

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2013**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on January 7, 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 Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education
Mark Correll, Assist. Principal - BSHS
Patrick Dieter, Athletic Director – arrived 7:30 p.m.
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Jesse White, Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder - **Absent**
Kathryn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-December 17, 2012 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker reported that the new year started with a total review of the District's security and safety practices.

Dr. Withum congratulated the Administration and staff at YBMS. The middle school was re-designated as a "School to Watch" - one of 26 schools in Pennsylvania and 300 across the nation.

Mr. Vensel reported that the State auditors will conduct a 4 year audit review, beginning today. He also reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Food Services Management Company has been submitted to the Department of Education and has been submitted to 6 companies that may be interested in submitting a proposal.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Letter dated December 19, 2012, to Richard R. Vensel, Business Manager, from the PA Department of Auditor General. Letter notifies Mr. Vensel that the Department of the Auditor General will begin a mandated audit of the District beginning Monday, January 7, 2013, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Dr. Withum provided the Board and members of the audience with an update on the Strategic Plan.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the committee met this evening and reviewed the BSHS final exam schedule, received an update on the Common Core Standards, and reviewed Policy #212 for revisions.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Berk reported that the committee met on December 28th and this evening. The committee discussed security and safety procedures within the District. The Committee recommends approval of item #12.8 and 12.9 on this evening's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the January 7, 2013, agenda, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board designated the Carlisle Sentinel and the Harrisburg Patriot News as the newspapers of general circulation for the District for 2013.

The Board approved the resolution determining that there will be no tax increase in the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2013-2014 fiscal year by more than the Index (1.7%) established by the Department of Education, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

The Board approved Thomas Merlie and Shelly Capozzi to attend the PSBA Board President Training Camp on January 26, 2013. The workshop will be held at the PSBA Conference Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. Cost: \$159 per person

The Board approved Robert Winters to attend the PSBA Spring Legal Roundup on March 5, 2013, at the PSBA Conference Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. Cost: \$139 per person.

The Board approved the listing of Seniors, as presented by the High School Principal, as candidates for graduation in June 2013 upon meeting the graduation requirements as established and adopted by the South Middle School District Board of School Directors in compliance with the Commonwealth's guidelines.

The Board approved the budget for the Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$7,140,694 for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and agrees to accept its share of \$287,253 as set forth in the Articles of Agreement.

The Board authorized the Administration to transfer \$35,000 from the budgetary reserve of the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of purchasing additional security upgrades throughout the District facilities.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

Employment

The Board employed the following professional personnel:

Name: George Hing
Position: Long-Term Substitute Librarian – BSHS
(Replacing Maryalice Bond)
Certification: Emergency Certification – Library Science
Salary: Masters, Step 1 - \$42,009 (pro-rated)
Starting Date: Approximately 1/7/13 through 4/2/13

CLASSIFIED

Resignation/Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Joyce Darhower for the purpose of retirement, from the position of kitchen aide, effective June 6, 2013. (43 years at SMSD!)

The Board accepted the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of George E. Groff, Jr., from the position of Head Custodian at the Boiling Springs High School, effective July 5, 2013.

Employment

The Board employed the following classified personnel:

Name: Sarah A. Long
Position: Clerical Aide – W.G. Rice Health Office
(Replacing Stacy Progar)
Salary: \$9.97/hr. (3.5 hrs/day)
Starting Date: January 9, 2013

FMLA Request

The Board approved the request from Natalie Lebo, Aquatics Aide at the Boiling Springs High School, for a FMLA Leave of Absence, for the birth of her child, beginning approximately April 10, 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approved the School Safety Resolution for the District as recommended by the Board Facilities Committee. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters that the Board posted the approved School Safety Resolution on the District's website. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Middleton Township

Mr. Berk reported that the Township was holding their re-organization meeting this evening.

PSBA Legislative Report – No Report

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Elizabeth Meikrantz thanked the school board members for attending PTO meetings. She also thanked them for their commitment to school safety. She is a concerned parent interested in the investment of our teachers, and she spoke about the Board considering raising taxes.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Katie Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the academic letter ceremony went well. Finals are scheduled for next week.

Mr. Winters congratulated Jesse White on the "School to Watch" designation for YBMS.

Mr. Hayes thanked Sharonn Williams for the BYOT update. The committee will meet in two weeks.

Mr. Clepper congratulated Joyce Darhower on her 43 years of service to the District.

Mr. Berk congratulated Jesse White on the "School to Watch" designation, and thanked Andy Glantz for the five year maintenance plan.

Mr. Merlie congratulated Jesse White on the "School to Watch" designation.

FOR THE RECORD

The Board met in Executive Session from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. prior the Regular Board meeting this evening to discuss a legal matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

The Board went into an Executive Session for legal and personnel matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary