

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on March 3, 2008, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

School Directors

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Boley, Assistant Principal

David Bitner, Assistant Principal

Dean Clepper, Principal

Mark Correll, Assistant Principal

Joseph Mancuso, III, Principal

Frederick Withum, III, Principal

Student Representatives to the Board

Jayson Schaufert

Jeremy Wallace

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey Ammerman

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meeting:

-February 19, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to approve the following:

The Board approved the bills for January 2008 – Payment of bills represented by checks #31884 to #32240 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,665,015.47.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds Reports – Pursuant to Section 511 of Public School Code, the reports of Student Activity Funds for January 2008 represented by checks #12673 to #12715 inclusive, in the amount of \$18,546.16, are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved the requisitions payable from the Construction Fund (PLGIT) for January 2008 represented by Checks #11159 to #11162 inclusive, in the amount of \$19,988.50.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board approves the agenda of March 3, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, that the Board approves the changes to the 2007-2008 school calendar and Act 80 days necessitated by the use of four snow emergency days on 12/13/07, 2/12/08, 2/13/08, and 2/22/08, to reflect the following:

<u>Snow Day</u>	<u>Make-up Day</u>	
12/13/07	Friday, February 15, 2008	School in-session for grades K-12
2/12/08	Thursday, March 20, 2008	School in-session for grades K-12
2/13/08	Monday, March 24, 2008	School in-session for grades K-12
2/22/08	Thursday, April 17, 2008	School in-session for grades K-12 (Originally designated Act 80 day for K-8)
	Friday, April 18, 2008	School in-session for grades 9-12 (Now designated Act 80 day for K-8)

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, that the Board approves an overnight field trip for Mr. Jason Jarrett and Mr. Luke Fetterolf to take approximately nine technology students on an overnight field trip to Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA, leaving the afternoon of Wednesday, April 9, 2008, and returning on Saturday, April 12, 2008. The purpose of the trip is for the students to participate in the Technology Student Association State competition.
The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse to approve all of the following:

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Substitute Teacher

The Board employed the following substitute teacher for the 2007-2008 school year:

Name: Brett Sheaffer
Certification: Social Studies

CLASSIFIED STAFF

The Board employed the following substitute health aide for the 2007-2008 school year:

Name: Jeannie Aumiller
Rate: \$11.57/hr
Effective: 3/4/08

The Board employed the following substitute classroom aide for the 2007-2008 school year:

Name: Amy Beaver
Rate: \$8.99/hr.
Effective: 3/4/08

The Board employed the following full-time special education personal care aide at Yellow Breeches Middle School:

Name: Kelly Hart
Rate: \$8.99/hr
Effective: 3/4/08

The Board employed the following substitute custodian:

Name: Dean Burd
Rate: \$9.39/hr.
Effective: March 10, 2008

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The Board approved the Administration to advertise for a psychology intern with a stipend not to exceed \$15,000.

All of the items in the motion passed unanimously.

Resignation

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, that the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation for purposes of retirement of Mr. Dean Clepper, Principal of Rice Elementary School, effective June 30, 2008, and extends our thanks for 21 years of excellent leadership to the students at the W.G. Rice Elementary School.

The Board members wished Mr. Clepper well. He indicated that he had interned with Mr. Winters early in his career and that he had nearly 38 years of working in education.

The motion passed unanimously.

Extra Duty Position

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, that the Board employs of the following extra duty positions for the 2007-2008 school year:

Name	Salary	Position
Koontz, Ben	\$500	Accompanist – BSHS Drama

Mr. Slifko asked why this was being approved after the fact. Mr. Mancuso indicated that the District was in a bind without an accompanist after a student dropped out of that role. He indicated that Mr. Koontz was able to fill the role. He was not looking to have this position continue in the future.

The motion passed 8-1, with Mr. Slifko dissenting.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION - None

TOPIC DISCUSSION - Board Goal Setting Session

Board members were asked to brainstorm goals for the next twelve months, five years, and ten years and beyond. These goals were to reflect the Board's role as a policy making body and to support the district's strategic plan.

The goals were divided into four general categories:

- Board Operations
- Community Relations
- Facilities
- Educational Content and Outcome

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Board Operations

Set the expectation that board members attend at least one educational/training session per year and that they then share the information they received with other board members

Maintain policy that is realistic and legally defensible by making sure that the right input is gathered before the policy is enacted.

Looking beyond the District for "Best Practices"

Establish Board Presidents meetings with other districts and encourage board members to interact with their peers from other districts.

Community Relations

Improve communications between the board and parents and community

Develop Demographic Projections – 3, 5, and 10 years

Link Studies with Community Resources

Continue to use existing community resources and look for new opportunities.

Develop Better Relationship within the Community

Establish a District / Township working group that would meet on a regular basis to discuss issues that affect both governing bodies.

Foster Involvement with the Community

Education

Meet the needs of the students

Become a District that is Technologically Progressive

Take advantage of technology that makes the most sense in the classroom

Train the teachers

Provide access to technology to students who may not otherwise have it, due to financial difficulties

Support adding technology curriculum staffing

Develop pre-K program

Implement Technology Study

Continue to use Athletic Study

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Develop hiring practices to attract the best teachers.

Seek appropriate grants for staff development

Board Recognition of outstanding staff

“Schools across Borders” to provide alternatives for limited enrollment classes

Facilities

Ensure safe environment (physical and emotional) for both students and staff

Support programs, software, training, etc. recommended by administration
Policies

Middle States Evaluation

Ten year (and beyond) facilities needs assessment

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berk made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Winters and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Ammerman
Board Secretary