

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on December 20, 2011, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Assist. Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Connie Connolly – Director of Spec. Ed.

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Tech.

Frederick Withum, Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives

Anthony Kallhoff - **Absent**

Kathryn Webber - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

- December 5, 2011 – Board Organization Meeting
- December 5, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

November 2011

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the Financial Report for November 2011 as follows:

The Board approved the payment of bills for November 2011, represented by checks #44736 to #45000 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,250,554.23.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for November 2011 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14006 to #14040 inclusive, in the amount of \$26,314.89, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker thanked Board members for attending the winter concerts held throughout December 2011, and she wished the Board a relaxing holiday.

Dr. Tippett stated that that the Strategic Planning Committee has been formed and the Professional Education Committee will be meeting in the new year.

Mr. Vensel reported on the results of the natural gas bids.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated November 4, 2011, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, that the 2011-2012 Consolidated Federal Programs Application for South Middleton School District has been approved.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Board members discussed the committee assignments, structure of Board meetings, and an upcoming Board retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the agenda of December 20, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the 2012 Board Committee Assignments and Appointments as submitted by Board President, Thomas Merlie, as per South Middleton School District Board Policy No.005, Section 6.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

Childrearing Leave

The Board approved the request from Cynthia Bailey, French teacher at the Boiling Springs High School, for a childrearing leave of absence from approximately April 18, 2012, through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, returning to her position at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Substitute Teachers - Employment

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

Name: Gerald Crispino
Certification: Secondary Guidance

Name: Scott Bryson
Certification: Elementary

CLASSIFIED

Retirement

The Board approved the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Glenn Baer, from the position of groundskeeper, effective January 3, 2012.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the following extra duty positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Extra Duty - Athletics

The Board approved the following extra duty athletic position for the 2011-2012 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Unts.</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Total Salary</u>
Karli, Frank	Head Girls Basketball	34	9	8	200	\$4,926

The Board approved the following extra duty drama positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Extra Duty – Co-Curricular – BSHS Drama

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
HS Drama Conductor	Kenyon, Kent	5.75	1	\$799
HS Drama Vocal Director	Athanasatos, Gregory	2.50	1	\$695
HS Drama Costumer	Reed, Elizabeth	2.50	1	\$348
HS Set Design	Nedrow, Jason	3.75	1	\$521
HS Set Construction	Nedrow, Jason	3.75	1	\$521
HS Drama - Public Relations	Mains, Christine	4.50	1	\$626
HS Drama - Pianist	Thompson, Art	3.75	1	\$521
HS Drama - Light/Sound Tech	Heinlen, Karis	4.50	1	\$626

The motion passed as follows:

Mr. Bear:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mr. Merlie:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	*No
Mr. Hayes:	Yes		

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

***Mr. Winters voted “no” on the extra duty athletic position only (head girls basketball coach).**

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Mr. Berk thanked Dr. Sanker for the update on the incident on Forge Road, and he commended Mr. Vensel for the good job on the natural gas bid. He also spoke about a *New York Times* article addressing charter schools and the “Bring Your Own Technology” workshop.

Mr. Hayes thanked Dr. Sanker on the updated chicken pox information and he commented on his delight at the renewed enthusiasm of the Board.

Mr. Clepper commented that he found *The New York Times* article about charter schools interesting, and he commented on the effectiveness of Beth Winters of PSBA for voucher defeat. Mr. Clepper also enjoyed the conversations with Mr. Merlie.

M. Slifko commented that he found the conversation with Mr. Merlie helpful.

Mr. Bear thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Ms. Martin expressed her appreciation for all the sympathy cards, etc. received on the recent passing of her brother. She also thanked Mr. Merlie for the good job he was doing.

Mr. Winters reported on the recent Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech meeting.

Mrs. Capozzi thanked Ms. Williams for the technology committee report.

Mr. Merlie thanked the Board for a good meeting. He also commented on the excellent holiday concerts held at the schools. He stated that the South Middleton Township was reviewing its fields at Spring Meadows and would seek District input.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. The Board resumed the Regular Session at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary