

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on May 2, 2011, 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 7:06 p.m. Note: The Board of School Directors met in Executive Session for legal and personnel matters from 6:08 p.m. until 7:05 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, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC

David Boley, Principal - Rice

David Bitner, Assistant Principal – YBMS

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal – BSHS

Scott Govern, Athletic Director

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Educational Technology

Dr. Fred Withum, Principal - YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Molly Dowling - **Absent**

Anthony Kallhoff - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare – present until 8:00 PM

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Sanker introduced Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matz. Mr. Matz recognized and presented the Charles L. and Marian B. Matz Superior Teaching Award for 2011. The award was presented to Kristine S. Ahl, math teacher at Boiling Springs High School.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-April 18, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Keegan Van Gorder, a student at Boiling Springs High School, spoke in support of the Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA). She has been accepted to the program and would like the cost of tuition (\$5,500) to attend to be included in the 2011-2012 budget.

Mr. Michael Swindler, the parent of Braedon Swindler, a 6th grade student at Yellow Breeches Middle School, presented a book titled *My Glasses* and autographed by Floyd Stokes. The book is donated to the W.G. Rice Elementary School's library.

Mrs. Edith Rob, a parent, made an inquiry about the gifted program at the Boiling Springs High School for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Dr. Sanker reported that earlier today Michael Bogdan, Language Arts teacher at the Boiling Springs High School, was recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as having obtained his National Board Certification. The ceremony was held at the Capitol in Harrisburg. She also reported that the annual Kiwanis Academic Honors Banquet was held on April 27, 2011. Eight students from South Middleton School District were recognized. Dr. Sanker also congratulated the Boiling Springs High School's and Yellow Breeches Middle School's excellent band concerts that were recently held.

Dr. Tippet commented that Friday, May 6, 2011, is a compensatory Inservice Day for teachers. She stated that the textbooks scheduled for adoption will be on display in the Board Room.

Mr. Vensel updated the Board members on the Tax Collection Committee.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

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TOPIC DISCUSSIONS – 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Vensel, Business and Operations Manager, reviewed and continued the discussion of the 2011-2012 preliminary budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie, to approve the agenda of May 2, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the adoption of the tentative preliminary budget for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby tentatively adopts the annual budget, transfers and designations of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011, as more fully set forth in PDE form 2028 which is presented at this meeting:

Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$29,165,577 and a budgetary reserve of \$500,000 for the school fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, and more particularly and fully detailed in the proposed annual budget as foresaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 9.1833 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$.91833 per \$100 of assessed value) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of "The Public School Code of 1949," as amended for the school fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act," as amended (1) Realty Transfer Tax – ½%; (2) Earned income Tax – 1.1%; and (3) Occupational Privilege Tax - \$10.00.

That the proposed taxes levied and continued to be levied shall provide revenue for the proposed expenditures authorized above.

On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	No	Mr. Clepper:	No
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse	Yes	Ms. Martin:	No
Mr. Merlie	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Winters:	No		

**Yes – 4, No – 5, Absent – 0, Abstentions – 0
Motion failed.**

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Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the adoption of the tentative preliminary budget for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

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Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 8.9245 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$.89245 per \$100 of assessed value) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of "The Public School Code of 1949," as amended for the school fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act," as amended (1) Realty Transfer Tax – ½%; (2) Earned income Tax – 1.1%; and (3) Occupational Privilege Tax - \$10.00.

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On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Clepper:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Merlie	No	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Winters:	Yes		

Yes – 8, No – 1, Absent – 0, Abstentions – 0
Motion passed.

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the agreement with Highmark Blue Shield. The agreement reflects a 5% increase in premium for the 2011-2012 school year with a maximum increase in premiums at 11% for the 2012-2013 school year and 12% for the 2013-2014 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the CAIU – Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA) Tuition Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year at \$5,500 per student.

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On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Clepper:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Abstained	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Merlie	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Winters:	Yes		

Yes – 8, No – 0, Absent – 0, Abstentions – 1
Motion passed.

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the establishment of a four (4) day work week for all 12 month employees, beginning the week of June 6, 2011, and ending the week of August 12, 2011. All 12 month employees will work Mondays through Thursdays during this time period, with all buildings closed on Fridays.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Clepper:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse	No	Ms. Martin:	No
Mr. Merlie	No	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Winters:	Yes		

Yes – 6, No – 3, Absent – 0, Abstentions – 0
Motion passed.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that all of the following be approved in a block motion:

The Board approved the First Reading of the following Board Policies:

- Policy 213 – Assessment of Student Progress (Revised)
- Policy 216/216.1 – Student Records (Revised)
- Policy 620 – Fund Balance (New)
- Policy 917 – Parent Involvement (Revised)

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

PROFESSIONAL

Retirement

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Karen Cochran, from the position of Librarian at the Boiling Springs High School, effective June 6, 2011. Mrs. Cochran has thirty-five years of service with SMSD.

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Resignation

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Ray Christner from the position of part-time school psychologist, effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

CLASSIFIED

Employment - Substitute

The Board added the following classroom aide substitute to the 2010-2011 sub list at \$9.67/hr.

Name: Barbara Kuhns
Address: 18 Westgate Drive
Mt. Holly Springs, PA
Boiling Springs, PA

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi that the Board employs the following summer maintenance/grounds workers at **\$10.10/hr.**, with the crew leader at \$11.00/hr.

Garrett Bear
2 Robin Drive
Carlisle, PA
Starting Date: 5/24/11

Matt Clugh
20 Sheeley Lane
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 5/24/11

Stephen Echard
8 Logan Drive
Gardners, PA
Starting Date: 5/24/11

Josh Watkins
2 Mulberry Court
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 5/24/11

Seth Goodyear
31 Hamilton Rd.
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 6/6/11

Andrew Vensel
825 York Rd.
Carlisle, PA
Starting Date: 6/6/11

Edward Wilson
207 Walnut Street
Boiling Springs, PA
Starting Date: 6/6/11

Robert Waynick
4707 Marblehead St.
Harrisburg, PA
Starting Date: 6/6/11
Rate: \$11.00/hr.
(Crew Leader)

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On a roll call vote, the motion failed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	No	Mr. Clepper:	No
Mr. Fay:	No	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse	No	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Merlie	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Winters:	No		

Yes – 3, No – 6, Absent – 0, Abstentions – 0
Motion failed.

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board employs the above-captioned summer maintenance/grounds workers at **\$8.00/hr.**, with the crew leader at \$11.00/hr.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Clepper:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	Yes
Mrs. Knouse	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Merlie	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Winters:	No		

Yes – 8, No – 1, Absent – 0, Abstentions - 0
Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Clepper, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the Jeremy Shughart family of 403 South Spring Garden Street, Carlisle, PA, to enroll their four children in the South Middleton School District as district residents, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Clepper:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Hayes:	No
Mrs. Knouse	No	Ms. Martin:	No
Mr. Merlie	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Winters:	Yes		

Yes – 6, No – 3, Absent – 0, Abstentions - 0
Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hayes congratulated Mrs. Ahl on receiving the Matz Award. He also thanked Mrs. Bailey for her dedication to serving as the head cheerleading coach.

Mr. Clepper remarked on the school law update he recently attended.

Mr. Fay also congratulated Mrs. Ahl on her award.

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Mrs. Capozzi commented on the recent technology workshops that were held.

Ms. Martin congratulated Mrs. Ahl on her award, and she congratulated Mr. Bogdan for achieving National Certification status. Ms. Martin also commented about the students receiving recognition at the recent Kiwanis Banquet.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Keller commented on staff taking a pay freeze.

Mrs. Sites commented on the extracurricular activity policy.

Mr. Shughart thanked Board members for permitting his children to attend SMSD next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merlie to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary