

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2010**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on March 1, 2010, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Derek Clepper

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Special Ed. Director

David Bitner, Assistant Principal - YBMS

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal – BSHS

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instruct. Technology

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Molly Dowling

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-February 16, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the financial reports as follows:

January 2010

The Board approved the bills for January 2010 represented by checks #38741 to #38962 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,224,431.75.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for January 2010 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #13425 to #13451 inclusive, in the amount of \$26,161.67, are enclosed with the financial report.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Denise Baughman spoke to the Board about a police incident that occurred near the Iron Forge Educational Center in February.

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

Dr. Sanker commented on the bulletin board display, the six wrestlers that proceeded to District play-offs, and the Model UN program.

Dr. Tippett spoke about the Boiling Springs High School students participating in the Brain Busters competition and reported on the board orientation provided to the two new board members, Mr. Merlie and Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Vensel remarked that he would also be providing an orientation to the two new board members in the near future.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated February 11, 2010, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, officially notifying the District that the rate of increase for all proposed taxes, for the 2010-2011 school year, is less than or equal to the school district's index.

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TOPIC DISCUSSION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the agenda of March 1, 2010, with items 11.8, 11.9, and 11.10 added to the agenda.

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

The Board approved Robert Winters to attend the PSBA Legal Roundup Workshop on March 3, 2010, in Mechanicsburg, PA and the fees for the workshop are covered under the PSBA Group Conference Rate purchased earlier this year by the District.

The Board approved the First Reading of the revised Policy #815, Acceptable Use of Computer Network and Internet. (See attachment)

The Board established the Summer School teacher compensation to be \$24.00/hour for the 2010 Summer School Program as per Article XVI – Extra Curricular Activities – of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and South Middleton Education Association.

The Board authorized the Administration to proceed with advertising/soliciting bids for new Boiling Springs High School band uniforms.

The Board approved the award of the trash removal bid to IESI for the term beginning July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2013. (See attachment)

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL

Employment – Long Term Substitute

The Board employed the following long term substitute for the 2009-2010 school year:

Name:	Susan Snyder
Certification:	Math
Position:	Long Term Substitute – YBMS - Math (Replacing Abby Stottlemeyer)
Starting Date:	February 22, 2010
Salary:	\$39,128 (Step 1, Bachelor's Degree – Pro-rated)

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Employment - Guest Teachers

The Board employed the following substitute through the guest teacher program operated by the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for the 2009-2010 school year @ \$95.00/day:

Name: Patricia Dowling
Interests: All Subjects, Elementary & Middle School Levels

Employment – Extra Duty – Co-curricular

The Board employed the following extra duty position for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mosley, Frankie	H.S. Drama Musical Conductor	\$776

Employment – Extra Duty – Athletics

The Board employed the following extra duty athletic positions for the 2009-2010 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Uts.</u>	<u>Sal.</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hart, Scott	Assit. Var. Baseball	1	-	14	1,890	-	1,890
Jarrett, Jason	Assit. Var. Track	1	-	15	2,025	-	2,025
Bisking, Richard	Assit. Var. Track	19	18	15	2,025	400	2,425
Fulfer, Kathleen	Assit. Var. Track	4	3	15	2,025	-	2,025
Brenner, Matt	Assit. Var. Track	6	5	15	2,025	200	2,225
Mills, Al	Co-Head Jr. High Track	18	17	15	2,025	400	2,425
Phillips, Jon	Co-Head Jr. High Track	18	17	15	2,025	400	2,425

Volunteer Coaches

The Board approved the following volunteer coaches for the 2009-2010 school year.

Govern, Scott – Vol. Head Track & Field Coach
Lease, Bob – Vol. Assist. Track & Field Coach
Heiser, Matt – Vol. Assist. Track & Field Coach

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Retirements

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Barbara L. Nickel for the purpose of retirement from the position of Business/Computer Education/Career Coordinator at the Boiling Springs High School effective June 5, 2010.

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Linda Stoltz, for the purpose of retirement, from the position of 4th grade teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center effective June 4, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes to approve the following:

CLASSIFIED

That the Board accepts the revised job descriptions for the following positions: (see attachments)

- District Office Secretary
- Data Base/Transportation Secretary

On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Merlie:	Abstained
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Hayes:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	No
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		

Yes – 6, No – 2, Abstention – 1, Absent - 0

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, to approve the payment of athletic coaches and assistant coaches for post season play for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost not-to-exceed a total of \$23,000. (Additional agenda item 11.8)

On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Merlie:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Hayes:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	No
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		

Yes – 8, No – 1, Abstention – 0, Absent – 0

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to approve the adding the position of a full-time special education personal care aide to work one-on-one with an individual student. The salary for the position would be paid for with IDEA-B Stimulus funds for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and the 2010-2011 school year. (Additional agenda item 11.9)

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On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Abstained	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Merlie:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Hayes:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstention – 1, Absent – 0

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to transfer \$94,194.68 from the General Fund account to the Capital Reserve account for the 2009-2010 school year for the broadband networking project. (Additional agenda item 11.10)
The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Molly Dowling reported on the upcoming Winterfest activities at the high school and the school musical, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Brendan VanGorder spoke about donations from Winterfest will be sent to Doctors Without Borders organization for relief efforts in Haiti.

Mr. Hays thanked the building principals for the tours of the school buildings as part of the new board member orientation.

Mr. Clepper commented about the Plato software.

Mr. Fay congratulated Mr. Mancuso on a positive Middle States evaluation of the high school and the float for the celebration of the township.

Mr. Merlie thanked the principals for the tour of the school buildings as part of new board member orientation and congratulated the winter sports teams for their successful seasons.

Ms. Martin reported on a meeting scheduled with the Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary