

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 2010**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on April 19, 2010, 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 - **Absent**

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

Janet Adams, Principal, IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Director of Spec. Ed.

David Bitner, Assistant Principal, YBMS

David Boley, Principal, Rice

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal, BSHS

Scott Govern, Athletic Director

Joseph Mancuso, Principal, BSHS

Fred Withum, Principal, YBMS

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Brendan D. VanGorder - **Absent**

Molly R. Dowling

**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**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meetings:

- April 6, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting
- April 12, 2010 – Special Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay to approve the financial reports for March as follows:

#### **March 2010**

The Board approved the March 2010 payment of bills represented by checks #39276 to #39573 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,740,176.17.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for March 2010 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #13469 to #13506 inclusive, in the amount of \$35,355.50 and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved a requisition payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for March 2010, represented by check #22153 in the amount of \$349.00.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

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

Dr. Sanker reported on the Early Childhood Conference she attended earlier today.

Dr. Tippett agreed to research the concept of looping grades kindergarten and first grade.

Mr. Vensel spoke about the federal money reimbursement that will be available for the February 2010 snow storms and the upcoming Capital Area Tax Bureau meeting.

### **NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None**

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### TOPIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Scott Govern presented and reviewed the 2010-2011 proposed athletic budget.

### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to approve the agenda of April 19, 2010, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to approve the following planned courses of study. Each course has been aligned with the PA Academic Standards for that subject and reviewed by the Education Committee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- Grade 4 – Language Arts
- Grade 5 – Science
- Applied English III
- Newspaper
- Advanced Topics in Earth Science

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board adopts the new textbooks and instructional tradebooks as recommended by the Education Committee of the Board for the 2010-2011 school year in accordance with Section 24 PS 8-803 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the creation of an Iron Forge Summer Academy to run for two weeks during the summer of 2010.

The Board approved the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for the Arts School District Tuition Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year to underwrite 100% of the tuition cost at \$5,500 for one student to attend.

### PERSONNEL

#### PROFESSIONAL

##### Resignation

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Robyn Wampler, Family and Consumer Science teacher at Boiling Springs High School, effective June 4, 2010, for the purpose of retirement (12 years of service with SMSD).

**CLASSIFIED**

**Employment**

**Substitute Registered Nurse**

The Board employed the following substitute registered nurse for the 2009-2010 school year at \$12.66/hr.

Name: Bonnie Brander

**Resignation**

The Board accepted the resignation of Shannon Miller, from the position of first grade teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective June 4, 2010.

**Summer Help - Maintenance**

The Board employed the following summer maintenance/grounds workers at a salary of \$9.82/hr.

Austin Crull  
Starting Date: 5/24/10

Garrett Bear  
Starting Date: 5/24/10

Matthew Giewont  
Starting Date: 5/24/10

Timothy Fay  
Starting Date: 5/24/10

Nicholas Stapleton  
Starting Date: 5/24/10

Josh Watkins  
Starting Date: 6/1/10

Stephen Echard  
Starting Date: 6/1/10

Robert Waynick  
Starting Date: 6/7/10  
**(Supervisor of Summer Maint.)  
\$11.00/hr.**

**Graduate**

The Board approved the following Senior, as presented by the High School Principal, as a candidate for graduation in June 2010 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.

Carrie J. Paul

**The motions passed unanimously with Mr. Fay abstaining on the approval of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for the Arts School District Tuition Agreement for the 2010-2011 school year and the employment of the summer maintenance help.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15**

Mr. Winters reported on CASA.

**Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School**

No Report

**Capital Area Tax Bureau**

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

**Facilities Committee**

Mr. Slifko reported that the Board members took a walking tour of W.G. Rice Elementary School earlier this evening to review the possibility of an additional Kindergarten class at the school for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Legislative Report**

Ms. Martin reported that the PSBA Advocacy Council will meet on April 25 and 26, 2010.

**Recreation and Parks Report**

Mr. Fay was unable to attend the recent meeting.

**South Middleton Township**

Mr. Merlie spoke about the plans for the upcoming anniversary celebration of the Township.

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

Molly Dowling, student representative to the Board, reported on upcoming high school events such as the prom, the band trip to NYC to see West Side Story, PSSA testing, and a fundraising car wash.

Mr. Clepper thanked Mr. Boley for the tour of W.G. Rice Elementary School and commented on the discussion regarding student ticket prices to athletic events.

Mr. Fay thanked Mr. Boley for the tour of Rice and thanked Mr. Govern for the presentation of the athletic budget.

Mr. Slifko thanked Mr. Boley for the tour of Rice and commented on a traffic issue at YBMS when the activity buses are operating in the afternoon. He also commented on the recent jazz festival held at the high school.

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Mr. Merlie thanked Mr. Boley for the tour at Rice and Mr. Govern for the athletic budget presentation.

Mrs. Capozzi commented on the district report card and thanked Mr. Govern for the budget presentation and Mr. Boley for the tour of Rice.

Ms. Martin commented on the recent jazz festival and the bus trip to see West Side Story.

Mrs. Knouse requested that the Facilities Committee transfer the discussion of option #7 on the kindergarten option list and move it for further discussion to the Education Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary