

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2012**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on September 17, 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 7:00 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
Dr. Frederick S. Withum, Assistant Superintendent
Janet Adams – Principal – IFEC
David Bitner – Assist. Principal - YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Connie Connolly – Director of Special Education
Patrick Dieter – Director of Athletics
Joseph Mancuso – Principal – BSHS
Jesse White – Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder - **Absent**
Kathryn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

New teachers for the 2012-2013 school year were introduced and spoke to the Board of School Directors and the public about their educational background, experience and impressions of the District.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the minutes of following meeting:

-September 4, 2012

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the financial report as follows:

The Board approved the bills for July 2012, presented by checks #46734 to #47135 inclusive, in the amount of \$3,536,616.12.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for July 2012, Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #14265 to #14286, inclusive, in the amount of \$14,356.50 and are enclosed

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker reported that the 2012-2013 school year started off successfully. Earlier this evening the Board had an opportunity to meet the new staff for the 2012-2013 school year at the reception held in the Iron Forge cafeteria.

Dr. Withum commented that the start of school went well. The first K-12 Cabinet meeting was held last week.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated August 31, 2012, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, notifying the District that it has met the requirements of Part B of IDEA.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Clepper, Chair of the Policy Committee, led a discussion on the following policies:

- Policy #122 Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities
- Policy #123 Interscholastic Athletics
- Policy #123.1 Athletic Interscholastic Activity Eligibility
- Policy #123.2 Code of Conduct for Students/Athletes Participating in Athletic Programs
- Policy #123.3 Concussion Management – New Policy

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the committee met on September 10, 2012. The committee reviewed course enrollments, the strategic plan, the 45-day substitute program, cyber school initiative, state testing, and student teacher selection.

Policy Committee

Mr. Clepper reported that the committee met on September 10, 2012. The Policy Committee reviewed the policies that are on the agenda for a First Reading. The committee recommends approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the agenda of September 17, 2012, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board authorizes the Administration to report additions and revisions to the tax duplicate to the local assessment office pursuant to the 24 P.S., Section 6-677.1 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the settlement of the following 3 tax assessment appeal cases:

Cumberland County CCP Case No. 10-7338 for Tax Parcel No. 40-09-0527-008b involving the property owned by Allen Distribution located at 670 Allen Road for a fair market value of \$15,969,400 effective January 1, 2011. No adjustments are necessary for the common level ratio because it is 100% for the tax years at issue. The District Administration and solicitor are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement and to resolve this pending tax assessment appeal case.

Cumberland County CCP Case No. 10-7339 for Tax Parcel No. 40-09-0527-077 involving the property owned by Allen Distribution located at 599 Alexander Springs Road for a fair market value of \$13,594,500 effective January 1, 2011. No adjustments are necessary for the common level ratio because it is 100% for the tax years at issue.

The District Administration and solicitor are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement and to resolve this pending tax assessment appeal case.

Cumberland County CCP Case No. 10-7340 for Tax Parcel No. 40-09-0527-008a involving the property owned by Allen Distribution located at 600 Allen Road for a fair market value of \$6,156,000 effective January 1, 2011. No adjustments are necessary for the common level ratio because it is 100% for the tax years at issue. The District Administration and solicitor are authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate this settlement and to resolve this pending tax assessment appeal case. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin that the Board approves the Act 93 Agreement (Administrative Compensation Plan from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2014. On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear:	Yes	Ms. Pamela Martin:	Yes
Mr. Michael Berk:	Yes	Mr. Thomas Merlie:	Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Paul Slifko:	No
Mr. Derek Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Robert Winters:	No
Mr. Thomas Hayes:	Yes		

The motion passed: 7 – Yes, 2 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstentions

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #117 – Homebound Instruction
- Policy #120 – Human Development Program – Recommended by PSBA and District Solicitor to abolish this policy
- Policy #124 – Summer School
- Policy #125 – Adult Education
- Policy #126 – Class Size
- Policy #127 – Assessments
- Policy #130 – Homework
- Policy #137 – Home Education
- Policy #137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- Policy #138 – Limited English Proficiency Program
- Policy #140 – Charter Schools
- Policy #140.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Students
- Policy #142 – Migrant Students – New Policy
- Policy #143 – Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
- Policy #144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes

The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the renewal of the 45-day daily substitute teacher program for the 2012-2013 school year, starting October 1, 2012. The program provides for eight daily substitutes to be assigned throughout the District (two substitutes per building) at a rate of \$100.00/day, for a 45-day period with an automatic renewal on a 45-day basis. The following are the 45-day substitute employees:

<u>Rice</u>	<u>IFEC</u>	<u>YBMS</u>	<u>BSHS</u>
Lisa Bonner Cindy Landwehr	Marlene Ward Philip Hemperly	Jody Keys *Sheila Dodds *Susan Snyder	Karen Ryan Tami White

*Sheila/Susan will alternate – every other day

The motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear:	Yes	Ms. Pamela Martin:	Yes
Mr. Michael Berk:	Yes	Mr. Thomas Merlie:	Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi:	Yes	Mr. Paul Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Derek Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Robert Winters:	No
Mr. Thomas Hayes:	Yes		

The motion passed: 8 – Yes, 1 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstentions

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters that the Board approve the following in a block motion:

PERSONNEL

Professional

The Board approved the following personnel items:

Substitutes – Guest Teachers

The Board approved adding the following substitute teachers under the Guest Teacher Program, operated by the CAIU, for the 2012-2013 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Lori Boley
Interests: Elementary Only

Name: Christine Sparages
Interests: Elementary Only

Substitute Teachers

The Board approved adding the following to the professional substitute list for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name Anna Sobieski
Certification: Elementary

Name Jonathan Snyder
Certification: Music

Name: Lindsey Rhodes
Certification: Biology

Extra Duty - Mastery Program - YBMS

The Board employed the following Mastery Program teacher for the 2012-2013 school year at the Yellow Breeches Middle School (First Marking Period) at \$650.00 per marking period.

Amy Necci

Extra Duty – Co-Curricular

The Board employed the following extra duty positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

Position	Name	Units	Exp.	Long.	Salary
2015 Class Co-Advisor	Brett Sheaffer	2.00	1.00	0	\$278.00
2015 Class Co-Advisor	Elizabeth Suwala	2.00	1.00	0	\$278.00

Volunteer Coach

The Board approved the following volunteer coach:

Brandon Lane – Volunteer Cross Country Coach

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Katie Webber reported that the homecoming court has been selected. The annual Voice of Democracy contest is underway, and a birthday club for the Life Skills class has been established.

Mr. Berk thanked Dr. Withum and Dr. Sanker for their work on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Hayes stated that he plans to attend the next Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Mr. Clepper acknowledged the attendance of his wife at the board meeting.

Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Clepper for the discussion on policies.

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Mr. Winters thanked Mr. Clepper for the policy discussion on drug testing. On August 31, 2012, the PSBA legislative platform was established.

Mrs. Capozzi thanked Mr. Clepper for the policy discussion on drug testing.

Mr. Merlie thanked the negotiations team for their work on the Act 93 Agreement, and thanked the Administration for their work in hiring new teachers.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

FOR THE RECORD

The Board met in Executive Session this evening from 5:30 p.m. to 5:55 p.m. for a personnel issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary