

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on May 21, 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 7:03 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  
Mr. Thomas Merlie  
Mr. Paul Slifko  
Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent  
Janet Adams, Principal – IFEC  
David Boley, Principal - Rice  
Connie Connolly – Director of Spec. Ed.  
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS  
Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Tech.  
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**

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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 2012. The award was presented to Kimberly A. Spisak, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Iron Forge Education Center.

Ms. Sharonn Williams, Director of Educational Technology, recognized and introduced the Technology I.U. Grant Recipients. The recipients are: Matthew Flohr, Debra Harris, Angela Menegat, Jackie Murdough and Elizabeth O'Marr.

Mr. Thomas Merlie, Board President, recognized and thanked Anthony J, Kallhoff, for serving as a Student Representative to the Board for the 2010-11 and 2011-2012 school years.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the minutes of following meetings:

-May 7, 2012

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for April 2012.

#### **April 2012**

The Board approved the payment of bills for April 2012, represented by checks #45992 to #46196 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,220,293.34.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for April 2012 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14165 to #14194 inclusive, in the amount of \$11,039.81, and are enclosed with the financial report.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

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

Dr. Sanker reported that the Spring newsletter "The Perspective" was available on our website. She also reported on the recent BSHS Choral concert and the Bubbler Foundation dinner and Silent Auction. Dr. Sanker reminded Board members about the upcoming Senior activities and commencement program.

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### NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, from Ronald J. Tomalis of the Department of Education, dated May 1, 2012, notifying the South Middleton School District that the property tax reduction allocation for 2012-2013 is \$538,855.71.

### TOPIC DISCUSSION – None

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Education Committee

The Education Committee met on May 14, 2012, and reviewed: the transition to CORE Curriculum timeline and the COALA Report.

#### Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met on May 14, 2012, and reviewed the policies that are on the agenda for first and second readings.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the agenda of May 21, 2012, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters, that the Board appoints Paul Slifko as Board Treasurer for the 2012-2013 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the South Middleton School District and the South Middleton Education Association that effective immediately, language found in Article X, Part g(1) is deleted from the Articles of Agreement.

The Board approved the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement between River Rock Academy and the South Middleton School District for 10 seats for the 2012-2013 school year. Six seats will be at the Shiremanstown School and four seats at the Carlisle School. The total cost to the District is \$219,595.00.

The Board approved the contract agreement between the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for special education services during the 2012-2013 school year. The contract agreement includes vocational training for life skills students and audiology service. The contract total is \$87,891 payable in quarterly installments, beginning July 15, 2012.

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The Board authorized the Principal of the W.G. Rice Elementary School to complete the necessary scheduling arrangements to permit the Cumberland County Area Bible Club to conduct an after-school religious instruction program on campus for the third grade students for one hour a week during the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board approved the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for the Arts School District tuition Agreement for the 2012-2013 school year, for two students, at \$5,500 per student.

The Board appointed Stock and Leader, LLP, with Mr. Philip H. Spare, as principal counselor, to serve as South Middleton School District's Solicitor for the 2012-2013 school year. The proposed fees for the 2012-2013 school year are \$160 for partners and \$145 for associates, unless otherwise agreed for special projects such as negotiations or litigation. Bond issues and similar financing matters will continue to be billed on a transactional basis.

The Board approved an overnight trip for Mr. Jason Jarrett and Mr. Luke Fetterolf, club advisors, to drive two members of the TSA Club (Technology Student Association) to Nashville, TN for competition, leaving on Thursday, June 21, 2012, and returning on Monday, June 25, 2012.

The Board authorized the necessary budgetary transfers to close the 2011-2012 school year and authorizes payment of all additional invoices pertaining to the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board approved the Second Reading (Final) of the following policies:

- Policy #237 – Electronic Communication Devices - Revised
- Policy #815 – Acceptable Use Policy - Revised
- Policy #001 – Name & Classification - Revised
- Policy #002 – Authority & Powers - Revised
- Policy #003 – Functions - Revised
- Policy #004 – Membership - Revised
- Policy #005 – Organization - Revised
- Policy #006 – Meetings - Revised
- Policy #007 – Policy Manual Access - Revised
- Policy #100 – Strategic Plan - New Policy
- Policy #103 – Non-Discrimination – School/Classroom - Revised
- Policy #104 – Non-Discrimination – Employees/Contract Practices - Revised
- Policy #105 – Curriculum Development - Revised
- Policy #105.2 - Exemption from Instruction - Revised
- Policy #105.3 – Alternative to Dissection - Revised
- Policy #108 – Adoption of Textbooks - Revised
- Policy #110 – Instructional Supplies – Revised

The Board approved the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #101 – Mission Statement - Revised
- Policy #101.1 – Philosophy of Education - Revised
- Policy #102 – Academic Standards – Revised
- Policy #102.1 – Educational Goals – New
- Policy #105.1 –Curriculum Review by Parents/Students - Revised

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- Policy #106 – Guidelines for Planned Instruction - Revised
- Policy #107 – Adoption of Planned Instruction - Revised
- Policy #109 – Resource Materials - Revised
- Policy #112 – Guidance - Revised
- Policy #115 – Vocational/Technical Education - Revised
- Policy #116 – Tutoring – Revised
- Policy #118 – Independent Study - Revised
- Policy #119 – Current Events - Revised

### PERSONNEL

The Board approved the following personnel items:

### PROFESSIONAL

#### Childrearing Leave Requests

The Board approved the request from Jennifer McPoyle-Callahan, special education teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, to extend her childrearing leave of absence through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board approved the request from Amy Piro, Kindergarten teacher at the W. G. Rice Elementary School, for a childrearing leave of absence, beginning August 31, 2012, and returning on January 2, 2013.

#### Employment

The Board approved the continuance of employment of the following long-term substitute:

Name: Christine Mohler  
Address: 8 Winchester Ct.  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
Certification: Special Education  
Position: Long-Term Special Education Teacher  
(Replacing Jennifer McPoyle-Callahan)  
Salary: \$42,009 (Masters, Step 1 – pro-rated)  
Starting Date: Continuance of employment from 5/18/12 through  
end of 2011-2012 school year

### ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Randy Zook, from the position of Director of Buildings/Grounds, effective September 4, 2012. Mr. Zook has worked in this capacity at the District for twenty-five years.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation**

Mr. Hayes reported that there is a new master plan for parks and a grant has been applied for.

**Cumberland County Tax Collection Bureau**

Mr. Vensel reported that a joint software agreement with Adams and York Tax Collection Bureaus was discussed at a recent meeting.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Katie Webber, student representative to the Board, reported that there were ten student days remaining in the school year. She also reported on individual track team members that competed in Districts.

Anthony Kallhoff, student representative to the Board, reported that there were six Senior days left, AP testing was completed, the Physics class attended Hershey Park, and the National Honor Society held its spring induction.

All of the Board members thanked Anthony Kallhoff for serving as a Student Representative to the Board for the past two years.

Mr. Berk commented on the great district activities that are scheduled at the end the year.

Mr. Clepper thanked everyone on the Policy Committee for their hard work. He also commented on a field trip that he recently chaperoned.

Mr. Bear thanked the Policy Committee members for their work.

Ms. Martin thanked the Policy Committee for their work.

Mr. Merlie thanked his fellow board members for their work.

Mr. Winters provided a hand-out to Board members on career pathways from the vo-tech school.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None**

**FOR THE RECORD**

The Board met in Executive Session this evening at 6:30 p.m. for a personnel issue and began the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary