

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2013**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on April 8, 2013, in the Brenneman Auditorium of the Boiling Springs High School for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President, Mr. Thomas Merlie, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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
Mr. Derek Clepper
Mr. Thomas Hayes

Ms. Pamela Martin
Mr. Thomas Merlie
Mr. Paul Slifko
Mr. Robert Winters

Administrative Staff

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent
Dr. Frederick S. Withum, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Janet Adams, Principal – Rice
David Bitner, Assist. Principal - YBMS
David Boley, Principal – Rice
Connie Connolly, Director of Special Education
Mark Correll, Assistant Principal - BSHS
Tina Darchicourt, Accounting Specialist
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS
Jesse White, Principal – YBMS
Sharonn Williams – Director of Instructional Technology

Student Representatives

Derek Snyder
Kathryn Webber - **Absent**

Visitors

See attachment to the minutes.

Board Secretary

Richard R. Vensel

Solicitor

Philip H. Spare

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION - None

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Lisa Moore of Netherby Lane commented that she was running for tax collector in South Middleton Township.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board accepts the minutes from the following meetings:

- March 18, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting
- April 15, 2013 – Budget Workshop Meeting

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Sanker reported that there is a “Drugs 101” presentation for parents scheduled for April 17, 2013. The first grade spring concert is scheduled for April 18th.

Dr. Withum reported that PSSA testing is scheduled for this week in grades 3-8.

NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board acknowledged the donation of \$200.00 from the Cumberland County Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees to assist a group of middle school students who are completing in the state level TSA competition.

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Vensel reviewed the preliminary budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee/Technology Committee

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the Education and Technology Committees met jointly this evening at 5:00 PM. The Cyber School initiative was reviewed. The Education Committee also reviewed the BSHS Planning Guide for 2013-2014, math text book selections and enrollment figures.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Berk reported that the Facilities Committee met this evening and reviewed the 5-year maintenance plan, parking at the IFEC, and reviewed the 2013-2014 maintenance budget.

HACC Delegate Report

Mrs. Capozzi reported that a delegate meeting was held on March 26, 2013. The proposed agreement with HACC is included with the Board agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hayes, that the Board approves the March 4, 2013, agenda, with the following motion added to the agenda as 12.9, "That the Board authorizes the Administration to enforce the "no parking" zone around the bus circle in front of the IFEC, effective May 1, 2013." **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

The Board approved the attached resolution permitting the use of e-signatures with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (see attached resolution).

The Board approved the 2013 amended sponsorship agreement with the Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC). (see attached resolution)

Pending the recommendation of the Education Committee, the BSHS principal is hereby authorized to begin the student course selection process for the 2013-2014 school year with approval of the Educational Planning Guide scheduled for April 22, 2013.

The Board approved the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #216 – Student Records
- Policy #216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records
- Policy #219 – Student Complaint Process
- Policy #220 – Student Expression/Distribution & Posting of Materials
- Policy #221 – Dress and Grooming
- Policy #223 – Use of Bicycles & Motor Vehicles
- Policy #224 – Care of School Property
- Policy #225 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
(PSBA recommends deletion of this policy)
- Policy #228 – Student Government
- Policy #229 – Student Fundraising
- Policy #230 – Public Performances by Students
- Policy #231 – Social Events & Class Trips
- Policy #232 – Student Involvement in Decision-Making
- Policy #233 – Suspension and Expulsion
- Policy #234 – Pregnant Students
- Policy #235 – Student Rights/Surveys
- Policy #239 – Foreign Exchange Students
- Policy #248 – Unlawful Harassment
- Policy #704 – Maintenance
- Policy #709 – Building Security
- Policy #716 – Integrated Pest Management

The Board approved an overnight field trip for Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Fetterolf, and Mr. Gutacker to take 13 Boiling Springs High School students and 2 Yellow Breeches Middle School students who are members of the TSA Club (Technology Student Association) to Seven Springs, PA for the state competition from Wednesday, April 17, 2013 and returning on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clepper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that Item #12.7 (three-year employment agreement with Mr. Richard Vensel, be placed on hold for Executive Session. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bear, that the Board approves the following in a block motion:

PERSONNEL

PROFESSIONAL

Resignation/Retirement

The Board approved the following personnel items:

The Board removed from the table and approved the following motion:

That the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Sarah Burns from the position of Kindergarten teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective June 7, 2013. (31 yrs. teaching with 25 @ SMSD)

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Steven Strawley from the position of music teacher at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective June 7, 2013. (24 yrs. teaching with 20 @ SMSD)

Employment

Short-Term Professional Substitute

The Board employed the following professional personnel:

Name: K. Alan Mills
Position: Short-Term Substitute Science Teacher – YBMS
(Replacing Christopher Leese)
Certification: General Science/Biology
Salary: Masters + 30, Step 2 - \$42,945 (pro-rated)
Starting Date: From April 2, 2013 through April 30, 2013

Professional Substitute

The Board approved adding the following professional to the substitute list for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name: Catherine Salomone
Address: 1200 Georgetown Circle
Carlisle, PA
Certification: Elementary Education/Reading Specialist

CLASSIFIED

Employment - Substitute

The Board approved adding the following name to the substitute classified list for the 2012-2013 school year:

Name: Debra Kryeski
Position: Substitute Classroom Aide
Salary: \$9.97/hr.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board authorized the Administration to enforce the “no parking” zone around the bus circle at the IFEC, effective May 1, 2013. **The motion passed as follows:**

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi – No
Mr. Derek Clepper - Yes
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes

Ms. Pamela Martin - Yes
Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes
Mr. Paul Slifko – Yes
Mr. Robert Winters - Yes

Yes – 8, No – 1, Abstention – 0, Absent - 0

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Carol Yanity inquired about the two teaching positions that would be cut, and urged the Board to raise taxes.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech

Mr. Winters reported that the bargaining agreement with the teachers was approved. The 2013-2014 school calendar was approved.

PSBA Legislative Report

Mr. Merlie and Mr. Winters attended a PSBA sponsored Leadership Symposium on April 6, 2013 in State College, PA.

South Middleton Township

Mr. Berk reported that the Township voted against taking over the Craighead Bridge.

South Middleton Parks & Recreation

Mr. Hayes reported that the meeting was cancelled.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Boiling Springs High School Band attended a competition in Virginia Beach and took first place.

Ms. Martin, Mr. Bear and Mr Berk congratulated the band on the successful band competition in Virginia.

Mr. Hayes thanked Mr. Vensel and Mrs. Darchicourt for the 2013-2014 budget preparation and presentation.

Mr. Slifko thanked Mrs. Burns for her service to the District.

Mr. Merlie congratulated the band and thanked Mr. Vensel and Mrs. Darchicourt for the budget preparation. He also thanked Mrs. Burns for her service to the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:46 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel item. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 PM.

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi that the Board approves the three-year employment agreement with Mr. Richard Vensel, Business and Operations Manager, commencing on July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$124,106 and authorizes the Board President to execute the employment agreement.

The motion passed as follows:

Mr. Steven Bear - No
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi – Yes
Mr. Derek Clepper - No
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes

Ms. Pamela Martin - Yes
Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes
Mr. Paul Slifko – No
Mr. Robert Winters - No

Yes – 5, No – 4, Abstention – 0, Absent - 0

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:31p.m. **The motion was unanimously approved.** Note: The Board went back into Executive Session after the Regular Board meeting was adjourned for a personnel matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel
Board Secretary