

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
4 Academy Street, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2018**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on July 10, 2018, in the District Office Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Michael Berk, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Steven Bear – Arrived 6:28 p.m./left: 8:20 p.m.	Mr. Michael Berk
Mr. John Greenbaum - Absent	Mrs. Stacey Knavel
Mrs. Denise MacIvor	Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz – left at 7:52 p.m.
Mr. Christopher Morgan – Arrived 6:26 p.m.	Mr. Jonathan Still

Administrative Staff

Dr. Matthew Strine, Superintendent

Student Representatives

Nicholas O'Brien - Absent

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Matthew Ulmer

Solicitor

Gareth Powhawka

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mrs. Knavel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-Regular Board Meeting – June 18, 2018

The motion passed unanimously. *

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board approved payment of General Fund bills represented by checks 56919 to 56974 in the amount of \$192,495.24, and Direct Deposits represented by 50255 to 50270 in the amount of \$1,912.68 for FY 2017-2018 as well as checks 56975 to 57002 in the amount of \$364,879.74, and Direct Deposits represented by 50271 in the amount of \$10.80 for FY 2018-2019 as represented in the attached summaries.

The Board approved payment of Activity Fund bills represented by checks 15873 to 15883 in the amount of \$9,557.46 as represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Construction Fund bills represented by checks 1245 to 1246 in the amount of \$2,611.00 as represented in the attached summary.

The Board approved payment of Visa represented by transaction #Visa6763 to #Visa6852 in the amount of \$26,211.59 as represented in the attached summary.

The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Bear and Mr. Morgan were absent for the votes taken to approve the minutes and the financial report.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Strine reported that he is settling in and getting his office set up. More information will be forthcoming as he settles in and meets with administrators, etc.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

BOARD REPORTS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Mrs. Knavel reported that the committee met on June 25, 2018. The committee reviewed the textbook recommendations and methods for evaluating non-mandated district programs.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Berk reported that the committee met on June 28, 2018, and reviewed the following items: updates on projects throughout the district, an updated 5-year plan and review of making visits to various buildings. The committee will not meet in July, but the plan is to tour Rice in August 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knavel, that the Board of School Directors approves the agenda of Tuesday, July 10, 2018, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Proposal to Provide Audit Services: Year Ending June 30, 2018

Mrs. Maclvor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves Boyer & Ritter, LLC, to provide audit services for the year ending June 30, 2018, and further authorizes the administration to execute the proposed contract. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Boiling Springs High School - Roof Project

Mrs. Knavel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board awards the bid for the Boiling Springs High School Roofing Project to Detwiler Roofing. This approval includes the award for Phase 1 of the project for the 2018-2019 school year, and Phase II of the project scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Special Education - Merakey Contract

Mrs. Knavel made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the 2018-2019 contract and 2019 ESY contract between South Middleton School District and Merakey (formerly NHS). **The motion passed unanimously.**

Special Education - New Story

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the 2018-2019 contract (2 students) between New Story and the South Middleton School District. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Special Education - The Vista School

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Maclvor, that the Board approves the 2018-2019 contract between The Vista School and South Middleton School District. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Unified Indoor Bocce Program

Mrs. Meikrantz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Maclvor, that Board approves the creation of a Unified Indoor Bocce Program, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The only cost to the District will be transportation at a total of \$370.00 for the year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Textbooks

Mrs. Meikrantz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the purchase of the following textbooks for the 2018-2019 school year:

Rice

-Grade 2 - Benchmark Literacy - (7 Classroom Sets & Digital Resources) - \$44,067

Boiling Springs High School

Honors English III

- Anthem (40 copies) - Free

-Their Eyes Were Watching God (45 copies) - \$891.45

AP Literature & Composition

-How to Read Literature like a Professor (45 copies) - \$871.20

-Jane Eyre (45 copies) - \$524.70

Total Cost: \$46,354.35

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Prior to the vote, Mrs. Knavel amended the motion to include the cost of online word study and phonics with the cost of the benchmark literacy which changed the total to \$49,542 and changed the total cost for all purchases to: \$51,829.35 **The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel - Professional – Resignations

Mrs. Knavel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board accepts, with regret, the resignations of the following professional personnel:

- Kirstin Stroh - Was approved on June 18, 2018 for a special education teaching position - Has since declined the position
- Elizabeth Sheaffer - Boiling Springs High School Multidisabilities Teacher - Effective June 20, 2018
- Amy Spears - Yellow Breeches Middle School - 7th/8th Grade Reading - Effective June 22, 2018
- Christopher Seylar - Rice Elementary School - Music Teacher - Effective June 15, 2018

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel - Professional - Employment

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mr. Still that the Board approves the employment of the following professional personnel:

