

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 23, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on January 23, 2012, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, 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. Steven Bear

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Derek Clepper – Arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assist. Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Connie Connolly – Director of Spec. Ed.

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Tech.

Frederick Withum, Principal – YBMS

**Student Representatives**

Anthony Kallhoff - Absent

Kathryn Webber

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Richard R. Vensel

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Elliott, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Yellow Breeches Middle School, and two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Kaitlin and Cheyenne Jewel of the Helping Hands Club, acknowledged and distributed cards to the South Middleton Board of School Directors, in recognition of Pennsylvania Board of School Directors Month.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meetings:

-January 9, 2012 - Regular Board Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**December 2011**

The Board approved the bills for December 2011 represented by checks #16763 to #45215 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,395,335.76.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for December 2011 – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, represented by checks #14041 to #14072 inclusive, in the amount of \$40,957.62, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for December 2011, represented by check #22266, in the amount of \$8,940.00

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

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

Dr. Sanker reported that due to inclement weather, a 2-hour delay was scheduled for today. Final exams were administered on Friday and today. Dr. Sanker and Mrs. Capozzi attended the HACC meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, regarding the 2012-2013 budget.

Mr. Vensel reported that on February 6, 2012, a discussion on the impact of the 2011-2012 budget cuts would be presented. The Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 budget for the 2012-2013 school year will be presented to the I.U. Board on January 26, 2012. The total budget is \$4,815,680, which reflected a reduction in the amount of \$448,666 over last year's budget. The 2012-2013 Vo-Tech budget has been discussed by Mr. Winters over the past several months. The District's portion of the Vo-Tech budget is a decrease of \$22,385 from the 2011-2012 budget. The Harrisburg Area Community

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College budget was reviewed on January 18, 2012. The cost of the program is the same as last year at \$151,666. There is an increase in capital commitment from \$31,788 to \$38,873, which is an increase of \$8,034.

### NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

### TOPIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Frederick Withum, Principal of the Yellow Breeches Middleton School, presented an overview of the Strategic Plan process to the Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve the agenda of January 23, 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #217 – Graduation Requirements – (Revised)
- Policies #314, 414 and 515 – Physical Examinations for Employees – (Revised)
- Policies #317, 417, and 517 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures – (Revised)
- Policy #718 – Service Animals in Schools – (New Policy)
- Policy #805 – Emergency Evacuation of Schools – (Revised)

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the budget for the Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$7,165,788 for the fiscal year 2012-2013 and agrees to accept its share of \$302,822 as set forth in the Articles of Agreement. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

### PERSONNEL

#### Professional

##### Resignation

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Mark Romig, from the position of elementary classroom music teacher, effective June 29, 2012.

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### Tenure

The Board approved the change of status for the teachers listed below from "Temporary Professional Employee" to "Professional Employee."

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Employed</u>
Mancuso, David	Business - BSHS	November 2008
Vincent, Melissa	Elementary - Rice	August 2008

### Employment – Professional Substitutes

The Board approved adding the following substitute teachers, to the professional substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year, at \$95/day.

Name: Bethany Lepley  
Address: 806 Lisburn Rd.  
Carlisle, PA  
Certification: Elementary/Spec. Ed.

Name: Rebecca Hayes  
Address: 1026 Ritner Highway  
Carlisle, PA  
Certification: Elementary/Spec. Ed.

Name: Sean Barnes  
Address: 41 S. Pin Oak Drive  
Boiling Springs, PA  
Certification: Mathematics, General Science, Physics

Name: Anastasia Polillo  
Address: 91 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
Certification: Mathematics

### Leave of Absence - Childrearing

The Board approved a request from Jessica Weible, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Communications Arts teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, for a childrearing leave of absence, beginning on or about April 13, 2012, through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

### Transfer - Voluntary

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of YBMS Counselor, Sandra Slifko, to the vacant position of BSHS Guidance Counselor, effective on or before February 6, 2012. (Replacing Sheri Horner)

**The motion was unanimously approved with the following abstentions: Mr. Hayes abstained from the approval of Rebecca Hayes as a professional substitute, and Mr. Slifko abstained from the approval of Sandra Slifko's voluntary transfer to the BSHS guidance position.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Education Committee**

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the Education Committee met on January 16, 2012, and changes to the counseling program were discussed. The committee also met with the Policy Committee to discuss changes to Policy #217 (Graduation Requirements).

**Policy Committee**

Mr. Clepper reported on the policies that were reviewed and presented at the regular board meeting this evening for approval. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2012, and the committee will begin to review the entire policy manual, by sections, starting with local board policies.

**PSBA Legislative Committee**

There is a PSBA legislative meeting scheduled for March 1, 2012, at PSBA headquarters.

**HACC**

A delegate meeting was held on January 18, 2012, to discuss 2012-2013 budget and draft amendment to PA Community College Act.

**Bubbler Foundation**

The annual Silent Auction and Dinner is scheduled for May 18, 2012, beginning at 6:00 PM.

**South Middleton Recreation and Parks Report**

No report

**South Middleton Township**

No Report

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Katy Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported that final exams were done on Friday and today. The concert choir sang at a Penn State basketball game on Sunday.

Mr. Berk thanked Mr. Mancuso for staff recognition. He also liked the electronic board packet information, and commented on the success of the retreat.

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Mr. Hayes thanked Dr. Withum for the presentation on the Strategic Plan and announced that the Technology Committee will meet on Monday, January 30, 2012.

Mr. Clepper commented that the retreat went well. He also commented on the retirement of Mr. Romig. He will be hard to replace.

Mr. Slifko thanked Dr. Withum for his presentation, and he commented on the State's financial report.

Ms. Martin commented that the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce is holding the annual "Elected Officials" meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012, at the Allenberry Playhouse.

Mr. Bear commented on the success of the recent retreat and thanked Dr. Withum for his presentation.

Mrs. Capozzi commented on the Solace Society Carlisle Cares fundraising event.

Mr. Merlie thanked everyone for their participation in the retreat. Mr. Templeton will have a follow-up report on the retreat very soon. Mr. Merlie also commented on a luncheon meeting with the township about the athletic fields at Spring Meadows.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:03 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. The Board resumed the Regular Session at 10:03 p.m. Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary