

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2013**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on February 19, 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 7:00 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 - **Absent**

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 – IFEC

David Bitner – Assist. Principal – YBMS

David Boley – Principal - Rice

Connie Connolly – Director of Special Education

Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds

Joseph Mancuso – Principal – BSHS

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder - **Absent**

Kathryn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the minutes of following meeting:

-February 4, 2013

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013.

The Board approved the payment of bills for January 2013 – Represented by checks #47707 to #47881 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,106,515.77.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for January 2013 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14396 to #14403 inclusive, in the amount of \$4,461.12, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for January 2013, represented by Visa procurement in the amount of \$689.94.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker thanked Steven Metzker of the Baltimore Life Companies, for donating forty-two cases of bottled water to the South Middleton School District during the boil water advisory. The school district also obtained water dispensers for the duration of the advisory.

Dr. Withum reported that forty teachers reviewed math textbooks, and he received the PSSA testing materials.

Mr. Vensel reported that five RFP proposals were received to provide food services management to the District. He also thanked Kathy Ryan and Joan Weaver for revising transportation routes/times to align with the new security plans.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledgement of thanks to Mr. Steven D. Metzker, of The Baltimore Life Companies, for donating forty-two cases of bottled water to the South Middleton School District schools during the boil water advisory.

TOPIC DISCUSSION - None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology Committee

Mr. Hayes reported the Technology Committee meeting scheduled for this evening was canceled.

Policy Committee

Mr. Clepper reported that the Policy Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed Policy #916 and Policy #212 (Volunteers and Reporting Student Progress).

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the agenda of February 19, 2013, with all corrections as indicated. (Note: The Board amended items #12.2 to include Mr. Merlie, and any other Board member that may be interested in attending.) **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves Mr. Winters, Mr. Merlie and any other Board member interested in attending, to attend the PSBA Leadership Symposium on Advocacy Issues on April 16, 2013, at the Penn Stater Conference Center, State College, PA. Cost: \$295/person.

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the appointment of Michael Berk to serve as the South Middleton School District representative to the Capital Area Intermediate Unit Board for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2016. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the following changes to the 2012-2013 school calendar:

- Change Thursday, March 7, 2013, as an early dismissal date to a full day of classes, with students dismissed at the regularly scheduled dismissal times.
- Designate Friday, March 8, 2013, as an emergency makeup day for students in Grades K-12 for the school closing of January 28, 2013.

- Designate Friday, March 8, 2013, as an early dismissal date, with students in Grades 6-12 dismissed at 12:00 p.m. and students in Grades K-5 dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board authorizes the Board President to execute the affirmation page of the South Middleton School District's Comprehensive Plan for the year beginning July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016, and to submit such plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

Professional

Resignation

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Randal Rich, from the position of 4th grade teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective June 7, 2013.

Childrearing Leave – Extension Request

The Board approved the request of Maryalice Bond to extend her childrearing leave of absence to the end of the 2012-2013 school year. (The original request was from January 7, 2013 through April 2, 2013.)

Substitutes

The Board approved adding the following names to the professional substitute list for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name: Brittany Yorks
Certification: Family and Consumer Science

Name Ashley Green
Certification: English/Social Studies

Guest Teacher

The Board approved adding the following name to the guest teacher substitute list for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name: Elizabeth Pendergist
Interests: Secondary Grade Levels

Short-Term Substitute

The Board approved the following short-term professional substitute:

Name: Colleen Daly
Certification: Elementary
Position: 5th Grade – IFEC – (Replacing Amy Santana)
Salary: \$41,709, Bachelor's Degree (pro-rated)
Starting Date: Approximately March 8th, for 12 weeks

The motion passed unanimously.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Middleton Township

Mr. Berk reported that the last meeting was held on February 14, 2013. Mr. Berk reported that a conditional use public hearing was discussed on the Summerbridge Green Community. He has minutes available for review.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Katie Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Boiling Springs High School Musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, will be held beginning February 28 through March 3, 2013. The yearbook staff is currently taking pictures, and the winter sports playoff season has begun.

Ms. Martin questioned whether elementary students would be arriving home earlier with the bus route changes. Mr. Vensel responded that most students will be arriving home about 5 to 10 minutes earlier.

Mr. Winters commented on the well written comprehensive plan submitted by Dr. Withum, and congratulated Mrs. Connolly for an excellent Special Education Plan.

Mr. Clepper reported that the 7 Project is scheduled for one week from today.

Mr. Hayes commented that the VFW will have an evening of patriotic music on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Mr. Berk commented the Student Council for seeking grant money for projects. He also commented that 3 students provided a career presentation at a Pathways luncheon.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.** The Board went into Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary