

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on January 22, 2008, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana - **Absent**

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

David Boley, Assistant Principal

David Bitner, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Joseph Mancuso, III, Principal

Dennis Royer, Network Administrator

Frederick Withum, III, Principal

Student Representatives to the Board

Jeremy Wallace

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey Ammerman

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Board Recognition

Dr. Sanker recognized the service of the members of the Board of Directors and presented each of them with a certificate from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meeting:

January 7, 2008

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to approve the following:

November 2007

The Board approved the bills for November 2007 – payment of bills represented by checks #31329 to #31636 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,215,769.55.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, the reports of Student Activity Funds for November 2007, represented by checks #12603 to #12649 inclusive, in the amount of \$30,372.36, are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for November 2007, represented by checks #11153 to #11157 inclusive, in the amount of \$381,284.55.

December 2007

The Board approved the bills for December 2007 – Payment of bills represented by checks #31637 to #31883 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,370,331.94.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, the reports of Student Activity funds for December 2007, represented by checks #12650 to #12672 inclusive, in the amount of \$20,835.53.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for December 2007, represented by check #11158 in the amount of \$704.16.

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Mr. Winters pointed out that within the financial reports there was a document showing a distribution from CAPTAX to the District of just over \$466,000. He indicated this was for the years 2002 to 2005 and was a result of CAPTAX getting information from the Federal Government on this money. Mr. Ammerman mentioned that since this was a one time payment, it would be best to keep this number separate from regular distribution because of its one time nature.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Jim Baker expressed concern that kids who have nothing to do in the evenings are more apt to get into trouble and asked the Board to consider opening the weight rooms and gyms after school.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated November 27, 2007, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, noting that PDE has reviewed the resolution and proposed tax rates for the 2008-2009 school year. This letter is official notification that the rate of increase for all proposed tax rates is less than or equal to the school district's index.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the agenda of January 22, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Conference Attendance

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board approves school director Michael Berk to attend the Pennsylvania Technology and Expo Conference in Hershey, PA on February 12, 2008, at a cost of \$105. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Level 3 Communications Contract

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves a contract with Level 3 Communications, LLC (f.k.a. TelCove) for the purpose of providing local and long distance telephone services for the time period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Sprint Contract

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board approves a contract with Sprint/Nextel for the purpose of providing cellular telephone services for the time period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to approve all of the following:

Graduating Seniors

The Board approved the listing of Seniors, as presented by the High School Principal, as candidates for graduation 2008 upon meeting the graduation requirements as established and adopted by the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors in compliance with the Commonwealth's guidelines.

Personnel

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Jobi Campbell from the position of Business/Computer teacher at Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective Monday, January 21, 2008.

Employment

The Board employed the following long term substitute teacher, beginning January 22, 2008.

Name: John Cantalupi
Position: Business/Computer Teacher – YBMS
(Replacing Jobi Campbell)
Salary: \$213.93 per day – Step 1, M + 60

Leave of Absence

The Board approved a request from Joshua Gutacker, Technology teacher at Yellow Breeches Middle School, for a childrearing leave of absence beginning May 1, 2008 until the end of the 2007-2008 school year, as per Article III, Section D, of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middleton Education Association.

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Mentor Teachers

The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary of \$234.50 (1/2 year).

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Year of Program</u>
Alberta Norton	Katherin Slentz	1
Elizabeth O'Marr	Joshua Rajca	1

Extra Duty

The Board approved the following extra duty positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Reed, Elizabeth	2,223	Drama - Production Coordinator
Reed, Elizabeth	700	Drama - Choreographer
Weller, Ryan	700	Vocal Director
Weller, Ryan	750	Drama - Conductor
Eckert, Keith	600	Drama - Public Relations
Wellington, Lou	500	Drama - Set Construction
Wellington, Pam	500	Drama - Set Design & Set Painting
Eckert, Kelli	300	Drama - Costume Design

The Board approved the following extra duty athletic positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Darchicourt, Steve	Head Varsity Softball	4	3	19	2,356	-	2,356
Karli, Frank	Asst. Varsity Softball	3	2	14	1,736	-	1,736
Wilmet, Samantha	Head Jr. Varsity Softball	1	-	16	1,984	-	1,984
Harker, Joseph	Head Varsity Track	7	6	23	2,852	200	3,052
Brenner, Matt	Assistant Varsity Track	4	3	15	1,860	-	1,860
Conner, Jess	Assistant Track	1	-	15	1,860	-	1,860

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Capuano, Megan	Assistant Track	1	-	15	1,860	-	1,860
Bisking, Richard	Assistant Track	17	16	15	1,860	400	2,260
Fulfer, Kathleen	Assistant Track	2	1	15	1,860	-	1,860
Harker, Brooke	Vol. Assistant Track	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brookens, Steve	Head Varsity Girls Soccer	8	7	24	2,976	200	3,176
Allshouse, Mark	Asst. Varsity Girls Soccer	6	5	17	2,108	200	2,308
Martin, Brian	Asst. Varsity Girls Soccer	4	3	17	2,108	-	2,108
Goodson, Larry	Head Jr. Girls Soccer	2	1	15	1,860	-	1,860

Substitute Teachers

The Board approved the employment of the following substitute teachers for the 2007-2008 school year at \$85.00/day.

Name: Linda Stone
Certification: Elementary

Name: Heather White
Certification: Elementary

CLASSIFIED STAFF

The Board approved the following substitute kitchen aide for the 2007-2008 school year at \$8.99/day.

Name: Shirley Bricker
Address: 24 Abbey Court
Carlisle, PA 17015

Rice Office Renovation

The Board authorized the Administration to use Capital Reserve Funds to purchase furniture, carpeting, and paint for the W. G. Rice Elementary School office at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.

All of the items in the block motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Contract

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board move to authorize an additional five (5) year term from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013 for Dr. Patricia B. Sanker to serve as Superintendent of the South Middleton School

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District and to direct the Personnel Committee to prepare a contract documenting that term. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2005 EIT Balances

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board authorizes CAPTAX to waive interest and penalties for taxpayers who owe 2005 Earned Income Taxes, but have not yet been notified because of ongoing discussions between the District and the Township on this matter, provided the taxpayer makes payment within thirty days of being mailed the notice.

Mr. Ammerman indicated that notices had not been mailed to just over 100 taxpayers who owed collectively a little over \$10,000 as the District worked with the Township to resolve issues regarding how to split 2005 EIT and who would be responsible for processing refunds. He said that at this point none of the taxpayers had been notified and felt it would be fair to allow them thirty days to be able to pay after receiving the notice without penalties or interest.

The motion passed 6-2 with Mrs. Knouse and Mr. Winters dissenting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko reported that Facilities Committee reviewed Ecker Field upgrades, the Rice Office upgrades, the Iron Forge Eagle Scout project, and some bus issues at its most recent meeting. He reminded the Board about the upcoming informational meeting on Ecker Field.

Capital Area I.U. #15

Mr. Winters reported that the CAIU budget included no increase to the District. He mentioned the audit was completed and would be available for review.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Winters mentioned the upcoming reorganization meeting for CAPTAX and the implementation plan for findings of the SAS 70 audit.

Legislative Report

Mr. Berk said the Legislature was considering graduation competency exams and the Governor was preparing his budget.

Recreation and Parks Report

Mr. Fay reported that the Rec Board talked about walking trails at its latest meeting.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 8:25 p.m. The Board resumed regular session at 9:16 p.m.

Amendment to SMEA Agreement

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the amendment to the Articles of Agreement between the South Middleton School District and the South Middleton Education Association 2004-2005 through 2007-2008, effective February 1, 2008 (see attachment). **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman
Board Secretary