

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on October 3, 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 7:02 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

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Connie Connolly, Director of Spec. Ed.

Joseph Mancuso, Principal - BSHS

Dr. Frederick Withum, Principal - YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Anthony Kallhoff – **Absent**

Kathryn Webber

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

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

-September 19, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker commented on the bulletin board that was prepared by IFEC students. Dr. Sanker also reported that we are fortunate to have the artificial turf. The regular sports program have proceeded as scheduled, despite the inclement weather. Other schools have had postpone athletic events due to poor field conditions. Dr. Sanker also reported that the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 has a new Executive Director, Dr. Mary Jane Gales. Dr. Sanker also informed Mr. Clepper that the Policy Committee meeting would be scheduled to review/update several policies.

Dr. Tippett reported that the Education Committee met earlier this evening and discussed the 45-day substitute program. An Education Committee meeting will be held on October 17, 2011, and Dr. Tippett will make a presentation on the PSAT and SAT scores.

Mr. Vensel commented that Boyer and Ritter will make the audit presentation in November 2011.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated September 19, 2011, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State Tax Equalization Board, certifying the changes in the 2010 market values which result from properties going on or off the assessment rolls.

Information from the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, dated September 24, 2011, indicating the Index Calculation required by the Tax Payer Relief Act for the 2012-2013 school year. For the 2012-2013 year, the base index is 1.7%.

TOPIC DISCUSSIONS – None

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NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, to approve the agenda of October 3, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Capozzi, that the Board approves the renewal of the 45-day daily substitute teacher program for the 2011-2012 school year, starting October 3, 2011. The program provides for eight daily substitutes to be assigned throughout the District (two substitutes per building) at a rate of \$100.00/day for a 45-day period with an automatic renewal on a 45-day basis. The following are the 45-day substitute employees:

<u>Rice</u>	<u>IFEC</u>	<u>YBMS</u>	<u>BSHS</u>
Lisa Bonner Cindy Landwehr	Marlene Ward Joetta Sunday	Jody Keys *Sheila Dodds *Susan Snyder	Amy Rogers Tami White

*Sheila/Susan will alternate – every other day

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	

8 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 – Absent, 0- Abstentions

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

The Board approved the school-based therapy Letters of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and the Teenline Program of Holy Spirit Hospital.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for purpose of retirement of Patricia Hughes, third grade teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective June 8, 2012, or at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year.

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Guest Teacher Program

The Board approved adding the following to the substitute teacher list, under the Guest Teacher Program, operated by the CAIU, for the 2011-2012 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Maggie Stonecash
Interests: All Subjects, All Grade Levels

Name: Douglas Lowery
Interests: All Subjects, Elementary/Middle School

Name: Christine Sparages
Interests: Elementary

Substitute - Professional

The Board approved adding the following to the professional substitute list for the 2011-2012 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Ashley Bartosch
Certification: Social Studies

Name: Kimberly Vensel
Certification: Guidance Counselor – Elementary/Secondary

CLASSIFIED

Leave of Absence

The Board approved the request from Kelly Hart, special education classroom aide at the YBMS, for a leave of absence without pay, beginning September 13, 2011 for an indefinite period of time.

Substitutes – Classroom Aides

The Board approved adding the following to the substitute classroom/special education aide listing for the 2011-2012 school year at \$9.81/hr.

Name: Karen Stone

Name: Edna Brehm

Name: Regina Halvorson

Name: Kimberly Vensel

Name: Stephanie Sea

Name: Christine Filburn

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kathryn Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported that progress reports came out today at the BSHS, Spirit Week and Homecoming are next week, and students were looking forward to a 4-day week.

Mrs. Capozzi thanked Dr. Tippet for her presentation of the pros and cons of the 45-day substitute program that took place during the Education Committee Meeting, held prior to the Board Meeting on October 3, 2011.

Mr. Winters reviewed information he recently received at a PSBA Workshop, and commented about the possibility of Mr. Templeton of PSBA presenting his information the Board. Mr. Winters also reported that the district's share to the Vo-Tech school should be reduced by \$23,000 to \$25,000 for the 2012-2013 school year due to declining enrollment.

Mr. Hayes thanked Mrs. Capozzi and Dr. Tippet for the 45-day substitute program presentation.

Mr. Fay also thanked the staff for the 45-day substitute program presentation.

Mr. Slifko commented that a thank you should be sent to Mr. Ron Reeder for his service on the South Middleton Township Board of Commissioners

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary