

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2013**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on February 4, 2013, in the Brenneman Auditorium of the Boiling Springs High School for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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
Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin
Mr. Thomas Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Frederick S. Withum, Assistant Superintendent
Janet Adams, Principal – Rice
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education
Patrick Dieter, Athletic Director
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Jesse White, Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder
Kathryn Webber - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jim Decker of the South Middleton Soccer Association spoke about a concern with the direction of the program for the middle school and high school. There is no middle school soccer coach at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-January 21, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

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

January was School Director recognition month. Ms. Pamela Martin was unable to attend the meeting in January. Dr. Sanker recognized and thanked Ms. Martin for serving as a Board member and presented her with a certificate of recognition.

Dr. Withum spoke about the Keystone Exams and noted that they have recently been recognized on the Federal level.

Mr. Vensel reported that Governor Corbett will present his budget on February 6, 2013.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Letter, dated January 16, 2013, from Benjamin T. Hanft, Chief, Division of Subsidy Data and Administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, indicating that the Department has reviewed the resolution and proposed tax rates for the 2013-2014 school year submitted by South Middleton School District. The letter serves as official notification that the rate of increase for all proposed tax rates is less than or equal to the school district's index.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Sanker provided the Board and members of the audience with an update on school safety.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the Education Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 school calendar, the student safety plan, and two Board policies (Policy #212 – Reporting Student Progress and Policy #916).

Facilities Committee

Mr. Berk reported that the Facilities Committee met earlier this evening. The committee reviewed school safety, the Food Management RFPs, the 5-year facilities plan, the facilities budget for the 2013-2014 school year, and a review of the debt service.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the January 21, 2013, agenda, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board authorized the following administrative personnel to represent South Middleton School District in all court matters relating to and enforcing the provision of the Pennsylvania School Code regarding compulsory attendance for students, including issuing citations for truancy.

Joseph Mancuso – Principal, BSHS
Mark Correll - Assistant Principal, BSHS
Jesse White – Principal, YBMS
David Bitner – Assistant Principal, YBMS
Janet Adams – Principal, IFEC
David Boley – Principal, Rice
Connie Connolly – Director of Special Education

The Board authorized the Administration and the District Solicitor to enter into an agreement with John Van Santan of Stout, Risius & Ross firm to provide an appraisal of HCR Manor Care Properties. Cost: \$5,500 for appraisal fees, plus expenses and fees incurred for trial preparation, testimony, etc. In addition, the Administration is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,000 as a retainer.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

ADMINISTRATIVE

Resignation/Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Eugene Barrick for the purpose of retirement, from the position of Director of Food Services, effective June 15, 2013. (37 years @ SMSD)

PROFESSIONAL

Resignation/Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Andrea Russell for the purpose of retirement, from the position of Speech Language Pathologist at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective June 7, 2013. (9 yrs. @ SMSD, total of 39 yrs.)

Employment

The Board employed the following professional personnel:

Name: Megan Snyder
Certification: Elementary
Position: Short-Term Substitute – Rice
(Replacing Melissa Vincent)
Starting Date: From approximately 4/12/13 through end of 2012-2013 school year
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$41,709 (pro-rated)

Name: Rachel Broome
Certification: Elementary
Position: Long-Term Substitute – Rice
(Replacing Vanessa Long)
Starting Date: From approximately 2/4/13 – through end of the 2012-2013 school year
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$41,709 (pro-rated)

Name: Anastasia Polillo
Certification: Mathematics
Position: Short-Term Substitute
(Replacing Amanda Ruane)
Starting Date: 1/3/13
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$41,709 (pro-rated)

CLASSIFIED

Resignation/Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Shelva Raudabaugh for the purpose of retirement, from the position of kitchen aide, effective June 6, 2013. (41 years @ SMSD)

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Meredith Rauhut spoke about a transportation problem encountered in the Indian Hills subdivision. Students are riding the bus for a long period of time.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech

Mr. Winters reported on the January 28, 2013, meeting. A 5-year copier service plan was awarded.

PSBA Legislative Report

Mr. Merlie reported that the Governor will present his proposed 2013-2014 budget on February 6, 2013.

South Middleton Township – No Report

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, spoke about the County Band Concert held last week.

Mr. Winters stated that PSBA will hold a webinar on February 14th at 12:00 Noon reviewing the State budget for 2013-2014.

Mr. Slifko stated that ten students participating in County Band and he wished the athletes good luck in the post season.

Mr. Clepper and Mr. Hayes wished the athletes good luck in the post season.

Mr. Berk would like to serve as the CAIU representative to the Board. He reported that the PETE & C conference will start this weekend.

Mr. Merlie reported that he and Mrs. Capozzi attended a Board President's Training Camp offered by PSBA.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary