

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on April 20, 2009, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Ms. Pamela Martin, 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

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Derek Clepper

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Mr. Mark Juliana

Ms. Pam Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

Eugene Barrick, Director of Food Services

David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal -BSHS

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Frederick Withum, Principal – YBMS

Randy Zook, Director of Buildings/Grounds

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Bill Bechtel, Yellow Breeches Middle School Science teacher and Robotics Club Advisor, demonstrated the robot entered into the Battlebots competition.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-April 6, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

March

The Board approved the payment of bills for March 2009 represented by checks #35749 to #36006 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,493,291.03.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds Report – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, for March 2009, represented by checks #13115 to #13154 inclusive, in the amount of \$15,250.57, are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for March 2009, represented by checks #11209 to #11212 inclusive, in the amount of \$178,938.09.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker reported on the upcoming spring band concerts.

Dr. Tippett commented on the upcoming compensatory day for professional staff, and she reported on the stimulus funds.

Mr. Vensel reported that there is an Act 32 webinar for board members scheduled for April 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Board members interested in viewing the webinar should contact him. The construction work goes to bid next week and the preliminary budget has been advertised.

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NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board approves the agenda of April 20, 2009, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the agreement between the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 and the South Middleton School District to provide special education programs and services for the 2009-2010 school year. (see attachment)

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL - EMPLOYMENT

Substitute Teacher

The Board employed the following substitute teachers:

Name:	Joetta Sunday
Certification:	Elementary

Extra Duty – Summer School

The Board employed the following professional staff for the 2009 Remedial Summer School Program, contingent upon the courses being offered as a result of adequate enrollment, at a rate of \$24.00/hour.

Christopher Leese – M.S. Physical Science

CLASSIFIED – RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Joan Rhodes for the purpose of retirement, from the position of Attendance/Discipline Secretary at the Boiling Springs High School effective July 24, 2009.

CLASSIFIED - EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following support staff:

Name:	Ronda Goodyear
Position:	Secretary to Director of Buildings/Grounds (replacing Lucy McNair)
Starting Date:	April 21, 2009
Salary:	\$13.25/hr.

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CLASSIFIED – EMPLOYMENT

Substitute Custodian

The Board employed the following substitute custodian:

Name:	Daniel Frye
Salary:	\$9.58/hr.
Starting Date:	April 21, 2009

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15

Mr. Winters referred the Board members to the CAIU #15 minutes/highlights report included in the board packet. He also mentioned the on-line course offerings that are being offered through the CAIU.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Vensel reported that the committee will meet on April 22, 2009.

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School

Education Committee

Mrs. Knouse reported that the committee met earlier this evening. She reviewed the topics included on the agenda. The committee reviewed curriculum for approval, textbook adoption requests, elementary technology upgrades, staffing requests, the PLATO software, and an update on the wellness program and technology showcase.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Slifko reported that the committee met on April 6, 2009, and reviewed Phase II of the athletic field project. The field project is almost complete and an occupancy permit will be issued once the handicapped parking spaces are established.

Legislative Report

Mr. Berk spoke about the Legislative Advocacy meeting scheduled for April 26, and 27, 2009.

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Recreation and Parks Report

Mr. Fay spoke about tree replacement in one of the parks and thanked the Township for their help and response to a recent tragedy in the park.

South Middleton Township

Mr. Juliana said the Township and school district were trying to establish a date/time for the liaison committee meeting between the township and the school district.

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

Brendan VanGorder spoke about the plans for the upcoming prom.

Jayson Schaufert also congratulated Adrian Paskey on receiving a National Silver Medal in the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards of 2009.

Mr. Clepper complimented the school district on the assembly held for high school students regarding the appropriate use of cell phones and text messages.

Mr. Berk stated he is pleased with the direction the school district is taking in the area of technology.

Mr. Slifko inquired about the 2002 class benches in front of the high school.

Mr. Fay complimented the two student board representatives on their many activities and accomplishments, and he thanked Mr. Vensel for a good 2009-2010 budget presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary