

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2014**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on September 2, 2014, in the Iron Forge Educational Center Board Room 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 - Absent

Mr. Thomas Hayes

Mr. Thomas Merlie

Mrs. Elizabeth Miekranz

Mr. Paul Slifko

Mr. Robert Winters

Mr. Scott Witwer

Administrative Staff

Dr. Alan Moyer, Superintendent

Dr. Joseph Mancuso, Assistant Superintendent

David Boley, Principal - Rice

Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education

Joel Hain, Principal – BSHS

Trisha Reed, Principal – IFEC

Jesse White – Principal – YBMS

Sharonn Williams, Director of Inst.Tech.

Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds

Student Representatives

Max D. Leo

Helene “Ellie” Tiley

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel – Absent

Assistant Board Secretary

Tina L. Darchicourt

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Moyer welcomed Max Leo, Student Representative, to the Board.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting: August 18, 2014 – Regular Board Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT - None

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

Dr. Moyer thanked the Administrative Team for a good start to the school year. He also mentioned the September 15th New Teacher Reception in the IFEC Cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Moyer reported that we have 62 students enrolled at Votech for the 2014-2015 school year. He proudly announced that BSHS was listed as one of the best in the nation according to the Newsweek “Daily Beast”.

Dr. Mancuso spoke about the August 21st Professional Development (SLO) Student Learning Objectives, the Principal effectiveness evaluation, and how pleased he is with the new teaching staff.

Tina Darchicourt reported that transportation is running smoothly (thanks to Kathy Ryan). She also said that Aramark is up and running with no parental comments.

Miss Tiley reported that clubs will be starting at BSHS and that Student Council is in the process of planning Homecoming events.

Mr. Leo introduced himself with a brief bio.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Moyer shared his appreciation for Mr. Hartmann’s commitment to the Art Program. Mr. Hartmann has established an annual \$500 scholarship for an art student. He has also agreed to take on intern students annually. Mr. Berk said this is something our partners could all do on a regular basis.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Miekranz, Mr. Yinger, and Mr. Roden shared how the music program has been affected over the past couple of years. Dr. Mancuso reported on graduation project requirements, enrollment and class sizes.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This committee is in an exploratory phase, outlining goals and working with the Bubbler Foundation and PTO.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Berk stated that Jeff Straub is going to make a presentation regarding the DCED and PEDA grants later in this meeting. Mr. Straub hopes to go out to bid in October with a special Board Meeting on November 24, 2014. Discussion on wording of change orders to be discussed at October Board Meeting. Also discussed was the possibility of delaying the opening of the 2015-2016 school year until after Labor Day. Also discussed was the potential building name change for IFEC.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Jeff Straub from Crabtree Rohrbaugh reported on 2.5 million dollars to be awarded from fully-funded state grants. The Pennsylvania Economic Development Authority (PEDA) grant was submitted on August 15, 2014. Out of 184 applications, 25 will be awarded by the end of October. No modifications required for the project. The second grant application, DCED (required LEED gold certification), is due September 20, 2014 with an award date of November 20, 2014. Earmark \$500,000 to solar alternative is tied to the grant award.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board authorizes the Administration to apply for an Alternative and Clean Energy Program grant of \$2,000,000 for the IFEC Renovation Project. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

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

Personnel Items

Professional - Employment

The Board employed the following professional personnel:

Name: Ellen M. Wilson
Position: Long-Term 4th Grade Teacher – IFEC – (replacing Christa Souder)
Starting Date: Beginning of the 2014-2015 school year
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1: \$42,777

Name: Bryan A. Hellam
Position: Full-Time 5th Grade Teacher – IFEC – (replacing Kimberly Spisak)
Starting Date: Beginning of the 2014-2015 school year
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 11: \$48,522

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Name: David T. Robinson
Position: Full-Time Life Skills Teacher – YBMS (replacing Allyson Hertz)
Starting Date: Beginning of the 2014-2015 school year
Salary: Master's, Step 1: \$43,210

Name: Carrie M. Stine
Position: Full-Time Autistic Support Class–YBMS (replacing Jennifer McPoyle-Callahan)
Starting Date: To be determined
Salary: Master's, Step 7: \$46,206

Name: Kirsten B. Dively
Position: Full-Time First Grade Teacher – Rice (replacing Ellen Birsch)
Starting Date: Beginning of the 2014-2015 school year
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 1: \$42,777

Extra Duty – Athletics

The Board approved the listing of extra duty athletic positions for the 2014-2015 school year.

Resignations – Professional

The Board accepted the resignation of Jennifer McPoyle-Callahan from the position of special education teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective October 17, 2014.

The Board accepted the resignation of Phillip Hemperly from the position of long-term 4th grade substitute teacher, effective immediately.

Classified – Employment

The Board employed the following classified personnel:

Name: Karen Cacciatore
Position: Part-Time Cafeteria Aide, IFEC
Rate: \$10.35/hr., 3 hrs./day, 177 days/yr.

Name: Judy Kennedy
Position: Part-Time Cafeteria Aide, Rice (replacing Delores Fleischman)
Rate: \$10.35/hr., 2.5 hrs./day, 177 days/yr.

Name: N. George Hing
Position: Full-Time Special Education Aide – BSHS (replacing Kathie Diehl) (New Position)
Rate: \$10.35/hr., 7 hrs./day, 182 days/yr.

Classified – Resignation

The Board accepted the resignation of Tessa Blosser, special education aide at the YBMS, effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING/DISCUSSION: REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 9/15/14

The Board reviewed the following items that will be on the September 15, 2014 agenda for approval.

1. South Middleton Township Sidewalk Grant Application – Letter of Support
2. Physician Services for 2014-2015 – Dr. Chad Jumper
3. Teenline Program – 2014-2015
4. MH.IDD – Letter of Agreement for 2014-2015
5. Agreement for Agenda Manager Services
6. Personnel Items:
 - a. Day-to-Day Professional Substitutes
 - b. Day-to-Day Guest Teacher Substitutes
 - c. Day-to-Day Substitute Classroom Aides
 - d. Employment of Full-Time Custodian
 - e. Mentor Teachers for Grade 5 and Life Skills Teacher
 - f. Extra Duty – Co-Curricular – Student Council Advisor @ YBMS
 - g. 45-Day Substitute Program for the 2014-2015 School Year

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

South Middleton Township – Mr. Berk

No Report

South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation – Mr. Hayes

August meeting postponed until September 4th – Parks master plan to be reviewed in public meeting.

Cumberland-Perry Votech – Mr. Winters

Votech Board met August 25, 2014. 244 post-secondary industry accredited students enrolled for 2014-2015. Board ratified professional staff salaries for 2014-2015.

PSBA Legislative Report – Mr. Merlie

Mr. Merlie mentioned delegates for PSBA Conference.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit – Mr. Berk

No Report

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Brief executive session following the meeting, for personnel issues. There will be no votes.
2. Mr. Merlie said that Stephanie Snyder and Ellen Birsch should be commended for their willingness to transfer to the positions of Literacy Intervention Specialists.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Darchicourt
Assistant Board Secretary