

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2009**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on September 21, 2009, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Ms. Pamela Martin, 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 - **Absent**
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.
Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Mr. Mark Juliana - **Absent**
Ms. Pam Martin
Mr. Paul Slifko
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 Bitner, Assistant Principal, YBMS
David Boley, Principal, Rice
Joseph Mancuso, Principal, BSHS
Fred Withum, Principal, YBMS
Sharonn Williams, Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives to the Board

Brendan D. VanGorder - **Absent**
Alexandra Goodson

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare - **Absent**

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INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Denise Foran, from the American Diabetes Association, congratulated and recognized Yellow Breeches Middle School for their continued participating in the Walk-a-Thon and placing first in Pennsylvania for 2009.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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

-September 8, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Fay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clepper, to approve the following:

August

The Board approved the bills for August 2009 – Payment of bills represented by checks #37175 to #37449 inclusive, in the amount of \$1,312,141.41.

The Board approved the Student Activity Funds for August 2009 – Pursuant to Section 511 of the Public School Code, represented by checks #13274 to #13275 inclusive, in the amount of \$3,216.50, are enclosed with the financial report.

The Board approved requisitions payable from the Capital Reserve Fund (PSDLAF) for August 2009, represented by checks #22121 to #22124 in the amount of \$65,387.39.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None

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

Dr. Sanker reported on the successful opening of school. She also commented on the staph infections encountered by Big Spring School District, the steps South Middleton School District took to prevent the spread of the infection, and that there have been no reported infections in the District.

Dr. Tippett updated Board members on the upcoming inservice day plans.

Mr. Vensel spoke about the 2008-2009 audit and the proposed State budget.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

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TOPIC DISCUSSION - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves the agenda of September 21, 2009, with the addendum. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board approves Pamela Martin to attend two workshops conducted by PSBA in Mechanicsburg, PA. The workshops are titled "Salary Schedule Presentation" scheduled for September 24, 2009, and "Formulating Strategies for Successful Negotiations" scheduled for September 25, 2009. Cost: \$99.00 **The motion passed unanimously.**

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

The Board authorized the Administration to proceed with providing three (3) activity buses, Monday through Thursday, when school is in session, to serve grades 4 – 12, on a trial basis until the end of December 2009.

The Board approved an overnight field trip for Mr. Wright to take seven (7) student wrestlers to UNC Greensboro from October 23 to October 25, 2009, to participate in the Super "32" wrestling competition. There is no cost to the District.

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL

EMPLOYMENT

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

The Board employed the following professional staff:

Name:	K. Alan Mills
Certification:	Biology/General Science/Chemistry* *Emergency Certification for Chemistry
Position:	Long-Term Substitute - (replacing Kristi Elder) From 10/8/09 – 1/15/10 - BSHS
Salary:	Masters +30, Step 1 - \$40,328 (pro-rated)

EXTRA DUTY – ATHLETICS

The Board employed the following extra duty athletic positions. (see attachment)

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EXTRA DUTY – DEPARTMENT CHAIR

The Board employed the following extra duty Art Department chair position:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kitzmilller, Laurie	BSHS	\$2,200

EXTRA DUTY – CO-CURRICULAR

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cunningham, Jason	Quiz Bowl Co-Advisor	\$337.50
Zilbering Rachel*	Quiz Bowl Co-Advisor	\$337.50

(*Board approved Rachel at the 6/15/09 meeting as the Advisor @ \$675.
This position is going to be shared.)

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Board employed the following list of substitute teachers for the
2009-2010 school year at \$95.00/day.

Name: Marissa Teramae
Certification: Elementary

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

CHILDREARING LEAVE

The Board approved a request from Angela Menegat, sixth grade teacher at Yellow Breeches Middle School, for a childrearing leave of absence beginning on or about November 13, 2009, through February 10, 2010, as per Article III, Section D, of the Articles of Agreement between the SMSD and the South Middleton Education Association.

VOLUNTEER

The Board approved the following volunteer athletic coach:

Name: Brandon Ellis – Vol. Jr. High Football Coach

The Board approved the submission of the Education Technology Report to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Technology Committee and Administration have reviewed this report and approval is recommended.

The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15

The minutes for the August 27, 2009 meeting will be available at next meeting. There are four superintendents within the intermediate unit that have retired this year.

Capital Area Tax Bureau

Mr. Vensel reported on the status of the Act 32 County Committee.

Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School

No Report

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee met prior to tonight's Board meeting. A tour of the high school renovations and the IFEC gym was conducted. Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, to authorize the Administration to dispose of excess furniture, electronics, TVs, and office equipment to non-profit agencies. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Legislative Report

No Report

Recreation and Parks Report

Mr. Fay reported that volleyball courts have been installed at the Township park.

South Middleton Township

No Report

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

Alexandra Goodson reported on the upcoming Homecoming event and the first meeting of Student Amnesty Club was held. Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams placed first in an invitational over the weekend.

Mr. Clepper commented on Dr. Withum's weekly web page for parents.

Mr. Fay complimented Dr. Sanker on the handling of the recent staph infection among football players at Big Spring.

Ms. Martin spoke about the fundraiser for the band boosters.

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Mrs. Knouse commented on how well the boys' and girls' cross country teams did this weekend and not only were they successful in the meet, but their conduct represented South Middleton School District very well.

Mr. Winters spoke about the hiring of staff from the closed Scotland School and the Bubbler Foundation golf outing fund raiser.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal matter and Personnel items at 8:15 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary