

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

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

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on November 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 7:02 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.

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Dr. Sandra J. Tippet, Assistant Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal - IFEC

Barbara Alitto, Director of Special Education

David Boley, Principal – Rice

Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

Dennis Royer, Computer Network Administrator

Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Dr. Fred Withum, Principal – YBMS

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder – **Absent**

Jayson Schaufert

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-October 20, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Kurt Uhler thanked the Board of School Directors for the approval of the turf for Eckert Field. Mr. Sam Glesner also thanked the Board for the approval of the turf as it would provide an additional area where younger children can play sports. Mr. Glesner stated that it took a lot of courage for the Board to make this difficult decision.

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

Dr. Sanker acknowledged the Bulletin Board prepared by first and third grade students at W.G. Rice Elementary School, and she reminded Board members about the Veteran's Day breakfast scheduled for Friday. Dr. Sanker also congratulated Jayson Schaufert and his brother, Brad, for reaching the rank of Eagle Scout. Also, Dr. Sanker mentioned that enrollment reports for Cyber School and home education students were included in the Board's packet, and the Board had received a thank you note from the Fire Police for the bi-annual ham/beef dinner. Dr. Sanker presented a check to Mr. Slifko from UGI in the amount of \$10,000 for Right-of-Way usage at W.G. Rice Elementary School.

Mr. Vensel updated the Board on the pre-construction stadium meeting held that morning. He stated that all contracts have been signed and the earth-moving equipment is on site. Construction is scheduled to begin November 4, 2008.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology and Mr. Dennis Royer, Computer Network Administrator, made a presentation on the Internet Bandwidth within the District and reviewed options to increase the Bandwidth.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

WHEREAS, a parcel of real estate, with improvements located at 100 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania adjacent to the District campus ("Premises") is being offered for sale; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Premises by the School District would be in the best interests of the School District; and

THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Board officers are authorized to execute all necessary documents and the District Administration and Solicitor are authorized to take all other steps necessary to purchase the real property known and numbered as 100 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania at a purchase price of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000).

RESOLVED this 3rd day of November, 2008

On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mr. Berk:	No	Mrs. Knouse:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	Yes	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Fay:	Yes	Mr. Winters:	No
Mr. Juliana:	Yes		

6 – Yes, 3 – No, 0 - Abstain

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District has determined that there will be no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2009-2010 fiscal year by more than the Index established by the Department of Education (Department) for the District;

WHEREAS, the Index for the District is 4.8% for the 2009-2010 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the South Middleton School District does hereby certify that the District will comply with the procedures as forth in Section 687 of the Public School Code as it relates to the annual budget for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets;

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WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the established index will be sufficient to balance its final budget;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that the District will submit information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the public schools to the Department on a uniform form prepared by the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that a copy of this resolution adopted pursuant to Section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of Special Session No. 1 of 2006 will be sent to the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the District shall not be eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333 (f) of the Taxpayer Relief Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the Department shall compare the proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index; within ten (10) days of the receipt of the information as required, the Department shall inform the District whether the proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, as follows:

The Board of School Directors adopts this RESOLUTION on the 3rd day of November 2008 indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2009-2010 fiscal year by more than the 4.8% index for the District established by the Department of Education.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 3rd day of November 2008.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve the change order for Fieldturf Tarkett to supply and install a second long jump runway and related improvements in the west "D" area of Ecker Field at a total cost of \$17,697. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Juliana made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to approve Pen Serve Plan Services, Inc. as a third party administrator for the District's 403(b) plan and to authorize the Board Officers, District Administrators, and Solicitor to take all steps necessary to enter into a services agreement with PenServ and otherwise implement PenServ as the 403(b) plan third party administrator. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, to approve a change in the 2008 Board calendar to move the Reorganization/December meeting from Monday, December 1, 2008, to Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

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On a roll call vote, the motion passed as follows:

Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mr. Juliana:	Yes
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	Yes
Mr. Clepper:	No	Mr. Slifko:	Yes
Mr. Fay:	No	Mr. Winters:	No
Mrs. Knouse:	Yes		

6 - Yes, 3 - No, 0 - Abstain

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

The Board approved the administrative recommendation of appointing Randy Zook as the Clerk of the Works for Phase I of the Ecker Field Renovation project, at a supplemental salary of \$8,000 (prorated for the length of Phase I project.)

The Board authorized the Administration to enter into a one (1) year contract, or modify the existing contract, with Level 3 Communications for 10 MBPS of Internet Bandwidth to the District in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,807/month. (Presently, the District is paying \$702/month for 3 MBPS of Internet Bandwidth).

The Board employed the following professional staff:

Name: David J. Mancuso
Certification: Business Education
Position: Business Education Teacher – BSHS (Replace Deborah Schrock)
Salary: Master's, Step 19 - \$53,107
Starting Date: November 4, 2008

EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the following extra duty co-curricular position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Maclvor, Michael	Model UN	\$792

DEPARTMENT CHAIR

The Board approved the following department chair for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>2 Days @ \$100</u>	<u>Total</u>
Roden, Keith	Music	\$1,449	\$200	\$1,649

CHILDREARING LEAVE

The Board approved the request of Tracy Mersch, English teacher, Boiling Springs High School, to extend her childrearing leave of absence until January 20, 2009. (originally scheduled to return October 30, 2008).

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The Board approved the continued employment of Janet DeRosa as a long-term substitute English teacher for Tracy Mersch. Salary: Masters, Step 1 - \$38,312 (pro-rated).

CLASSIFIED

EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following part-time crossing guard for the 2008-2009 school year at \$13.60/hr., beginning November 4, 2008.

Name: Terry Walck

The Board approved the following volunteer wrestling coach for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Dan Parsons

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

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

Name: Patricia Williams
Certification: English

CHILDREARING LEAVE

The Board approved a request from Amy Santana, Grade 5 teacher at the Iron Forge Educational Center, for a childrearing leave of absence beginning approximately February 2009 for a twelve (12) week period, as per Article III, Section D, of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middleton Education Association.

The Board approved the following Planned Courses of Study:

English/Language Arts

Grade 3 Language Arts
Grade 8 English
English I
English I A
English II A
English III A
English II
English III
English I
Speech

Health, Safety and Physical Education

Outdoor Education Experience

Mathematics

Grade 3 Mathematics

Science

Grade Science
Advanced Placement Biology

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Social Studies

Grade 1 Social Studies
Grade 6 Social Studies

The Board approved the Boiling Springs Educational Planning Guide for the 2009-2010 school year. **The motion passed unanimously.**

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

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

Jayson Schaufert, Student Representative to the Board, reported on the upcoming Veteran's Day breakfast scheduled for November 7, 2008, and the Blood Drive, scheduled for tomorrow.

Mr. Berk suggested uploading pictures of the Ecker Field construction to the website.

Mr. Fay reported on the James Baker Scholarship Fund Drive, and commended Brad and Jayson for attaining Eagle Scout rank.

Mr. Slifko also congratulated Jayson Schaufert on his attainment of Eagle Scout.

Mrs. Knouse commented on the enrollment report for cyber school students and inquire about the cost to the district for these students.

Mr. Winter complimented the Board on the Ecker field discussion.

Mr. Juliana congratulated Jayson Schaufert on Eagle Scout rank.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 8:20 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 9:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Mr. Dean Clepper \$1,800 for working an additional thirty-six (36) hours over the agreed upon amount of \$5,000.

Upon a roll call vote, the motion was defeated as follows:

Mr. Berk:	Yes	Mrs. Knouse:	No
Mrs. Capozzi:	Yes	Ms. Martin:	No
Mr. Clepper	Abstained	Mr. Slifko:	No
Mr. Fay	No	Mr. Winters:	No
Mr. Juliana	Yes		

4 – Yes, 4 – No, 1- Abstain

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Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper to approve the salary increase of \$5,000 for Dr. Patricia Sanker, Superintendent, for the 2008-2009 school year. The salary was set at \$138,469. **The motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary