

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on June 6, 2011, 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 7:10 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.
Mr. Thomas Hayes
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin
Mr. Thomas Merlie – **Absent***
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters
***Participated via skype**

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC
Barbara J. Alitto, Director of Spec. Ed. (until 7:15 PM)
Sharonn Williams, Director of Educational Technology
Dr. Fred Withum, Principal - YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Anthony Kallhoff - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse, Board President, presented Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education, with a retirement gift from the Board and Administration, in recognition of her 14 years of dedicated service to the District.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-June 6, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Elliott commented on the motion before the Board regarding the request to use the Boiling Springs High School pool for a swim meet on Saturday, July 16, 2011

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

Dr. Sanker thanked the Board members for their participation in the recent Senior activities and commencement program.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

TOPIC DISCUSSIONS – 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Vensel, Business and Operations Manager, reviewed and continued the discussion of the 2011-2012 proposed General Fund Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the agenda of June 6, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves a request from School Director Thomas Merlie to participate and vote in the June 6, 2011, meeting of the Board of School Directors via speakerphone, Skype, or other electronic medium because he is out of town and unable to return in time to attend the meeting.

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On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms. Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – No	Mr. Merlie – Abstain
Mr. Fay – Yes	Mr. Slifko – No
Mr. Hayes – Yes	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse – Yes	

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

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the following resolution be approved:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, Act 91 of 2004 requires taxing authorities to set a tax rate for real estate tax in the year following reassessment at a rate that would maintain revenue comparable to the prior fiscal year. After establishing the first tax rate, the taxing authority may set the final millage rate for the 2011-2012 fiscal year to increase revenues. Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 provides that the rate may not be more than the prior year's index established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education which is 2.9% for the 2011-2012 budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District as follows:

1. The school district real estate tax millage rate, comparable to the prior fiscal year, is reduced from 11.5507 mills to 8.9245 mills.
2. The school district real estate tax millage rate for the 2011-2012 fiscal year will be established by a separate resolution.
3. The calculation methodology to justify this millage is on Pages C1, C2 and C3 of the 2011-12 PDE 2028.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin that the Board adopt the 2011-2012 annual budget as set forth in the agenda, with an amended millage rate of 9.1833 mills. On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms. Martin – No
Mr. Clepper – No	Mr. Merlie – Yes
Mr. Fay – No	Mr. Slifko – No
Mr. Hayes – Yes	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse – Yes	

Yes – 3, No – 5, Abstention – 0, Absent – 1

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board adopts the 2011-2012 annual budget as set forth in the agenda, with a millage rate of 8.9245 mills. On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

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Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms.Martin – No
Mr. Clepper – Yes	Mr. Merlie – No
Mr. Fay – Yes	Mr. Slifko – Yes
Mr. Hayes – No	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse - No	

Yes – 3, No – 5, Abstention – 0, Absent – 1

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board adopts the 2011-2012 annual budget as set forth on the agenda, with an amended millage rate of 9.1030 mills. On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms.Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – No	Mr. Merlie – Yes
Mr. Fay – No	Mr. Slifko – No
Mr. Hayes – Yes	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse - Yes	

Yes – 4, No – 4, Abstention – 0, Absent – 1

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board adopts the 2011-2012 annual budget as set forth on the agenda, with a millage rate of 8.9245 mills. On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms.Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – Yes	Mr. Merlie – No
Mr. Fay – Yes	Mr. Slifko – Yes
Mr. Hayes – No	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse – No	

Yes – 3, No – 5, Abstention – 0, Absent - 1

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board adopts the 2011-2012 annual budget as set forth on the agenda, with an amended millage rate of 9.0583 mills. On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms.Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – No	Mr. Merlie – Yes
Mr. Fay – No	Mr. Slifko – No
Mr. Hayes – Yes	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse – Yes	

Yes – 4, No – 4, Abstention – 0, Absent – 1

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board adopts the 2011-2012 annual budget as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby adopts the annual budget of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011, 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-nine million, four hundred and thirty two thousand, one hundred and eighty nine dollars during the school fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, 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 8.9245 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$.89245 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) Local Services 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 commit \$4,836,334 of Unreserved Fund Balance for retirement and insurance rate increases and for future construction projects.

Further, that the Board approves the attached resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year in accordance with Act 1 of Special Session of 2006 (see attached).

On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms.Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – Yes	Mr. Merlie – No
Mr. Fay – Yes	Mr. Slifko – Yes
Mr. Hayes – No	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse – Yes	

Yes – 5, No – 3, Abstention – 0, Absent – 1

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the Capital Reserve expenditures for the 2011-2012 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the Cafeteria Budget in the amount of \$848,937 for the 2011-2012 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board sets the cafeteria prices for the 2011-2012 school year as follows: (Note: Prices reflect a \$.20 increase).

Adult - \$3.35
Boiling Springs High School - \$2.20
Yellow Breeches Middle School - \$2.20
Iron Forge Educational Center - \$2.20
W.G. Rice Elementary School - \$2.10
Milk - \$.50

On a roll call vote the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms. Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – No	Mr. Merlie – Yes
Mr. Fay – Yes	Mr. Slifko – No
Mr. Hayes – Yes	Mr. Winters – No
Mrs. Knouse – Yes	

Yes – 5, No – 3, Abstention – 0, Absent – 1

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that all of the following be approved in a block motion:

The Board approved the request from the South Middleton Swim Club to use the pool at the BSHS on Saturday, July 16, 2011, for a meet. It is anticipated that the club will need to have access to the building and pool from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Board appointed Stock and Leader, LLP, with Mr. Philip H. Spare, as principal counselor, to serve as South Middleton School District's Solicitor for the 2011-2012 school year. The proposed fees for the 2011-2012 school year are to continue at the current rate without the annual retainer and at an hourly rate of \$155 for partners and \$145 for associates, unless otherwise agreed for special projects such as negotiations or litigation. Bond issues and similar financing matters will continue to be billed on a transactional basis.

