

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2013**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on January 21, 2013, in the Brenneman Auditorium of the Boiling Springs High School 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 - **Absent**
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
Connie Connolly – Director of Special Education
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds
Joseph Mancuso – Principal – BSHS
Jesse White – Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder
Kathyrn Webber

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

The month of January is PSBA School Board Recognition month. Dr. Sanker distributed a certificate to each board member, recognizing them for their voluntary service to the Board of School Directors in South Middleton School District.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Carol Yanity commented that the South Middleton School District had the third lowest tax rate in Cumberland County, and the teachers were the second lowest paid staff in Cumberland County. She would like to see the Board raise taxes to support higher teacher salaries and reinstate a Reading Specialist position.

Gene Yanity also commented that the teacher salaries at SMSD were among the lowest in Cumberland County. He would like to see taxes raised to support teacher salaries.

Jennifer Varner announced that she intends to run for the position of Tax Collector in November 2013.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-January 7, 2013

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the months of November and December 2012.

The Board approved the payment of bills for the month of December 2012 represented by checks #47546 to #47706 inclusive, in the amount of \$2,151,195.99.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, for the month of December 2012, represented by checks #14364 to #14395 inclusive, in the amount of \$38,246.21, and are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for December 2012, represented by check #22280 in the amount of \$8,350.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker reported that today, January 21, 2013, was the second make-up day for students. School was in session. She also commented on the Winter Band Concert scheduled for later this week at the Boiling Springs High School.

Dr. Withum reported that he is continuing work on the Safety Plan and projected enrollments for the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Vensel reported that a question/answer meeting is scheduled for interested cafeteria workers to attend on January 23, 2013, to answer any questions about the Request for Proposal of Food Services Management. The Food Services vendors will be visiting the school district on January 25, 2013, for a mandatory walk-thru of district's food services facilities. Mr. Vensel also reported that the Pennsylvania Retirement Board will be updating their mortality tables, effective July 1, 2013, for those retirees who choose Option 2 or 3 upon retirement.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letter, dated December 31, 2012, from John J. Tommasini, Director of Special Education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, that the Special Education Plan for 2012-2015 has been approved.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the South Middleton Township Tax Collector vacancy. The current tax collector, Mr. Cairns, term will expire in December 2013. He does not intend to run again.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology Committee

The committee met this evening at 6:00 p.m. and reviewed the extension of the wireless network at Yellow Breeches Middle School.

Policy Committee

Mr. Clepper reported that the committee met this evening at 6:00 p.m. and reviewed the Student Discipline Policy. There are policies on the agenda for approval this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, that the Board approves the agenda of January 21, 2013, with all corrections as indicated. (Note: The Board amended items #12.2 and #12.4) **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board approved the attached resolution establishing the compensation and procedures for the Office of Tax Collector of South Middleton Township, Cumberland County, PA, for the collection of District real estate taxes for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. The resolution was amended to read in paragraph #6 that "during the term of office, the School District will not be responsible for providing office space, clerical support or supplies for the Tax Collector."

The Board approved Derek Clepper to attend the PSBA Spring Legal Roundup on March 4, 2013, at the PSBA Conference Center in Mechanicsburg, PA. Cost: \$139/person.

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

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| -Policy #711 | Surplus Equipment & Supplies (New Policy) |
| -Policy #100 | Strategic Plan |
| -Policy #100.1 | Student Safety Plan (New Policy) |
| -Policy #122.1 | Standards of Behavior During Season of Activity |
| -Policy #122.2 | Random Drug Testing |

(Note: Policy #122.1 Standards of Behavior During Season of Activity was amended to become effective March 1, 2013. In addition, the Board voted to rescind Policy #123.2 – "Code of Conduct for Student/Athletes Participating in Athletic Program", effective March 1, 2013)

The Board approved the participation of the Boiling Springs High School students (four classes have been selected by PDE) to participate in the Pennsylvania Department of Education's 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The survey will be administered at the end of January/beginning of February 2013.

PERSONNEL

Professional

The Board approved the following personnel items:

Employment

Substitute Teachers

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

Name: Melissa Barr
Certification: Biology

Name: Megan Snyder
Certification: Elementary

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Name: Becky Risley
Certification: Business Ed./Family Consumer Science

Name: Eric Reed
Certification: Business Education

Extra Duty – Drama – BSHS

The Board employed the following extra duty, co-curricular position for the 2012-2013 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Long.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Conductor BSHS/ Drama	Nicholas Werner	5.75	0	0	\$799.00

Leave of Absences - Childrearing

The Board approved the request from Melissa Vincent, Kindergarten teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, for a childrearing leave of absence from approximately April 15, 2013, through approximately October 7, 2013.

The Board approved the request from Jessica Lay, Art teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, for a childrearing leave of absence from approximately April 19, 2013, through the end of the 2012-2013 school year, returning at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

PSBA Legislative Report

Mr. Merlie and Mrs. Capozzi are attending a Board President Training Camp offered by PSBA on January 26, 2013.

South Middleton Parks & Recreation

Mr. Hayes reported that a grant in the amount of \$16,000 has been received for the park at Spring Meadows.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Keystone exams were completed at the high school.

Katie Webber, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the end of the second marking period was completed.

Mr. Berk commented on the poor arrangement of the Board tables in the auditorium. As currently arranged, Board Members cannot see each other. Mr. Berk also reported that

he recently read to second graders. He also would like to recognize the families of Board members that are supportive of Board Members volunteering to serve.

Mr. Hayes also agreed with re-arranging the tables for the board meetings.

Mr. Clepper also wanted to recognize the families of Board members for their support. He also handed out a flyer for the "7" project.

Mr. Merlie congratulated Dr. Sanker on becoming a grandmother.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Ericka Ranck, a sophomore at IUP, is proud to be a Bubbler. She supports the teachers of this District.

Carol Yanity spoke in support of Dr. Frederick Withum as the next Superintendent. Does not believe it is necessary to spend \$5,000 on a search.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.** The Board went into Executive Session from 8:05 p.m. to 8:53 p.m. for a personnel matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary