

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 6, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on October 6, 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 7:06 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.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mr. Robert Winters - **Absent**

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Scott Govern, Athletic Director - BSHS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Dr. Fred Withum, Principal – YBMS

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Brendan D. VanGorder – **Absent**

Jayson Schaufert

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Recording Secretary**

Beth Scott

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare

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### **INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Dr. Sanker recognized Scott Govern, Athletic Director, as having taken and passed a national exam which now certifies Mr. Govern as a Certified Athletic Administrator. Ms. Martin presented him with his certificate of certification. Dr. Sanker also recognized Principals, Janet Adams and David Boley as having completed the Principals Leadership Induction Network Program which is a 12 month program and professional development for new principals. Ms. Martin presented Mr. Boley with a certificate of recognition. (Note: Mrs. Adams was not present at the meeting to accept the certificate, but one will be presented to her).

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-September 15, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

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

Dr. Sanker congratulated the Boiling Springs High School and specifically the Student Council, the Homecoming Court and escorts for a successful Homecoming on September 26, 2008. She also stated that there will be no classes for students on Monday, October 13, 2008. It will be an in-service day for professional staff.

Mr. Vensel stated he will serving as the Chairperson for the state-wide PASBO Committee for Earned Income Tax which involves the new regulations requiring one tax collector per county to collect EIT taxes.

Mr. Mancuso reported that Dakota Lanious, a Grade 9 student, was selected by the American Diabetes Association as a student ambassador for their organization. An article featured in The Sentinel will be forthcoming about the selection.

Mr. Boley reported on field trips recently taken by various classes at W.G. Rice Elementary School.

Dr. Withum stated that Yellow Breeches Middle School celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> year today. The Yellow Breeches Middle School opened on October 10, 2000.

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### NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

### TOPIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Martin informed the public that the Board interviews will be held at the end of the public meeting and the Board would proceed with the new business listed on the agenda.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the agenda of September 15, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board appoints Beth Scott as recording secretary for the meeting of October 6, 2008. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board authorizes the purchase of PSBA's Board Development Value Pass for the 2008-2009 school year at a total cost of \$899. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves Pamela Martin, Robert Winters, and Mark Juliana to attend the PSBA workshop "Successful Superintendent Evaluations" on October 1, 2008, in Mechanicsburg, PA. (cost to be included in the Value Pass). **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board awards the bid for the Ecker Field Improvement Lighting and Electrical Construction to the lowest bidder, L & Y Construction, LLC, of New Enterprise, PA, at a cost of \$352,000 that includes both alternates as follows:

#### **Base Bid**

- includes installation of field lighting and associated appurtenances - \$313,200

#### **Alternate Bids**

- 1.0 Provide generator, power distribution and emergency lighting on sports lighting poles - \$36,950
- 2.0 Provide relocation of sound system associated with pressbox replacement (Complete in Place) - \$1,850

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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Motion made by Mr. Berk and seconded by Mr. Fay to authorize the Administration to issue purchase orders from the COSTARS purchasing program for turf and bleachers in the amounts as follows: (both purchase orders would also include up to 3% of total price to cover performance and payment bonds)

Fieldturf Tarkett – Project Total = \$828,328  
+ Alternate (if necessary) chamber system at center of field - \$23,000

Stadium Solutions – Project total \$519,181

After much discussion among Board members, Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk to table the authorization to issue purchase orders from COSTARS purchasing program for turf and bleachers until further finalized pricing is obtained. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Motion made by Mr. Slifko and seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

### PERSONNEL

### PROFESSIONAL

#### EMPLOYMENT – SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

The Board approved the following substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Meaghan Sabatini  
Certification: Elementary/Library Media Specialist

#### EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHERS

The Board approved the following substitute teachers under the Guest Teacher Program for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: David Chambers  
Interests: Music

Name: Michelle Copley  
Interests: Biology, Health/PE, General Science

Name: Diana Moscato  
Interests: Accounting, Biology, Art, English, Math, Health/PE

Name: Stephanie Kribs  
Interests: Art, Biology, English, Health/PE, Library Science, Music, Social Studies, Spanish

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### EMPLOYMENT – EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the following extra duty positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
2010 Class Co-Advisor	Doersom, Karen	4		\$ 528
2010 Class Co-Advisor	Fulton, Janette	2		528
Graduation Chairperson	Cochran, Karen	1		792
ML Yearbook Advisor	Sharp, Anna	1		330
ML Yearbook Advisor	Menegat, Angie	1		330
SADD Club Co-Advisor	Brenner, Matthew	1		297
SADD Club Co-Advisor	Stallings, Susan	9	200	497

The Board approved the following Homework Club Substitute for the 2008-2009 school year at a salary of \$32.00/hr.

