

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2011**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on December 5, 2011, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

School Directors

Mr. Steven Bear
Mr. Michael Berk
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin - **Absent**
Mr. Thomas Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker
Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC
David Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS
David Boley – Principal - Rice
Connie Connolly, Director of Spec. Ed.
Mark Correll, Assist. Principal – BSHS
Joseph Mancuso, Principal - BSHS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Educational Technology
Dr. Frederick Withum, Principal - YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Anthony Kallhoff
Kathryn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Sanker recognized and introduced Sydney E. Hemler, a 5th grade student at Iron Forge Educational Center, as the winner of the 2011 District Holiday Card Design.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-November 21, 2011 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

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

Dr. Sanker reported on the bulletin board display that was completed by the Family and Consumer Science classes at Boiling Springs High School. Dr. Sanker also welcomed the new Board members, and she commented that the first holiday concert of the season is scheduled for tomorrow evening (IFEC).

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

The Board discussed the following topics: adding a December 20, 2011 meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM, reviewing policies for PSSAs and 911 emergencies, a Board retreat in the near future, and committee structure.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, to approve the revised agenda of December 5, 2011. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the Board of School Directors meeting dates, as amended, for the calendar year 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board authorizes the signatures of the Board President, Board Treasurer, and Board Secretary for the General Fund Account, Activity Account, Capital Reserve Fund Account, Payroll Account, Student Activities Accounts, and Cafeteria Fund Accounts. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board authorizes Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent; Dr. Sandra J. Tippett, Assistant Superintendent; and Richard R. Vensel, Business Manager/Board Secretary, to sign all necessary State and Federal applications and any other applications, contracts and required forms on behalf of the South Middleton School District for the calendar year 2012. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves a new 60-month lease agreement with Xerox Corporation at a cost of \$8,326.53 per month. (Cost savings: \$14,000/yr.) **The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Merlie abstaining from the vote.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the following personnel item.

PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel item:

CLASSIFIED

Employment

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name:	Kimberly Herman, RN
Position:	Building Nurse – BSHS (Replacing Patricia Barr)
Starting Date:	12/19/2011
Hourly Rate:	\$16.57/hr., 5.75 hrs./day

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kathryn Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the Giving Tree, the dance at the Army Heritage Center for Trevor Hart, and the high school holiday chorus concert scheduled for December 12, 2011.

Anthony Kalloff, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the annual canned food drive.

Mr. Berk remarked that it was nice to be serving on the Board again.

Mr. Hayes, Mr. Clepper and Mr. Slifko welcomed and congratulated the new Board members.

Mr. Bear thanked everyone for the warm welcome to the Board.

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Mr. Winters congratulated the new Board members and the recently elected officers. He provided information on the graduates of the Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech School and the report of the executive director from the vo-tech school.

Mrs. Capozzi congratulated the re-elected and new Board members. She also commented on the success of the Secret Santa program at Rice.

Mr. Merlie congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Board members.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 PM, the Board of School Directors went into Executive Session for discussion purposes only of personnel and legal matters. At 9:30 PM, the Board resumed Regular Session.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves an agreement with The Civic Research Alliance, LLC to perform research and related activities to review the State Tax Equalization Board's 2010 Total Market Value, at a cost of \$4,000. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mr. Bear:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Absent
Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mr. Merlie:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	No
Mr. Hayes:	Yes		

6 – Yes, 2 – No, 1 – Absent, 0 – Abstentions

Mr. Hayes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board authorizes the Administration and the District Solicitor to take all steps necessary to file objections to the Stat Tax Equalization Board regarding the September 19, 2011, changes in the 2010 Total Market Value, reflecting an increase of 10.84%. **On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Clepper. The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary