayes
Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz
Mr. Paul Slifko - **Absent**
Mr. Robert Winters
Mr. Scott Witwer

Administrative Staff

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

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 - Absent

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting: October 6, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk to amend the Financial Report as follows: #7.4 should be “That the Board approves the requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for September 2014, in the amount of \$186,797.81.” **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the following financial report.

The Board approved payment of the bills for September 2014, represented by checks #51008 to #51185 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,440,994.35.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for September 2014 - Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14849 to #14860 inclusive, in the amount of \$17,073.05, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for September 2014, by checks #22320 to #22335, in the amount of \$184,259.88.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for September 2014, in the amount of \$186,797.81.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Moyer thanked Mr. Shields and the yearbook committee for an outstanding job. He reported that school performance profile numbers should be out at the end of the month. PSSA scores are very good, and more importantly there is the growth on co-hort data from value added assessment. Dr. Moyer thanked the elementary PTO for \$10,000 donation for iPads and iPad carts. In November administrators will share Key Performance Indicators. Dr. Moyer also welcomed Assistant Principal, Kimberly Spisak to the Board meeting, and congratulated her on a successful field hockey season.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated October 8, 2014, from the “Foundry Day” Committee, including a check for \$3,000 to supplement the normal budgets for the following departments at the Boiling Springs High School: Art Department - \$1,000; Technology Department - \$1,000; and Family and Consumer Science Department - \$1,000

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the following policies: Policy #217, Graduation; Policy #707, Use of School Facilities; Policy 800 (new), Records Retention Policy; and Policy #122.2, Random Drug Testing.

Technology Committee

Mr. Hayes reported that the committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the following items: Blended Learning Grant Outcome, BYOT and Use of New Technology, Email Archiver and 1:1 for SMSD.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the agenda of October 20, 2014, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the name change of the “Iron Forge Educational Center” to the Iron Forge Elementary School,” effective with the 2016-2017 school year, and further authorizes the Administration to proceed with completing and submitting the appropriate documentation to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

After much discussion regarding an alternative name change of “Iron Forge Upper Elementary School”, a roll call vote was taken to approve the motion as outlined above:

The motion passed as follows:

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| Mr. Steven Bear - Absent | Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz - Yes |
| Mr. Michael Berk - Yes | Mr. Paul Slifko - Absent |
| Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes | Mr. Robert Winters - Yes |
| Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes | Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes |
| Mr. Thomas Merlie – Yes | |

7- Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 2 – Absent

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the following schools will have the following grades:

W.G. Rice Elementary School - Grades: Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade

Iron Forge Elementary School - Grades: Third Grade, Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade

Equipment Asset Disposal

The Board approved the list of assets for disposal, in accordance with Policy #711.

Personnel

Professional

Employment

Extra Duty - Athletics

The Board employed the extra duty, athletic positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

Extra Duty - Homework Club

The Board employed the following extra duty, substitute, homework club advisors for the 2014-215 school year:

Barbara Hubert
Amanda Sheaffer

Professional Substitutes

The Board approved adding the following professionals to the daily substitute list for the 2014-2015 school year:

Lauren Bozart, Certification: Social Studies
Julie Miles, Certification: Prek-4
Amanda Wain, Certification: Elementary K-6
Luke Barricklow, Certification: Health/Phys. Ed.

Long-Term Substitute

The Board employed the following professional:

Nicole M. Wise

Position: First Grade Teacher - Rice Elementary School - From approximately 10/31/14 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year - (replacing Erin Brenner)

Salary: \$42,777 (pro-rated), Bachelor's, Step 1

Extension of Childrearing Leave

The Board approved the request of Christa Souder to extend her childrearing leave of absence to the end of the 2014-2015 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Resignation

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Melissa Cass (Bersano), from the position of learning support teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective 11/22/14.

Classified

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Annette Dragas for the purpose of retirement, from the position of special education aide at the Boiling Springs High, effective January 1, 2015.

Employment

The Board employed the following classified personnel:

Name: Angela M. Smith,
Position: Full-Time Custodian (Replacing George Lybrand)
Salary: \$10.82/hr.

The Board approved adding the following classified personnel to the daily substitute list:

Name: Heidi Wilson,
Position: Substitute Custodian
Salary: \$10.82/hr.

Name: Jerome Znaniacki
Position: Substitute Custodian
Salary: \$10.82/hr.

Name: Michele Danner
Position: Substitute Classroom Aide
Salary: \$10.35/hr.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Darchicourt
Assistant Board Secretary