

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

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 6, 2013**

The South Middleton Board of School Directors met on May 6, 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 - **Absent**  
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  
Patrick Dieter, Director of Athletics  
Andrew Glantz – Director of Buildings/Grounds  
Joseph Mancuso, Principal – BSHS

**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**

Mr. Keith T. Roden, music teacher at Boiling Springs High School, introduced the Boiling Springs High School Concert Choir. The group performed musical selections for the Board and the public.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Elizabeth Meikrantz thanked the Board for the support of May Fair. She also commented that she is in support of Dr. Withum as the new Superintendent.

Dean Clepper spoke in support of Dr. Withum as the new Superintendent. He is a good leader and YBMS was recognized as a "School to Watch."

Jennifer Bandora, an alumni who had Dr. Withum as a teacher, also spoke in support of him as the new Superintendent

Elizabeth Knouse spoke in support of Dr. Withum and reminded the Board that they represent the community.

Joseph Knouse spoke in support of Dr. Withum as the new superintendent. He has a vision and is responsible for expanding program at the middle school.

Bill Hartman spoke in support of Dr. Withum as the new superintendent. He also represents the Alumni Association, and the association supports Dr. Withum.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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

- April 22, 2013 – Regular Board Meeting
- April 29, 2013 – Budget Workshop Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Dr. Sanker reminded Board members of the ballots in their board packets to elect members to the CAIU Board of School Directors. She also reviewed the schedule of events for the month of May.

Dr. Withum reported that the K-8 math teachers have had their first new math series training.

Mr. Vensel reported that the new Food Services Director for the District will be Alan Thoman.

**NOTICES, COMMUNICATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - None**

**TOPIC DISCUSSION - None**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Athletic Committee**

Mr. Hayes reported that the Athletic Committee met this evening and reviewed the mission statement, coaching evaluation, the athletic wellness program, and coaching expectations.

**Education Committee**

Mrs. Capozzi reported that the Education Committee met earlier this evening. The committee discussed grouping at IFEC, elementary enrollment, and YBMS Planning Guide for the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Withum also provided an update on the 2013-2014 educational initiatives.

**Facilities Committee**

Mr. Berk reported that the Facilities Committee met this evening and reviewed the parking in front of the IFEC, a snow removal report, grounds plan review and the pool filter replacement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the agenda of May 6, 2013, with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Capozzi,

That the Board of School Directors of the South Middleton School District, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania hereby tentatively adopts the annual budget, transfers and designations of and for said District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, as more fully set forth in PDE form 2028 which is presented at this meeting:

Further, that said Board of School Directors hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$31,160,644 including a budgetary reserve of \$500,000 for the school fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and more particularly and fully detailed in the proposed annual budget as foresaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors does hereby levy a real estate tax of 9.0762 Mills of the assessed valuation (\$.90762 per \$100 of assessed value) on all real estate within the South Middleton School District, pursuant to the authority of "The Public School Code of 1949," as amended for the school fiscal year as aforesaid; and

Further, that said Board of School Directors continues to levy the following taxes heretofore levied pursuant to the authority of "The Local Tax Enabling Act," as amended

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(1) Realty Transfer Tax – ½%; (2) Earned income Tax – 1.1%; and (3) Occupational Privilege Tax - \$10.00.

That the proposed taxes levied and continued to be levied shall provide revenue for the proposed expenditures authorized above.

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

Mr. Steven Bear - No	Ms. Pamela Martin - <b>Absent</b>
Mr. Michael Berk - Yes	Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes	Mr. Paul Slifko - No
Mr. Derek Clepper - No	Mr. Robert Winters - No
Mr. Thomas Hayes - No	

**Yes – 3, 5 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

Mr. Merlie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slifko, that the Board table any further votes or discussion on the preliminary budget until Monday, May 13, 2013.

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

Mr. Steven Bear - Yes	Ms. Pamela Martin - <b>Absent</b>
Mr. Michael Berk - No	Mr. Thomas Merlie - Yes
Mrs. Shelly Capozzi - Yes	Mr. Paul Slifko - Yes
Mr. Derek Clepper - Yes	Mr. Robert Winters - Yes
Mr. Thomas Hayes - Yes	

**Yes – 7, 1 – No, 0 – Abstentions, 1 – Absent**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk that the Board approves the following items in a block motion:

The Board appointed Richard R. Vensel to the position of Board Secretary for a period of four (4) years, beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2017.

The Board approved the First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #218 – Student Discipline
- Policy #218.1 – Weapons
- Policy #218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts
- Policy #222 – Tobacco Use
- Policy #226 – Searches
- Policy #227 - Controlled Substances

**PERSONNEL**

**PROFESSIONAL**

**Employment**

The Board approved the following personnel items:

The Board employed the following professional personnel:

Name: Laura A. Leskosky  
Address: 69 Meadowbrook Road  
Ramsey, NJ  
Certification: Speech/Language  
Position: Speech/Language Teacher – IFEC  
(Replacing Andrea Russell)  
Starting Date: Beginning of the 2013-2014 school year  
Salary: Masters', Step 19 - \$59,900

**Substitute**

The Board approved adding the following professional personnel to the 2012-2013 professional substitute list:

Name: Cynthia Lyons  
Certification: Art

**Change in Retirement Date**

The Board approved a request from Mrs. Joyce Raser to change the effective of her retirement from June 30, 2013 to June 7, 2013.

**CLASSIFIED**

**Resignation/Retirement**

The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation for the purpose of retirement, of Sharon Kunkel from the position of kitchen aide, effective June 6, 2013. (24 years at SMSD)

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Elizabeth Meikrantz commented that she would like to know why the Board voted “no” on the preliminary budget.

Gene Yanity expressed disappointment that the tax increase was defeated.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Cumberland-Perry Vo-Tech**

Mr. Winters reported that the JOC Board approved a compensation plan for the Act 93 administrators and support staff. The meeting was held on April 29, 2013.

**PSBA Legislative Report**

Mr. Merlie referred the Board members to the PSBA email update he forwarded to them.

**South Middleton Township – No Report**

**South Middleton Parks & Recreation – No Report**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

Derek Snyder, Student Representative to the Board, reported that the last graduation projects were presented. He also reported that the prom went well last week.

Mr. Bear commented that the reason he voted “no” on the preliminary budget was because federal and state taxes are increasing. School districts should use reserves to balance the budget.

Mr. Winters thanked Mr. Spare for the firm’s annual dinner. Mr. Winters voted “no” on the preliminary budget because he is concerned about the Affordable Healthcare Act scheduled for next year. Does not want to increase millage because of fund balance.

Mr. Slifko thanked Stock & Leader for the annual dinner.

Mr. Clepper commented that he voted “no” on the preliminary budget because we can use money from the fund balance. When everyone else is raising taxes, we do not need to do so as well.

Mr. Hayes thanked Mr. Dieter for the Athletic Committee meeting. He voted “no” on the budget because he would like more discussion prior to the approval of raising taxes.

Mr. Berk commented that he attended the 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. He mentioned that May Fair went well. He also stated that he thought that \$30.00/yr. to raise taxes was affordable.

Mrs. Capozzi congratulated Mr. Mancuso. The BSHS was selected as one of the top 2,000 high schools by Newsweek.

Mr. Merlie congratulated Mr. Mancuso. He stated that he voted “yes” to the preliminary budget because it was the best decision for our schools and students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Capozzi, that the Board adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard R. Vensel  
Board Secretary