The Board appointed Dr. Thomas S. Filip, of Carlisle, PA, as the District dentist for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board awarded the bids for the industrial art/tech education supplies as follows:

IA/TECH ED SUPPLIES - 2011-2012

Agar Welding Service & Steel Supply	\$338.25
B & H Video-Photo-Audio	\$4,487.20
Badger Graphic Sales	\$388.50
Forest County Wood Products	\$3,202.90
Freestyle Photo Supply	\$11.96
IASCO	\$35.60
Lafferty Company	\$475.00
Mann & Parker Lumber	\$886.00
Metco Supply	\$1,210.73
Midwest Technology Products	\$2,083.80

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Paxton-Patterson	\$1,438.39
Performance Screen Supply	\$682.39
Pitsco Education	\$715.01
Satco Supply	\$649.80
School Specialty	\$778.63
Valley Litho Supply	\$7,600.90
Total	\$24,985.06

The Board approved the bylaws for the Art Co-Op Club at the Boiling Springs High School, at no additional cost to the District. The club bylaws are attached.

The Board approved the bylaws for the Debate Team Club at the Boiling Springs High School, at no additional cost to the District. The club bylaws are attached.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

Childrearing Leave Request

The Board approved the request from Jenny Schmidt, fourth grade teacher at Iron Forge Educational Center, to extend her childrearing leave through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Extra Duty

The Board approved the following extra duty positions for the 2010-2011 school year. (Note: These two positions were missed in the original approval of 2010-2011 middle school drama extra duty positions.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Snyder, Sharon	Choreographer	\$466
Snyder, Sharon	Vocal Director	\$466

Extra Duty – Athletics – Fall 2011

The Board approved the extra duty athletic positions for the 2011-2012 school year (see attachment).

Extended School Year Program

The Board employed the following special education teachers for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for Summer 2011, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment, at a rate of \$34.00 to be paid through IDEA-B funds.

Hertz, Allison
High, Pat

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Krohn, Robyn
Schwander, Teresa

Summer Academy

The Board employed the following Summer Academy staff for the Summer of 2011 at a salary of \$34.00/hr.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Birsch, Ellen	Co-Director
Caldwell, Kelly	Co-Director
Deck, Sue	Teacher
Good, Mary	Teacher
Kuhn, Stephanie	Teacher
Ranck, Ketha	Teacher

Pre-K Summer Camp

The Board employed the following Pre-K Summer Camp staff for the Summer of 2011 at a salary of \$34.00/hr.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Beecher, Megan	Teacher
Scharlau, Kevin	Teacher

Tenure

The Board approved the change of status for the teachers listed below from "Temporary Professional Employee" to "Professional Employee."

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date Employed</u>
Barnett, Jennifer	Kindergarten	August 2008
Heberlig, Erin	Remedial Math	August 2008
Hostetter, Laura	Grade 1	August 2008
Karloski, Steven	Math	August 2008
Scharlau, Kevin	Kindergarten	August 2008
Semmel, Courtney	Social Studies	August 2008
Watkins, Kyle	Business Ed.	August 2008
Waynick, Robert	Health/Phys. Ed.	August 2008
Weible, Jessica	English	August 2008

Substitute Rate

The Board approved the substitute teacher rate of pay for the 2011-2012 school year at \$95.00/day.

CLASSIFIED

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Josh Watkins from the position of summer maintenance/grounds employee, effective immediately.

Employment – Summer Maintenance

The Board employed the following summer maintenance/grounds employee starting June 6, 2011. (replacing Josh Watkins)

Name: Brendan Van Gorder
Address: 7 High Street
Boiling Springs, PA
Rate: \$8.00/hr.

Extended School Year – Special Education Aides

The Board employed the following special education aides for the Extended School Year (ESY) program for Summer 2011, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment. Salaries to be paid for through IDEA-B funds.

Niles, Charisse - \$10.46/hr.
Purvis, Rhonda - \$12.68/hr.
Spangler, Jennifer - \$12.03/hr.

Salaries

The Board approved the salaries for the support staff for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board approved the Administrative salaries for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board approved the Assistant Superintendent and the Business and Operations Manager salaries for the 2011-2012 school year.

The motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Cappozzi – Absent	Ms. Martin – Yes
Mr. Clepper – Yes	Mr. Merlie – Yes
Mr. Fay – Yes	Mr. Slifko – No
Mr. Hayes – Yes	Mr. Winters – Yes*
Mrs. Knouse – Yes	

Yes – 7, No – 1, Abstentions – 0, Absent – 1

*Note: Mr. Winters voted “no” on the following items: (11.14.3) extra duty athletic positions, (11.14.10) employment of summer maintenance workers, (11.14.12, 11.14.13, and 11.14.14) salaries.

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

Mr. Hayes stated that the recent commencement program went very well.

Mr. Clepper also commented on the excellent commencement program, and he thanked Mrs. Alitto for her service to the District.

Mr. Fay wished Mrs. Alitto well and thanked her for her service. He also commented on a successful graduation program.

Mr. Slifko also commented on the success of commencement.

Mr. Merlie wished Mrs. Alitto well and thanked everyone for the skype connection.

Mr. Winters commented on the successful graduation program. He also would like to revisit the HB855 resolution and the mandate relief revision.

Ms. Merlie thanked everyone for the budget discussions and presentations.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Berk wished Mrs. Alitto well in her retirement. He also commented that future budgets would be difficult.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary