

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 19, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on March 19, 2012, 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 7:02 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 - **Absent**

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC

David Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Connie Connolly – Director of Spec. Ed.

Mark Correll, Assist. Principal - BSHS

Scott Govern – Athletic Director

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Frederick Withum, Principal – YBMS

**Student Representatives**

Anthony Kallhoff

Kathryn Webber

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary**

Richard R. Vensel

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

## INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Mr. David Boley, Principal of W.G. Rice Elementary School, recognized and thanked the Executive Board of the South Middleton School District Elementary PTO for their work and support of the students, staff, and programs in the elementary schools. The Executive Board members are as follows: Susan Ritter, President; Meredith Rauhut & Elizabeth Meikrantz, Co-Vice Presidents for Rice; Coralita Wilson, Vice President for IFEC; Jen Varner, Treasurer; and Kerrie Truax, Secretary.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-March 5, 2012 - Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, to amend the minutes to include, the Personnel Committee met, **“in executive session”**, on February 27, 2012. On the vote to amend the minutes, **the motion passed as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bear – Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Martin – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Berk – No</b>	<b>Mr. Merlie – Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Capozzi – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Slifko – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Clepper – Absent</b>	<b>Mr. Winters – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Hayes – Yes</b>	

**Yes – 7, No – 1, Abstentions – 0, Absent – 1**

On the motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2012, as amended, the motion passed as follows:

<b>Mr. Bear – Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Martin – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Berk – No</b>	<b>Mr. Merlie – Yes</b>
<b>Mrs. Capozzi – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Slifko – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Clepper – Absent</b>	<b>Mr. Winters – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Hayes – Yes</b>	

**Yes – 7, No – 1, Abstentions – 0, Absent – 1**

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2012.

### **February 2012**

The Board approved the payment of bills for February 2012, represented by checks #16955 to #45674 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,366,247.99.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for February 2012 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14106 to #14129 inclusive, in the amount of \$8,474.21, and are enclosed with the financial report.

**The motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Bear – Yes**

**Mr. Berk – Yes**

**Mrs. Capozzi – No**

**Mr. Clepper – Absent**

**Mr. Hayes – Yes**

**Ms. Martin – Yes**

**Mr. Merlie – Yes**

**Mr. Slifko – Yes**

**Mr. Winters – No**

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

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None**

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

Dr. Sanker reported that PSSA testing is progressing smoothly. Dr. Sanker congratulated the swim team for their success over the past season. The girls swim team ranked seventh in the state. Kattie Webber, student representative to the Board, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 breast stroke, and she also medaled with the relay team.

Mr. Vensel updated the Board on the temporary repairs to the long jump/triple jump area of the track. The contractor is making a temporary repair to the track so that the track and field events can be held. Mr. Vensel also updated the Board on the boundary line issue. Three students that currently attend Carlisle Area School District will attend South Middleton schools. Two SMSD students will remain in SMSD, and one SMSD elementary student will transfer to Carlisle, per the court order. The Board had no further questions or felt that additional discussion was needed. The Board will abide by the court order.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**TOPIC DISCUSSION**

Mr. Merlie, President of the South Middleton Board of School Directors, reviewed the 2012 board goals.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Committee**

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the Education Committee met on March 12, 2012, and reviewed items that are before the Board for approval this evening, including the 2012-2013 YBMS planning guide and the 2012-2013 school calendar. They also further discussed the topic of "Blended Learning", with Holly Brzycki of the CAIU making a presentation on the topic.

**Policy Committee**

Mr. Bear reported that the Policy Committee met on March 12, 2012. Policies 001 – 110 were reviewed and will be submitted to the District Solicitor for review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the following items in a block motion:

The Board approved the agenda of March 19, 2012, with all corrections as indicated.

The Board approved the resolution supporting the Amendment to Section 1913-A of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, supporting a legislative remedy that would alleviate the financial provisions contained within the School Code to allow for a more flexible system of negotiation of the Harrisburg Area Community College and the participating school district's respective budgets.

The Board approved the 2012-2013 school calendar and the Act 80 day exemptions.

The Board approved the Yellow Breeches Middle School Planning Guide for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board established the Summer School teacher compensation to be \$24.00/hr., for the 2012 Summer School Program as per Article XVI – Extra Curricular Activities – of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middleton Education Association.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board approved the following personnel items:

**PROFESSIONAL**

**Employment – Short-Term Substitute**

The Board employed the following professional short-term substitutes:

Name: Janel Nilson  
Certification: Mathematics

Position: Short-Term Mathematics Teacher - BSHS  
(Replacing Rachel Zilbering)  
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1 - \$41,709 (pro-rated)  
Starting Date: Approximately 4/16/12 through the end of the  
school year

**CLASSIFIED**

**Resignation**

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Floyd McClintock, from the position of custodian at the Iron Forge Educational Center, effective March 31, 2012.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board tables the motion to approve a one (1) year contract agreement with Therabilities for the 2012-2013 school year to provide occupational and physical therapy services to eligible students attending South Middleton School District. The contract agreement is for 120 days of occupational therapy at a per diem rate of \$498 and 320 hours of physical therapy at an hourly rate of \$71.00. **The motion to table passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board tables the motion to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Committee to increase gate fees for the 2012-2013 school year to \$3.00/students and \$5.00/adults for athletic competitions, including swimming. The motion to table failed as follows:

**The motion failed as follows:**

<b>Mr. Bear – No</b>	<b>Ms. Martin – No</b>
<b>Mr. Berk – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Merlie – No</b>
<b>Mrs. Capozzi – Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Slifko – No</b>
<b>Mr. Clepper – Absent</b>	<b>Mr. Winters – No</b>
<b>Mr. Hayes – No</b>	

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

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear that the Board accepts the recommendation of the Athletic Committee to increase gate fees for the 2012-2013 school year to \$3.00/students and \$5.00/adults for athletic competitions, including swimming. The motion passed as follows:

**The motion passed as follows:**

**Mr. Bear – Yes**

**Mr. Berk – Yes**

**Mrs. Capozzi – No**

**Mr. Clepper – Absent**

**Mr. Hayes – Yes**

**Ms. Martin – Yes**

**Mr. Merlie – Yes**

**Mr. Slifko – Yes**

**Mr. Winters – No**

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

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

## **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Elizabeth Meikrantz spoke to the Board about the 2012-2013 budget and the impact it may have on quality staff and programs for students. She also invited Board members to the PTO meetings.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Katie Webber, student representative to the Board, reported that the SADD Club held the Winterfest. She also reported on the successful swimming season and the high school is completing PSSA testing.

Anthony Kallhoff reported that the World Language dinner was held last week as well as French and Spanish National Honor Society Induction programs.

Mr. Berk reported that he read to pre-Kindergarten students at the pre-school event held on Saturday at Rice. He is also registered for a virtual field trip.

Mr. Hayes thanked the PTO for their presentation and attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Slifko congratulated Katie on the successful swimming season and asked Mr. Govern to convey his congratulations to Mr. Brenner for a successful season. Mr. Slifko also reported that a Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2012. The committee will meet at the athletic door entrance at the BSHS.

Ms. Martin thanked the PTO for attending the meeting. She also thanked Mr. Merlie for working on the Board's goals.

Mr. Bear thanked Dr. Withum for his work on Thon, and thanked the PTO for attending the meeting.

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Mr. Winters commented that the PSBA Legislative meeting has been changed to April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Mrs. Capozzi thanked the PTO for attending the meeting.

Mr. Merlie thanked the PTO for attending the meeting and for working on the Board goals.

### **FOR THE RECORD**

The Board met in Executive Session this evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:53 p.m. for a personnel issue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary