

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on March 16, 2009, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Ms. Pamela Martin, 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

Mr. Michael Berk
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Mr. Mark Juliana - **Absent**
Ms. Pam Martin
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Sandra J. Tippett, Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education
David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Mark Correll, Assistant Principal -BSHS
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology
Frederick Withum, Principal - YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder - **Absent**
Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mr. Ron Lebo, Mr. Jeff Giselman, and Mr. Brian Warner presented the South Middleton School District with a check from the Alumni Association in the amount of \$5,000 toward the turf logo on Ecker Field.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-March 2, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay to approve the following:

FEBRUARY

The Board approved the bills for February 2009, represented by checks #35495 to #35709 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,081,478.91

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for February 2009 – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, represented by checks #13086 to #13114 inclusive, in the amount of \$10,913.81, are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for February 2009 represented by checks #11205 to #11208 inclusive, in the amount of \$547,262.26.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker commented about the bulletin board prepared by the students of Grades 1, 2 and 3 at the W. G. Rice Elementary School, and commented on the calendar of events provided in the board packets.

Dr. Tippett commented about the Department Chair/Team Leader reports that were provided in the board packet, and Mr. Vensel reported that he attended a retirement seminar and a meeting held at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 regarding the consolidation of school districts. A budget presentation is scheduled for the April 6, 2009, board meeting.

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NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the agenda of March 16, 2009, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the 2009-2010 Capital Area Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget in the amount of \$5,663,105 and agrees to accept the District's share of \$27,919.63 as set forth in Act 177 of the 1986 Public School code and to be incorporated in the district's 2009-2010 budget. **The motion passed as follows:**

Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mrs. Knouse:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Abstained	Mr. Winter:	Yes
Mr. Juliana:	Absent		

7 – Yes, 1 – Abstention, 1 – Absent

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves the 2009-2010 Harrisburg Area Community College Wildwood Campus General Operating Budget in the amount of \$55,832,547 and agrees to accept the District's share of \$231,957 (\$15,295 for Capital Outlay + \$216,662 for Credit Hours) to be incorporated in the District's 2009-2010 budget and authorizes the Board delegate to cast a vote in the affirmative. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the Capital Tax Collection Bureau resolution, approving the amendments to the Bureau's Articles of Incorporation. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board acknowledged that Robert Winters attended the PSBA Legal Roundup Workshop on March 10, 2009 and that the fees for the workshop were covered under the PSBA Group Conference Rate purchased earlier this year by the District.

The Board approved the registration of Pam Martin to attend the PSBA Negotiations seminar scheduled for March 27, 2009 at PSBA in Mechanicsburg, PA.

The Board approved the following seniors as candidates for graduation 2009 upon meeting the graduation requirements as established and adopted by the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors in compliance with the Commonwealth's guidelines.

Brian N. Jones
Zachary Sadler

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The Board approved an overnight field trip request by Mr. William Bechtel to take approximately eight student members of the Robotics Club and two parents to Vallejo, CA to compete in the BattleBots School Competition from April 21-26, 2009. (see attached information)

The Board approved an overnight field trip for Ms. Ferrell, Mr. Waynick, Mrs. Garman, and members of the ATC staff to take approximately twenty-five Outdoor Adventure students on an overnight hike on the Appalachian Trail, Saturday, May 16, 2009, and return Sunday, May 17, 2009.

The Board approved an overnight field trip for Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Fetterolf to take seven members of the TSA Club (Technology Student Association) to Seven Springs, PA for the TSA state competition on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, and returning Saturday, April 18, 2009.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL - EMPLOYMENT

Substitute Teachers

The Board employed the following substitute teachers:

Name: Elizabeth Ditenhafer
Certification: Spanish/French

Name: Christina Goshorn
Certification: Elementary

ATHLETIC – VOLUNTEERS – EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the following athletic extra duty volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year:

John Breon – Volunteer Baseball Coach
Ed Piccolo – Volunteer Baseball Coach

CLASSIFIED – RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Lucy McNair, effective June 30, 2009.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse that the board approves the 2009-2010 School Calendar and the Act 80 day exemptions as recommended by the Education Committee of the Board. **The motion passed as follows:**

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Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mrs. Knouse:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	No	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	No
Mr. Juliana:	Absent		

5 – Yes, 3 – No, 1 - Absent

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15

Mr. Winters referred the Board members to the CAIU #15 minutes/highlights report included in the board packet. He also mentioned the on-line course offerings that are being offered through the CAIU.

Capital Area Tax Bureau – No Report

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School – No Report

Education Committee

Mrs. Knouse reported that the committee met earlier this evening. Items included curriculum, the YBMS 2009-2010 Program of Studies guide, the 2009-2010 school calendar and the Keystone exam were reviewed. Mrs. Knouse also commented that Beth Maurer and Jeanne Predmore gave the committee a very good presentation on the early childhood program.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko reported that the committee met on March 2, 2009, and reviewed Phase II of the athletic field project and toured the Boiling Springs High School to finalize the facility improvement items to be completed.

Legislative Report

Mr. Berk provided board members with an update of the stimulus package and the governor's budget.

Recreation and Parks Report

Mr. Fay referred board members to the summary included with the board packet.

South Middleton Township – No Report

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

Mr. Winters commented on the whether the district would like to consider contributing \$1,000 toward the CAIU's Champions for Children campaign. He also encouraged the principals to speak to the professional teaching staff about displaying their college diplomas in the classroom.

All the Board members commented that they appreciated Mrs. Lucy McNair's service to the district and wished her happiness in her retirement.

MOTION – BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay authorizing the South Middleton School District Administration and the architect, Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates to proceed with improvements to the Boiling Springs High School as listed on the attached at a not-to-exceed cost of \$430,000. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary