

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

The South Middleton Board of Directors met in Regular Session on May 21, 2007, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center. The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

School Directors

Mr. Michael H. Berk

Mr. Derek R. Clepper

Mr. Joseph F. Fay, Jr.

Mrs. Eleanor L. Hartman

Mr. Mark A. Juliana- **Absent**

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Knouse

Ms. Pamela C. Martin

Mr. Paul J. Slifko III

Mr. Robert P. Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

Barbara Alitto, Special Education Supervisor

David Boley, Assistant Principal

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Joseph W. Mancuso III, Principal

Frederick S. Withum III, Principal

Scott J. Govern, Athletic Director

Student Representatives

Jean Fitzgerald

Jeremy Wallace

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey S. Ammerman

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Charles L. and Marian B. Matz Superior Teaching Award

Fred Matz presented Boiling Springs High School Spanish teacher, Kenneth H. Stoltz, with the Charles L. and Marian B. Matz Superior Teaching Award. Mr. Matz reviewed many of the accomplishments that Mr. Stoltz had achieved throughout his career. Mr. Stoltz thanked Mr. Matz. He said that he was honored, but felt he was not the best teacher in his household, as he referenced his wife, Fourth Grade teacher Linda Stoltz. He thanked the Board and said he worked for a very good District.

Recognition of Jean Fitzgerald - Student Representative to the Board

Mr. Slifko presented Jean Fitzgerald with a plaque for her two years of service on the Board. He wished her well in her studies in higher education.

Teacher Impact Award - Denis P. Sicchitano

Mr. Withum introduced a video prepared by WGAL-TV about Mr. Sicchitano. The video showed some of Mr. Sicchitano's work and interaction with students and staff. Mr. Sicchitano thanked the Board and said he felt undeserving. He presented the District with a check for \$500 which he requested to be used to buy flags of the home countries of international students attending the District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meeting:

May 7, 2007 – Regular Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to approve the following:

The Board approved a General Fund Bill Payment for April 2007 – Payment of bills represented by checks #29391 to #29680 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,165,019.04.

The Board approved a Student Activity Fund Bill Payment for April 2007 – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, represented by checks #12404 to #12435 inclusive, in the amount of \$21,679.92, are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for April 2007 represented by checks #11091 to #11097 inclusive, in the amount of \$84,939.04.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Sanker mentioned this was her favorite meeting of the year because it recognized many of the good things that were happening in the District. She also mentioned upcoming events.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED 2007-2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Ammerman reviewed the proposed General Fund Budget. He indicated that it contained a 2% increase in the real estate tax rate from 11.15 to 11.38 mills. He reviewed the highlights of the budget, including the new technology plan that increases spending by \$85,000 and the textbook adoptions which added another \$100,000.

He explained that although the budget appeared to have more expenses than revenue, that was due to setting aside \$200,000 for potential unavoidable expenses such as special education placements, charter school tuition, and community college costs. Because these expenses may not occur, he said that using fund balance to cover them would be an appropriate way to cover the costs if they did arise.

He mentioned that there were still many unknowns on the revenue side of the equation, most notably interest income. It is not clear how the Governor's sales tax proposal will work and if it will be possible to print real estate tax bills until that issue is either approved or denied. He indicated that it will be possible to adjust the budget prior to its final adoption in late June.

He also provided an update on real estate tax installment payments. He said a resolution would be on the next agenda and that business managers from across the County were working on a final revised bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board approves the agenda of May 21, 2007 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board appoints Robert Winters as Board Treasurer for the 2007-2008 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Budget Resolution

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby tentatively adopts the annual budget of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, as more fully set forth in PDE Form 2028 which was presented at this meeting;

Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of twenty-six million, three hundred fifty-three thousand, two hundred sixty-one (\$26,353,261) dollars during the school fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and more particularly and fully detailed in the proposed annual budget as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 11.38 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$1.138 per \$100 of assessed value) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of "The Public School Code of 1949", as amended for the school fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act", as amended: (1) Realty Transfer Tax -1/2%; (2) Earned Income Tax - 1.1%; and (3) Occupational Privilege Tax - \$10.00.

That said proposed taxes as levied and continued to be levied shall provide revenue for the proposed expenditures authorized above.

Further, that said the Board of School Directors does designate \$4,000,000 of Unreserved Fund Balance for GASB 45 funding requirements and for upcoming retirement rate increases.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to approve all of the following as a block:

PSBA Workshop

The Board approved Michael Berk, School Director, to attend the PSBA Workshop "Collective Bargaining/Labor Relations Institute" on June 22, 2007 in Mechanicsburg, PA at a cost of \$99.00.

Solicitor

The Board appointed the firm of Stock and Leader, York, PA, as the solicitor for the 2007-2008 school year, with Philip H. Spare, Esq. as principal counsel, at a retainer fee of \$1,000 annually (paid semi-annually), and an hourly rate of \$135.00.

District Physicians

The Board appointed Dr. Thomas S. Filip, of Carlisle, PA, as the District dentist for the 2007-2008 school year, and Dr. Michael Daniels and Dr. David Dell, of Mt. Holly Springs, PA as the District physicians for the 2007-2008 school year

Budget Transfers

The Board took action to authorize the necessary budgetary transfers to close the 2006-2007 school year and to authorize the payment of all additional invoices pertaining to the 2006-2007 school year.

Board Policies

The Board approved the First Reading of the following Board Policies:

- Policy #203.1 – HIV Infection (Pupils)
- Policy #217 – Graduation Requirements (Pupils)
- Policy #227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia (Pupils)
- Policy #247 – Hazing (Pupils)
- Policy #250 – Student Recruitment (Pupils)
- Policy #314.1 – HIV Infection (Administrative Employees)
- Policy #414.1 – HIV Infection (Professional Employees)
- Policy #514.1 – HIV Infection (Classified Employees)
- Policy #808.1 – Cafeteria Meal Charges (Operations)

Athletic Schedule

The Board approved the Athletic Schedule for the 2007-2008 school year.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

CHANGE IN STATUS

The Board approved the change in status of Mr. Marc Thorne from a .5 Social Studies teacher at the Boiling Springs High School to a full-time Social Studies teacher beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

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The Board approved the change in status of Mrs. Karen Graybill from .5 Remedial Math teacher at Iron Forge Educational Center to a full-time Remedial Math teacher beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board approved Alberta Norton to continue as a full-time French teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School/Boiling Springs High School for the 2007-2008 school year only.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Board approved a request from Michael J. Freese, Boiling Springs High School Social Studies teacher, for a Child Rearing leave of absence from August 28, 2007 through November 1, 2007, as per Article III, Section D, of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middleton Education Association.

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Hannah K.S. Sollenberger
Address: 106 Bramblewood Lane
Lewisberry, PA 17339
Position: Elementary Remedial Reading Teacher – IFEC - (replacing Genevieve Reed)
Salary: \$38,711 - Step 5, Masters
Starting Date: 2007-2008 School Year

Name: Jason A. Jarrett
Address: 440 South State Street, Apt. E-8
Newtown, PA 18940
Position: Technology Teacher – BSHS – (replacing John Heiser)
Salary: \$37,042 – Step 2, Bachelor's
Starting Date: 2007-2008 School Year

Name: Aaron Beardmore
Address: 756 Hamilton Street
Carlisle, PA 17013
Position: Mathematics Teacher – BSHS – (new position)
Salary: \$40,821 – Step 8, Bachelor's
Starting Date: 2007-2008 School Year

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The employed the following substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year:

Name: Jennifer May
Address: 503 Lamp Post Lane
Camp Hill, PA 17011
Certification: Elementary/Early Childhood

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RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Deborah Lyons, Business Education/Computer teacher at Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective August 2007.

The Board accepted the resignation of Michelle M. Long, Special Education teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective June 8, 2007.

CLASSIFIED

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Susan M. Snyder from the position of Cafeteria/Office aide at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

Change Order Door Replacement

The Board approved a change order with eci Construction to replace doors as a part of the High School building project at a cost not to exceed \$141,000.

All of the items in the block motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Facilities Committee

Mr. Winters reported the committee reviewed a change order for doors at the High School and would receive a quote to replace the gym lockers.

Legislative Report

Mr. Berk mentioned that the Legislature was continuing its examination of the proposed budget. Additionally, the bill to start school after Labor Day was also being considered.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session for a personnel and legal matter at 9:11 pm. The Board resumed regular session at 9:35 pm.

Assistant Superintendent Contract

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board re-appoint Dr. Sandra J. Tippett to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for a five-year term beginning October 18, 2007 and ending October 17, 2012, and authorize the Board President to execute an employment contract. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman
Board Secretary