Danae M. Klock
Position: Full-Time Guidance Counselor - YBMS
Certification: Elementary/Secondary Guidance Counseling
Salary: \$53,431, Master's, Step 5
Start Date: Beginning of the 2018-2019 school year

Name: Jennifer N. Flohr
Position: Full-Time Special Education Teacher - IFES/Rice
Certification: Special Ed - PK-8 & Elementary PK-4
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$48,428
Start Date: Beginning of the 2018-2019 school year

Name: Cory L. Mengel
Position: Full-Time Special Education Teacher - BSHS
Salary: Master's, Step 4 - \$52,724
Certification: Elementary/Special Education Certifications

Name: Emily M. Yu
Position: Full-Time Special Education Teacher - IFES
Certification: Special Education PK-8/Elementary PK-4
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$48,428

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel - Extra Duty - Co-Curricular for 2017-2018 - 2018 Class Co-Advisor

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that the Board approves *Aaron Beardmore for 2017-2018 school year in the following co-curricular position:

2018 Class Co-Advisor - \$730

*Was not approved by the Board for 17-18 after the original co-advisor resigned.

The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel - Extra Duty - Athletics - Employment

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that Board employs the extra duty, athletic positions for the 2018-2019 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel - Professional - Childrearing Leave of Absence Extension

Mr. Bear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Meikrantz, that the Board approves the request of Lindsay Graybill, guidance counselor at Boiling Springs High School, for an extension of her childrearing leave, extending the leave until September 21, 2018, and returning September 24, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel - Student Technology Help - Resignation

Mrs. Meikrantz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacIvor, that the Board accepts the resignation of Brittany Graham, student technology intern for the summer, effective June 14, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel - Classified - Retirement

Mrs. Meikrantz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Still, that the Board approves the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Doreen Ulco, special education aide at Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective July 30, 2018. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Personnel - Voluntary Transfer - Classified

Mr. Still made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morgan, that the Board approves the transfer of Christy Smith from the position of custodian at YBMS to the position of district-wide head custodian, effective July 11, 2018. Hourly rate: \$16.25 **The motion passed unanimously.**

For the Record

Mrs. Meikrantz left the meeting at 7:52 p.m., prior to the vote to fill the board vacancy.

Board Vacancy Interviews

Mr. Berk announced that the Board would now conduct interviews for the board vacancy. He explained that numbers would be drawn as to which candidate would interview first, second and third. All candidates have agreed to wait in a separate room in the building while the other candidates are being interviewed. Once all candidates are interviewed, the board will vote to select the board member to be appointed to the vacancy. In the first round, a board member may vote for more than one candidate. The top 2 candidates that receive the most number of votes will go on to round 2. In round 2, a board member will be limited to one vote. A board member can nominate one of the candidates to be considered, and no one has to second the nomination.

Mr. Bear nominated Mrs. Robb.

Mrs. Knavel nominated Mr. Draper.

Mr. Still nominated Mr. Nolan.

First Vote

Mrs. Robb received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mr. Bear, Mr. Berk, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Still

First Vote

Mr. Draper received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mr. Bear, Mr. Berk, Mr. Greenbaum, Mrs. Knavel, Mrs. MacIvor, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Still

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First Vote

Mr. Nolan received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mr. Still

Second Vote – Board Members were only permitted to vote for one candidate to fill the vacant board seat, among the top two candidates that received the most votes in the first vote. The top two were: Mrs. Robb and Mr. Draper

Second Vote

Mrs. Robb received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. MacIvor, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bear

Mr. Draper received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. Knavel, Mr. Still, Mr. Berk

Third Vote

Mrs. Robb received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. MacIvor, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bear

Mr. Draper received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. Knavel, Mr. Still, Mr. Berk

Fourth Vote

Mrs. Robb received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. MacIvor, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bear

Mr. Draper received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. Knavel, Mr. Still, Mr. Berk

Fifth Vote

Mrs. Robb received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mr. Morgan, Mr. Bear

Mr. Draper received the following votes by a show of hands:

-Mrs. MacIvor, Mrs. Knavel, Mr. Still, Mr. Berk

Mr. Draper took the oath of office to fill the vacant board director seat.

CITIZENS PARTICIATION - None

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Morgan reported that thanks to the Bubbler Foundation a handicapped swing will be installed at the Spring Meadow Park. He also reported on the possibility of land development across from Mayapple that would involve an athletic field and possibly a hotel. This is only in the initial phases as of right now.

There was discussion about administrative team members attending board meetings and the parameters for which an administrator would be in attendance at a meeting.

Mr. Still reported that the first Safety and Security Committee meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2018, and that the bill passed which permits boards to discuss safety/security in executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Bear left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Knavel made a motion that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Ulmer
Board Secretary