Miller, Lisa – IFEC

### CLASSIFIED

### VOLUNTARY TRANSFER

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Michele Dombroski from the position of Part-Time Office/Cafeteria Aide at the Iron Forge Educational Center to the shared position of Full-Time Special Education Aide between the W.G. Rice Elementary School and Iron Forge Educational Center, effective September 22, 2008. (new position approved 9/2/08) Rate of Pay: \$9.42/hr.

### EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following aides:

Name: Stacey Progar  
Rate: \$9.17/hr. – 3 hrs./day (12 Noon – 3 p.m.)  
Position: Rice Elementary – Clerical – Health Office

Name: Barbara Bollinger  
Rate: \$9.17/hr.  
Position: Full-Time Special Education Aide – YBMS  
(Replacing Cathy Myers)

Name: Julie Slaybaugh  
Rate: \$9.17/hr.  
Position: Part-Time Office/Cafeteria Aide – IFEC  
(Replacing Michele Dombroski)

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EMPLOYMENT - SUBSTITUTE

The Board employed the following substitute kitchen aide, effective immediately.

Name: Vicki Yeagy  
 Address: 16 Forge Road  
 Boiling Springs, PA  
 Rate of Pay: \$9.17/hr.

RESIGNATION

The Board approved the resignation of William Yocum from the position of Crossing Guard, effective immediately.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None**

For the Record: Ms. Martin announced that the Board would recess for five minutes and return to conduct Board interviews for the Board vacancy created due to the resignation of Kimberly B. Vensel.

**TOPIC DISCUSSION - Board Interviews of Applicants for Board Vacancy**

The Board interviewed the following five (5) applicants for the Board of School Directors vacancy. They were interviewed in the order listed below:

Derek Clepper  
 Major Christopher W. Lovell  
 Thomas Merlie  
 Michael Swindler  
 D. Scott Witwer

After the interviews, Ms. Martin requested nominations from the floor for the appointment of the new School Director. Applicants were nominated and a motion to close the first round of nominations was made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Capozzi. The results of the first round of voting were as follows:

Applicant	Vote # 1 Witwer, Scott	Vote # 2 Clepper, Derek	Vote # 3 Merlie, Thomas	Vote # 4 Swindler, Michael
First	<b>Capozzi</b>	<b>Slifko</b>	<b>Juliana</b>	<b>Berk</b>
Second	<b>Berk</b>	<b>Knouse</b>	<b>Fay</b>	<b>Knouse</b>
Berk	x		x	x
Capozzi	x			
Fay		X		x
Juliana			x	
Knouse		X		
Martin		X		
Slifko		X		x

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With no applicant receiving a majority of the board's vote (5), Ms. Martin re-opened the floor for a second round of nominations. All candidates were nominated, and the nominations were closed. The results of the second round of voting were:

	Vote # 5 Clepper, Derek	Vote # 6 Witwer, Scott	Vote # 7 Merlie, Thomas	Vote # 8 Lovell, Chris	Vote # 9 Swindler, Michael
Applicant	<b>Knouse</b>	<b>Capozzi</b>	<b>Juliana</b>	<b>Knouse</b>	<b>Berk</b>
First	<b>Slifko</b>	<b>Berk</b>	<b>Berk</b>	<b>Juliana</b>	<b>Knouse</b>
Second					
Berk		x			x
Capozzi		x			
Fay	X	x			
Juliana			x	X	
Knouse	X		x		
Martin	X		x		
Slifko	X	x	x	X	x

With no candidate receiving a majority of the board's vote (5) on the second round of nominations, Ms. Martin re-opened the floor for a third round of nominations. Motion to close the third round of nominations was made by Mrs. Knouse and seconded by Mr. Berk. Results of the third round of voting were as follows:

	Vote # 10 Clepper, Derek	Vote # 11 Witwer, Scott	Vote # 12 Merlie, Thomas	Vote # 13 Swindler, Michael
Applicant	<b>Knouse</b>	<b>Capozzi</b>	<b>Juliana</b>	<b>Berk</b>
First	<b>Slifko</b>	<b>Berk</b>	<b>No Second</b>	<b>Slifko</b>
Second				
Berk				
Capozzi				
Fay	x			
Juliana	x			
Knouse	x			
Martin	x			
Slifko	x			

With five votes received, no further nominations and votes were needed, and Mr. Derek Clepper was appointed to the vacant position as School Director for South Middleton School District.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 9:40 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Scott  
Recording Secretary