

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 20, 2014**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on January 20, 2014, in the Iron Forge Educational Center Board Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, called the meeting to order at 7:03 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

Mr. Thomas Merlie  
Mr. Paul Slifko  
Mr. Robert Winters  
Mr. Scott Witwer

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Alan Moyer, Superintendent  
Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC  
David Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS  
David Boley, Principal - Rice  
Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education  
Mark Correll, Assistant Principal - BSHS  
Tina Darchicourt – Accounting Specialist  
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds  
Jesse White – Principal YBMS  
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

**Student Representatives**

Derek Snyder  
Helene Tiley

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Richard R. Vensel

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare - Absent

**INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None**

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

Student Representative, Ellie Tiley, thanked the administration for having the student representatives participate in the interviews for the BSHS principal vacancy.

Student Representative, Derek Snyder, reported that the sports programs are going well.

Dr. Moyer reviewed the current educational and financial status of the South Middleton School District and shared how he felt it has been well managed and in excellent shape over the past several years, despite having to make some difficult financial cost-cutting decisions. He mentioned how we have much to celebrate in comparison to many districts across the Commonwealth. Maintaining strong programs and services while only increasing millage a fraction of the index in three of the past eight years is commendable and should be celebrated. However, he reminded Board members that cuts to personnel and curtailment of programs have consequences. Dr. Moyer mentioned that we are getting dangerously close with cost-cutting measures to having a significant impact on the educational programs and services for students.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - None**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the following:

That the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the months of October, November and December 2013.

That the Board approves the payment of bills for December 2013, represented by checks #49568 to #49736 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,196,087.69.

That the Board approves the Student Activity Funds for December 2013 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14637 to #14661 inclusive, in the amount of \$7,588.53, and are enclosed with the financial report.

**The motion passed as follows: 8 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent**

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes  
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes  
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes  
Mr. Derek Clepper - No  
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes

Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes  
Mr. Paul Slifko - Yes  
Mr. Robert Winters - Yes  
Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the agenda and the addendum of January 20, 2014, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the board approves the resolution determining that there will be no tax increase in the rate of any tax for the support of public schools for the 2014-2015 fiscal year by more than the Index (2.1%), established by the Department of Education, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the PSBA Salary Study/Proposal for the Act 93 Group. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves Mr. Lee Brandt, of 790 Baltimore Pike, Gardners, PA as an independent contractor to provide construction management services for the Iron Forge Educational Project at \$30.00/hr. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

**5 – Yes, 4 – No, 0 – Abstain, 0 – Absent**

Mr. Steven Bear - No  
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes  
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes  
Mr. Derek Clepper - No  
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes

Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes  
Mr. Paul Slifko - No  
Mr. Robert Winters - No  
Mr. Scott Witwer - Yes

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the budget for the Cumberland-Perry Vocational Technical School in the amount of \$7,273,954 for the fiscal year 2014-2015, and agrees to accept its share of \$295,323 as set forth in the Articles of Agreement. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the following policies for a Second Reading (Final):

- Policy #302 – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- Policy #308 – Employment Contract
- Policy #309 – Assignment and Transfer
- Policy #310 – Abolishing a Position
- Policy #311 – Suspensions and Furloughs

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the listing of Seniors, as presented by the Principal, as candidates for graduation in June 2014,

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. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the Boiling Springs High School Planning Guide for the 2014-2015 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the tuition contract agreement between New Story and the South Middleton School District for the 2013-2014 school year to provide autism support for a special education student. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the following personnel items in a block motion:

**Professional - Employment**

**Mentor Teacher**

The Board approved the following as a mentor teacher for the 2013-2014 school year:

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Trostle, Tara	Schin, Ellen	\$257.50 (1/2 salary - 12/13 – 6/14)

**Employment – Extra Duty – Co-Curricular**

The Board approved the employment of the following co-curricular, extra duty positions:

**H.S. Drama**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Angelozzi, Elizabeth	Director	17.5	\$139	\$200	\$2,633
Mancuso, David	Prod. Coord.	17.5	\$139		\$2,433
Thompson, Art	Pianist	3.75	\$139		\$529
Thompson, Art	Vocal Director	5	\$139		\$695
Angelozzi, Elizabeth	Choreographer	5.25	\$139		\$730
Angelozzi, Elizabeth	Costumes	2.5	\$139		\$348
Heinlen, Karis	Lights/Sound	4.5	\$139		\$626
Nedrow, Jason	Set Construction	3.75	\$139		\$521
Nedrow, Jason	Set Design	3.75	\$139		\$521
Batzer, John	Conductor	5.75	\$139		\$799
Dempsey, Marie	Publicity	4.5	\$139		\$626

**M.S. Drama**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Per Unit</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Angelozzi, Elizabeth	Drama Coach	11	\$139		\$1,529
Mancuso, David	Assist. Drama Coach	6	\$139		\$834
Dempsey, Marie	Publicity	1.5	\$139		\$209

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Nedrow, Jason	Set Painting	2	\$139	\$278
Nedrow, Jason	Set Construction	5.75	\$139	\$799
Heinlen, Karis	Technical Director	2	\$139	\$278
Angelozzi, Elizabeth	Choreographer	3.36	\$139	\$467
Angelozzi, Elizabeth	Costumes	1	\$139	\$139
Thompson, Art	Vocal Director	3.36	\$139	\$467

### Employment – Professional

The Board approved the employment of the following professional:

Name: Brian W. Rohm  
Position: Full-Time Learning Support Teacher  
YBMS – Replacing S. Reutter (Transferring to the Pre-Alternative Ed. Program)  
Salary: \$43,375 – Master’s, Step 3 (pro-rated)  
Starting Date: Approximately 1/24/14

### Employment – Professional Substitutes

The Board approved adding the following personnel to the list of professional substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name: Tricia Miller  
Certification: English

Name: Zachary Dale  
Certification: Social Studies

Name: Dana Sheaffer  
Certification: Elementary

### Employment – Guest Teachers

The Board approved adding the following personnel to the list of guest teacher substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name: Tracy DiPaola  
Interests: All Grade Levels

Name: Kerry Vincent  
Interests: All Grade Levels

### Extension of Childrearing Leave Request

The Board approved the request from Amy Magill to extend her childrearing leave of absence through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Employment**

The Board approved the employment of the following administrator:

Name: Joel Hain  
Position: Boiling Springs High School Principal  
(Replacing Dr. Joseph Mancuso)  
251-day/12 month position  
Salary: \$103,000 (pro-rated)  
Starting Date: To be determined

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**Employment - Substitute Classroom Aide**

The Board approved adding the following personnel to the substitute classroom aide list for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name: DeEtta Mast  
Rate: \$10.14/hr.

**Employment – Instructional Aide**

The Board approved the employment of the following classified personnel:

Name: Danika L. Baer  
Position: Full-time Instructional Aide  
YBMS (New Position) – Pre-Alternative Ed.  
Hourly Rate: \$10.14 hr./7.5 hrs/day/179 days/yr.  
Starting Date: Approximately 1/24/14

**Leave of Absence**

The Board approved the request by Maria Bessaparis for an unpaid leave of absence from the position of IFEC Building Nurse for the 2014-2015 school year.

**The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Winters voting “no” only on the request for a leave of absence by Maria Bessaparis.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

**FOR THE RECORD**

Ms. Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology, met with the Board of School Directors at 6:00 p.m. this evening to provide a technology training session on Agenda Manager, a software program for board agendas and meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:29 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary