

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2010**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on August 16, 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 - **Absent**
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr. - **Absent**
Mr. Thomas Hayes
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin - **Absent**
Mr. Thomas Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Barbara J. Alitto, Director of Special Education

Student Representatives to the Board

Molly R. Dowling - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-June 21, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to approve the financial reports for June 2010 as follows:

June 2010

The Board approved the bills for June 2010 – Payment of bills represented by checks #40266 to #40492 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,846,536.01.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, for June 2010, represented by checks #13579 to #13610 inclusive, in the amount of \$34,067.59.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for June 2010, represented by checks #22165 to #22173, in the amount of \$93,810.91.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker commented that the BSHS band began rehearsals last week and the athletic practices began today.

Dr. Tippet reported that all schools met AYP status for the PSSAs and a more in-depth report will be presented in October. She also reported that the summer Pre-Kindergarten program went well.

Mr. Vensel updated the Board on the new transportation software. He also commented on the State F-Map money and Edujob funds that the State will receive from the Federal government.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Barbara Wilson, South Middleton Township Manager, dated August 5, 2010, donating four (4) 200th Birthday commemorative Photo Albums to the school district, for placement in the libraries of Boiling Springs H.S., Yellow Breeches M.S., Iron Forge Educational Center, and W.G. Rice Elementary.

Letter from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency dated August 10, 2010, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the application for Public Assistance for the February 2010 snow storm. Payment amount: \$5,713.04.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to approve the agenda of August 16, 2010, 2010, with the addendum. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves Ms. Pamela Martin to attend the Negotiations Cluster Meeting, sponsored by PSBA, and scheduled for August 19, 2010, in East Pennsboro School District. There is no cost to the District for this event. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves the transportation routes and bus stops for the 2010-2011 school year, and authorizes the Superintendent and Business Manager to make any necessary changes to these routes and bus stops during the school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the list of school buses, school bus drivers, and physicians giving physical examinations to school bus drivers for the 2010-2011 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board appoints Ms. Pamela Martin and Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse as voting delegates to participate in the PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting to be held on October 14, 2010, in Hershey, PA. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves all of the following in a block motion:

The Board approved the donation of \$1,000 to the Bubbler Foundation to assist in the costs of the fireworks scheduled for September 5, 2010, at Ecker Field.

The Board approved the annual Letter of Agreement between South Middleton School District and the liaison services provider (Teenline Program of Holy Spirit Hospital) for the Student Assistance Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

The Board approved the annual Letter of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and Cumberland/Perry counties Mental Health/Mental Retardation to provide CASSP Elementary School-Based program to children and families of the South Middleton School District during the 2010-2011 school year.

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Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, that the Board approves a contract between South Middleton School District and the Capital Area Intermediate Unit to provide nonpublic Title 1 services for the 2010-2011 school year.

As a result of increases in enrollments in the Kindergarten and Fourth Grade classes, the Board approved the addition of one class section to both grade levels for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

The current enrollment in Kindergarten is 176 students. The Board approved the addition of one Kindergarten section for a new total of nine Kindergarten class sections.

The current enrollment in Fourth Grade is 179 students. The Board approved the addition of one Fourth Grade section for a new total of eight Fourth Grade class sections.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

Professional

VOLUNTARY TRANSFER

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Mrs. Laura Hostetter (Gardner) from a second grade teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School to a Kindergarten teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective with the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. (Mrs. Hostetter will be teaching the additional section of Kindergarten).

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following professional personnel:

Name:	Lindsay R. Yeager
Address:	622 Park Ridge Drive Mechanicsburg, PA
Position:	Full-Time Teacher - Grade 4, IFEC (New Position) (Miss Yeager will be teaching the additional section of 4 th grade).
Certification:	Elementary
Starting Date:	Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year
Salary:	Bachelor's Degree, Step 1 - \$40,393
Name:	Robyn Wampler
Address:	709 Sherwood Drive Carlisle, PA
Position:	Short-Term Sub – Family/Consumer Science Teacher YBMS – (Replacing Kathleen Furr)
Starting Date:	Beginning of the 2010-2011 school year through approximately middle of September 2010
Salary:	Masters' Degree, Step 1 - \$40,693 (pro-rated)

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EXTRA DUTY

Mentor Teachers

The Board employed the following mentor teachers for the 2010-2011 school year at \$515.00.

Department Chairs/Team Leaders

The Board employed the following Department Chairs/Team Leaders for the 2010-2011 school year.

Athletics

The Board employed the following extra duty athletic positions for the 2010-2011 school year.

Substitute Teachers

The Board employed the following list of substitute teachers for the 2010-2011 school year, at a salary of \$95.00/day.

Guest Teachers

The Board employed the following list of substitute teachers under the Guest Teacher Program for the 2010-2011 school year at \$95.00/day,

RESIGNATION – Extra Duty - Athletics

The Board accepted the resignation of Mark Laser from the position of Jr. High Track/Field Coach, effective immediately.

CLASSIFIED

VOLUNTARY TRANSFER

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Patricia Zeager from the position of substitute kitchen aide to part-time (3.75/hrs/day) kitchen aide, effective with the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year (replacing Heidi Gutshall who transferred to a classroom aide position at the end of the 2009-2010 school year) (Rate of pay: \$9.73/hr.)

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Denise Highlands from the position of part-time kitchen aide to substitute kitchen aide beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. (Rate of pay: \$10.12/hr.)

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EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following kitchen aide, effective with the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Name:	Debbie Neumayer
Address:	219 Red Tank Road Boiling Springs, PA
Position:	Part-Time Kitchen Aide 3.75/hrs./day (replacing Denise Highlands)
Salary:	\$9.67/hr.

The Board employed the following crossing guards/school police for the 2010-2011 school year.

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Victoria Bohn from the position of kitchen aide at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously with the following exception:

Mr. Winters voted “no” on the approval of the department chair/team leaders.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15

Mr. Winters referred Board members to the June 2010 minutes enclosed in the Board packet. The Camp Hill School District now has the representative to the I.U., and Mr. Winter's term is completed as of June 30, 2010.

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School

No meeting was held during the summer months. Negotiations are in limbo.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Slifko attended the July 15, 2010, meeting.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko reported that the Board met earlier this evening and toured the Fitness Center/Team Room at the Boiling Springs High School. All summer projects were reviewed.

Recreation and Parks Report

No report.

South Middleton Township

This summer was busy with preparing for and the celebration of South Middleton Township's 200th Anniversary.

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

Mr. Hayes asked a question about consolidating the transportation letter.

Mr. Winters asked a question about student enrollment and the impact of withdrawals at the beginning of the school year.

Mrs. Knouse complimented the Board on the recent renovations and talked about the possibility of a Board retreat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m., the Board of School Directors went into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters. At 8:40 p.m. the Board resumed Regular Session and the following motion was made:

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves contract 2010-1 with a provider to transport a special education student to and from school. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr, Slifko, to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary