

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on August 4, 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 7:00 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 J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

Frederick S. Withum, III, Principal

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder - **Absent**

Jayson Schaufert - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary (Non Member)

Jeffrey Ammerman – **Absent**

Recording Secretary

Beth Scott

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-June 16, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION- None

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

Dr. Sanker reported that Fall sports and band practices are scheduled to begin August 11, 2008. Enrollment counts will be provided to the Board at the next scheduled meeting, August 18, 2008, and there are still several teaching vacancies which are open and administrators are in the process of interviewing candidates. W.G. Rice Elementary School office has been remodeled and everyone is pleased with the outcome.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel, that the Board approves the agenda of August 4, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to appoint Beth Scott as recording secretary for the meeting of August 4, 2008. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to adopt and approve the response to the Correction Action Plan to the Auditor General's (Performance) Audit Report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded Mrs. Knouse, to approve the disposal of the following district-owned vehicles:

| <u>Vehicle</u> | <u>ID #</u> | <u>Title</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1987 MGS Trailer | 16MB1117HD013361 | 40826210901 SO |
| 1987 GMC Truck | 1GDHP32J6H3504306 | 39867928103 SO |
| 1990 Chevy Truck | 1GCEG25K1L7119548 | 42619081202 SO |
| 1990 Chevy Truck | 1GCEG25K9L7105350 | 43283463202 SO |

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, to approve the transportation routes and bus stops for the 2008-2009 school year, and authorizes the Superintendent and Business Manager to make any necessary changes to these routes and bus stops during the school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to approve the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement between River Rock Academy, and the South Middleton School District for five seats for the 2008-2009 school year at a total cost to the District of \$97,818.75. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve the contract agreement between Dr. Shawna Brent, psychiatrist, to provide five (5) psychiatric evaluations, as needed, for students in South Middleton School District. The contract agreement is for up to five (5) students at a rate of \$385 per evaluation. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jeffrey S. Ammerman, from the position of Business Manager/Board Secretary effective on or about August 22, 2008, and extends our thanks for the exemplary work completed throughout his tenure on behalf of the Board and taxpayers of SMSD.

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following personnel:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Name: | Sharonn L. Williams |
| Position: | Director of Instructional Technology – New Position |
| Starting Date: | August 18, 2008 |
| Salary: | \$83,000 |

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

RESIGNATIONS

The Board accepted the resignation of Connie L. Shuff, from the position of Kindergarten teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective immediately.

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The Board accepted the resignation of Tara J. Samuelsen, from the position of Kindergarten teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective immediately.

The Board accepted the resignation of Raymond A. Mowery, from the position of English teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective August 4, 2008.

CHANGE IN POSITION

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Tara S. Trostle from 2nd Grade teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School to 4th Grade teacher at Iron Forge Educational Center, effective with the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year (replacing Susan Stada).

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Samantha Wilmet
Certification: English
Position: English Teacher - BSHS – (replacing Andrea Fought)
Salary: Step 4, Bachelor's Degree - \$38,761
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Erin C. Heberlig
Certification: Elementary
Position: Remedial Math – W.G. Rice Elementary – (replacing Kim Sunderland)
Salary: Step 1, Bachelor's Degree - \$37,912
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Laura L. Gardner
Certification: Elementary
Position: Grade 2 – W.G. Rice Elementary – (replacing Tara Trostle)
Salary: Step 1, Bachelor's Degree - \$37,912
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Melissa Lentz Vincent
Certification: Elementary/Early Childhood
Position: Kindergarten – W.G. Rice Elementary School – (replacing Connie Shuff)
Salary: Bachelor's, Step 3 - \$38,487
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

The Board approved the athletic extra duty positions for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the following Department Chair for the 2008-2009 school year:

| Name | Depart. | Amt. | Suprvs. | 2 Days | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | | | Amt. | \$100/Eac | Salary |
| Dieter, Patrick | Social Studies | \$2,194 | | \$200 | \$2,394 |

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The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2008-2009 school year at \$488.

| <u>Mentor Teacher</u> | <u>Inductee</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Freese, Michael | MacIvor, Michael | 2 |
| Good, Mary | Gardner, Laura | 1 |
| Birsch, Ellen | Herberlig, Erin | 1 |

The Board approved the list of substitute teachers for the 2008-2009 school year, at a salary of \$90/day.

CLASSIFIED

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Maria C. Bessasparis
Position: Full-Time Health Aide – IFEC
(Replacing Donna (Micki) Fuller)
Salary: \$15.00/hr.
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Patricia J. Barr
Position: Full-Time Health Aide – BSHS
(Replacing Cammie Burgess)
Salary: \$15.00/hr.
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Brenda Garland
Position: Part-Time Cafeteria/Office Aide – YBMS
(Replacing Lori Rennels)
Salary: \$9.17/Hr.
Starting Date: August 25, 2008

Name: Denise E. Evans
Position: Full-Time Special Education Aide – YBMS
(Replacing Lori Boley)
Salary: \$9.50
Starting Date: August 20, 2008
Position: Health Aide – H.S.

The Board employed the following substitute aides for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Donna (Micki) Fuller
Position: Sub. Health Aide
Rate: \$11.80/hr.

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Name: Kim Frye
Position: Sub. Teacher Aide
Rate: \$9.17/hr.
Name: Doris G. Smith
Position: Sub. Teacher Aide
Rate: \$9.17/hr.

Name: Julie Ruda
Position: Sub. Teacher Aide
Rate: \$9.17/hr.

RESIGNATIONS

The Board accepted the resignation of Linda Starner from the position of crossing guard, effective immediately.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Motion made by Mr. Fay and seconded by Mr. Berk to approve the donation of \$1,000 by South Middleton School District to the Annual Fireworks fund to help defray the cost of the fireworks scheduled for August 31, 2008, at the Boiling Springs High School. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko remarked that he was glad to see Ms. Martin was feeling better.

Mrs. Knouse commented on the Fall Sports schedule and it was confirmed that the schedules listed on the posters included both girls' and boys' athletic events.

Mr. Winters thanked everyone for their cards and telephone calls as he recovered from hip surgery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 7:25 p.m.

The Board resumed Regular Session at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Juliana, to approve the following personnel items:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - SABBATICAL

The Board approved the request for a sabbatical leave of absence for Meredith DeWalt, Spanish teacher at Yellow Breeches Middle School, for the purpose of restoration of health for the 2008-2009 school year.

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EMPLOYMENT

Name: Richard Vensel
Position: Business Manager/Board Secretary
Starting Date: October 6, 2008
Salary: \$110,000

Name: Jennifer L. Barnett
Certification: Elementary
Position: Kindergarten Teacher (Replacing Tara Samuelson)
W.G. Rice Elementary School
Salary: Step 7, Masters Degree - \$41,361
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Kathleen L. Patton
Certification: Spanish/ESL
Position: Spanish Teacher – LTS for 2008-2009 School Year
(Placing Meredith DeWalt) - YBMS
Salary: Step 1, Bachelor's Degree - \$37,912
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vensel to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Scott
Recording Secretary